



Unit Letter  
**"Pets"**  
November, 2011

Dear Families,

Our next unit will focus on **"Pets"**. The children will be learning about a variety of pets and that all need food, water, a home, exercise and attention, just like people. We will also consider that different pets have different needs. Pets can be good friends to people and some are trained to help people in special ways. Our **Dramatic Play** area will be transformed into a Pet Shop. We will enjoy watching the children interact in this area as they tell stories about family pets, pets they have had or pets they know about.

During our **Jesus Time** we will be talking and teaching about "Daniel and the Lions Den" and "Children Praise Jesus". I love to hear the children recall the information and experiences we have shared in teaching these stories to one another. They are avid learners and great teachers as well. You are training your children in "the way they should go" and we evidence your good parenting and dedicated faith building. Thank you for the joy these spontaneous experiences give.

Just a reminder that the days we spend **outside playing** are really precious in Minnesota. We will go out as often as possible before the snow flies. Please dress your child appropriately for outside play. We will go outside if it isn't raining, snowing or frigidly cold 32F/0C . A jacket, hat and mittens will make your child most comfortable. Boots are not needed. If boots are necessary we will stay inside.

We have added our **Brown Bear Portfolio** to our take home activities during this unit. Each child will get a chance to take this special book home. Have fun reviewing this book together and listen as your child introduces you to the children in our classroom. Each page contains unique information about the family fun, special interests and capabilities of the children in this class. Please return the portfolio on the following class day.

**Conferences** are coming up. It is my plan to schedule my conferences, with some extended hours, on November 22 . That day should fit best in your schedules. The conferences take place at school and childcare is available from 8:30-3:30 each day. Conferences are designed to be 15 minutes long and you may choose a time from those on the conference sheet located on top of our sign in cart. This sheet will be available for multiple days starting November 1. If you have questions please feel free to ask.

**Harvest Parties** were good fun. . Thank you to all of you for adding to the fun by sending your child in "orange". Our special applesauce was well liked. After tasting a couple of bites, one child responded, "We have real applesauce at our house."

**These FREE CHOICE AREAS will be available to your child during this unit:**

SCIENCE: Animal Food Match-Up; Tail Matching Game; Fur

SENSORY TABLE: Goody-Goo; Shaving Cream Prints; Animal Soundtracks

SENSORY TUB: Hide Bones in sand; Fishing in Water Table

DRAMATIC PLAY: Pet Shop

COOKING: Puppy Chow

ART: Snake w/Koosh Rings; Clay Pet Sculptures

EASEL: Dogs w/Dauber; Fish Bowl w/Goldfish and Karo Syrup

LETTER OF THE WEEK: G, g; H, h

SHAPE OF THE WEEK: Oval/Octagon

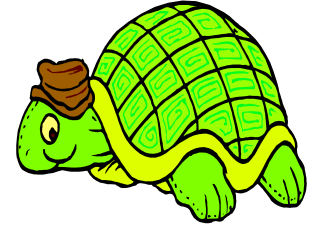
COLOR OF THE WEEK: Green/Brown



## Songs and Finger-Plays:

### Five Little Ducks Went Out To Play

1. Five little ducks went out to play,  
Over the hill and far away.  
Mother duck called, "quack, quack, quack!"  
Four little ducks came running back.
  2. Four little ducks went out to play, .....  
Three little ducks came running back.
  3. Three little ducks...
  4. Two little ducks...
  5. One little duck...
- No little ducks came running back.



Father duck called, "QUACK, QUACK, QUACK!"  
Five little ducks came running back/

### Five Little Monkeys Swinging in a Tree

Five little monkeys swinging in a tree,  
Teasing Mr. Alligator (Crocodile), "You can't catch me."  
Along came Mr. Alligator, as quiet as can be... and  
Chomp...

Four little monkeys swinging in a tree...  
Three little monkeys swinging in a tree...  
Two little monkeys swinging in a tree..  
One little monkey swinging in a tree,  
Teasing Mr. Alligator, "You can't catch me!"  
Along came Mr. Alligator as quiet as could be and chomp!  
You missed me, you missed me now you've got to kiss me.



### One Elephant Went Out to Play

One elephant went out to play,  
On a spider's web one day.  
He had such enormous fun,  
He called for another elephant to come.  
ELEPHANT, ELEPHANT...

## Dates to Remember

- November 10 & 11: Book Orders Due  
November 22: Conferences - NO SCHOOL - (Childcare available 8:30-3-30)  
December 6: Parent Association Christmas Party, 6:30-8:00 PM  
December 8: Chapel  
December 20: Class #2 Christmas Program (9:20 AM)

Amidst you preparations and planning for Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations may you experience wonderful moments, fond memories and joy in abundance.