



**CITY OF LAFAYETTE
RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

CREATIVE PLAY

GIVING THANKS!



November is the time to give thanks for all we hold special in our hearts. This month we will be engaged in a variety of art, story books, and songs that celebrate the spirit of Thanksgiving. This is a great opportunity to thank all the Creative Play parents for entrusting us with the care and well-being of your children.

Family to Family Program

The preschool program will be giving back to our community this holiday season! We will be "adopting" two families to help ensure they have a wonderful holiday season. We are coordinating this through the City's Human Resource Department and Family-to-Family, a Boulder County Department of Housing and Human Services program. We hope it provides a wonderful experience for you and your family and we thank you in advance for your support and generosity as we give back to our community. More information will follow as this develops.

Parent Teacher Communication

If your child will be out sick or not in class for any reason, please let us know. You may contact your teacher, via email at:

Ms. Connie

consuelo.johnson@cityoflafayette.com

Ms. Jenna

jenna.xie@cityoflafayette.com

OR you can call the Front Desk @

303-665-0469 and leave a message.

You may also call or email Karen Snortland at: 303-665-0469 ext 3458,

karens@cityoflafayette.com

November Birthdays

Does your child have a November birthday? Great! We are looking forward to celebrating with them! Please let us know, in advance if you will be bringing in a special snack for the class to enjoy.

Thank you!



Session "D"

Date: November 1 - 30, 2012

Special Points of Interest

- King Soopers Parent Work Shop - Monday, Nov. 5th, 6-7pm - Register at the front desk
- No School/Veterans Day - Monday, Nov. 12th
- Fall Break...Enjoy! - Nov. 19th - Nov 23rd
- Register for Falling Leaves Preschool Camp at the front desk
- Pre School Payment Due: Mon., Dec. 3rd

Show & Tell

- Show & Tell is featured on the last day of the week (Thursday for the Tue/Thur class and Friday for the M/W/F class)
- WK#1 Favorite Photo
- WK#2 Something That Makes You Happy
- WK#3 NO CLASSES--- Happy Thanksgiving!
- WK#4 Favorite Book

Tips for a Successful "Hug and Go"

Say goodbye. The simplest of the steps, it's also the hardest to do. But do it you must. Give your child a hug and a kiss, tell them you'll be back soon and then walk out the door. Don't delay, don't give her "one more minute," don't linger, hoping that she'll miraculously start smiling and laughing, happy to go and play with her preschool chums. You've brought her to preschool and now it's time to let her get to the business of being a preschooler.

Trust your child's teacher. Preschool teachers, even newly-minted ones, know kids. They've done this before and have many ways and methods in their bag of tricks to help calm your little one down. From redirecting to a new activity to simply giving your child a hug and offering comfort, preschool teachers are masters at knowing what works and what doesn't when it comes to making kids happy.

How to Manage Preschool Separation Anxiety
By [Amanda Rock](#), About.com Guide

Learning Adventures



Math

- Pumpkin Pattern
- Pie Slices
- Feather Sorting

Movement

- Turkey Trot
- Turkey Hideaway
- A Trail of Tracks

Art

- A Thankful Turkey
- Turkey Headbands
- Where Is Turkey?
(Book)

Gym Time

- Gym time is every Wednesday and/or Thursday
- Please wear tennis shoes on

Songs

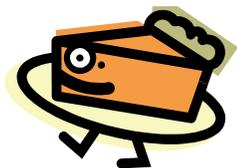
- The Turkey-Pokey
- Here Turkey, Turkey
- Thanksgiving Day

Blocks

- Large Legos
- Bendy People
- Large Wooden Blocks
- Animal Friends

Literacy

- Over the River...A Turkey's Tale
- A Plump and Perky Turkey
- I Know An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Pie



Fine Motor Skills

- Clip on Feathers
- Fine Feathered Friends
- Chop Sticks
- Puzzles

Science

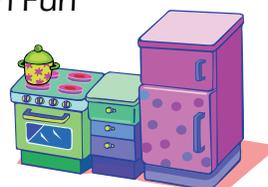
- Pumpkin Pie Play Dough
- Weird Wonder
- Bugs/Wild Life Cards

Circle-Time Fun

- From Seed to Pie!
- Traveling Turkey
- Glove Puppets
- Rhythm Sticks

Dramatic Play

- Dress up time
- Kitchen Fun



Sensory & Water Table

- Frozen Leaves
- Sink or Float Items
- Cutting Paper

Dear Parents,

In light of the recent terrible tragedy here in Colorado, we want to reassure you that staff here at the Bob L. Burger Recreation Center are on alert for suspicious behavior and we ask that parents and guardians report any suspicious behavior to the local law enforcement agency as well as staff here at the recreation center. If you believe there is an emergency, call 911.

I want to make you aware that in our classrooms we typically do not have discussions with your children about these types of events. It is our desire to honor the preferences of each family in discussing these issues at home in your own personal way. If you would like assistance in starting this conversation in your home here are a couple of helpful online resources: <http://safelyeverafter.com/> and www.parentingsafechildren.com. As you know, the safety of your children is always our first priority.

In order to help us maintain safety please review the following information:

Keep Your Contact Information Updated

It is extremely important that parents and guardians keep all of their contact information current. If your contact information changes during the school year please notify your child's teacher as soon as possible so your information can be updated. Parents can also update their email addresses and phone numbers on their own through our online registration system Web Trac. The website is www.register.cityoflafayette.com. You will enter the same username and password you use to register for programs. If you do not have a username and password you may contact Leslie Mathis at lesliem@cityoflafayette.com and she will set this up for you. If you do make changes online please be sure to make your child's teacher aware as well. If contact information is not current we won't be able to reach you when it is most important.

Call in Student Absences Promptly

Parents and guardians can help staff account for a child's whereabouts by promptly calling in sick or absent children. The following is taken directly from the Preschool Parent Manual:

Absences or Changes in Schedule

It is the parent's responsibility to inform the preschool program staff of their child's absence or any schedule changes. Please complete an Absence/Schedule Change form (print online or ask a staff member for this form). If your child is sick and will be absent please call the Recreation Center at 303-665-0469, or email your child's teacher directly.

Fostering a safe and secure environment is truly a partnership between staff, parents, students and the community. We value the priority our community puts on safety and thank you for partnering with us to focus on the safety of children.

Thank you so much for your cooperation with the above.

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“Stranger Awareness”

What every parent or guardian should know!

1. Define for your child who is a “stranger.” Each family may have different people to warn a child against.
Many people look friendly, but if you don’t know them personally they are strangers.
Strangers can be men, women or even other children. They can be tall or short, old or young, big or little.
2. Keep a recent photo of your child, a copy of your child’s fingerprints, and an updated record of his or her height and weight . Also, make a mental note of what your child is wearing every day.
3. Never mark your child’s clothing, toys, book bag, etc. with his or her first name.
4. Carefully check all baby-sitter references.
5. Never leave small children home alone or unattended in a car or in public.
6. If you must go out without your child, designate a neighbor’s house or apartment as a “safe house” where your child can go in the event of a problem. Tell the neighbor when you’re leaving and when you plan to return.
7. Be sure your child knows his or her name, address, city, state and phone number (including area code). Show him or her how to dial 911 in case of an emergency.
8. Encourage your child to respect his or her body and mind. Explain that he or she has a right to safety and self respect.
9. Show your child love and attention to help him or her not to be easily swayed by a stranger’s interest. One way of doing this is by taking the time to listen to your child and help him or her feel comfortable discussing sensitive matters with you.
10. If your child is old enough to visit friends on his or her own, be sure that you tell him or her to let you know, “WHERE they are going, WHO they are playing with and WHEN they will return.”
11. Stay involved with your child’s life. The more actively you participate in what your child does, the better chance he or she will have of avoiding strangers, as well as situations involving drugs and gangs.
12. Rehearse possible “stranger” situations with your child so he or she will know how to say “No,” should the real situation ever occur.

Important safety facts that children should know!

- Never tell anyone on the phone when you are home alone. Say your parents are busy and you will take a message.
- If someone comes to the door, always ask who it is before opening the door. Never open the door for anyone you do not know.
- Internet safety is important. Never give out your name, address or personal information to anyone over the internet. Never agree to meet anyone who has contacted you online.
- If a stranger offers you a ride you should run away and tell someone, i.e. your parents, your babysitter, the police. Never go near the car. Teach your child a secret code word for emergencies. If the person picking them up does not know the code, do not go with them!
- Never wander away from your parents when you are out in public. Try not to panic if you become lost.
- If you are out shopping with your parents and become lost, go to the nearest checkout counter and tell the clerk. Do not leave the store. He/she will help you find your parents. If you are lost and see a police officer you can ask them for help. It is important to know your name, address, and telephone number.
- Never take anything from a stranger! Say “NO!”
- Never go near a stranger who is offering you candy or money.
- Never go with a stranger who says they are looking for a lost pet. These are tricks to get you close to the stranger. Say “NO!” RUNAWAY! Tell your parent or guardian and the police right away.
- It is okay to tell someone if they make you feel uncomfortable. Loudly tell them NO!
- It is safer to be with a friend or group when you are out in public. Stay near your parent or guardian when you are out.
- Never wander away alone.