



**NOVEMBER 2011
NEWSLETTER**
Redding Cooperative Preschool



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A message from Teacher Julia!

Dear families,

As we enter the month of November I am reminded of the many things I am grateful for. When I arrived to the Redding Co-op preschool with my son 7 years ago, I was only searching for ways to encourage his explorations and the opportunity for both of us to make new friendships. I never thought back then that the Co-op would help me figure out how much I enjoy being around young children and making new friendships every day. I am thankful for each and every one of you and your children.

I am also thankful for the strong relationships your children are making to other adults at our school. You see, I come from a culture where children are taught to fear adults and follow everything they say without questioning. I was taught to even speak to adults with different pronouns than the ones I used with people my age or younger. Your children are so lucky to have you in the classroom, to see you care about their young friends, other adults, and to have adult friends who also care about them.

Enjoy getting to know one another, playing together and learning together. It is a gift that our school offers us all.

Happy fall everyone!!

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IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE!

- November 9thParent Meeting, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- November 11thVeteran’s Day (No School)
- November 21st-25thThanksgiving Week (No School)
- November 17th, 18thBring a vegetable for Friendship Soup
- December 1stPajama Day for 3 year olds
- December 2ndPajama Day for 4 year olds
- December 7thParent Meeting, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- December 16thHoliday Craft Fair
- December 21stSanta Visit for 4 year olds
- December 22ndSanta Visit for 3 year olds
- December 23rd-Jan 9thWinter Break (No School)

FEATURED WEBSITE

www.commonsemmedia.org

An excellent resource for obtaining reviews, ratings and descriptions for children's TV shows, movies, books, music, games, websites, and apps.

A message from Parent Board President Michaela!

October was a busy month for our school! It has been fun having a few “all school” events and seeing everyone get to know each other better. There is a growing sense of community and a cooperative spirit that is so important for the preschool. We owe a big thanks to Jeni and Emily for putting together the Jog-A-Thon and to all the parents who cheered for the children. They were all so proud of their accomplishments!

I hope everyone is enjoying the year so far...I'm sure you have already seen growth in your child in just the short time since school began. Please let me know if you have any concerns or questions as we go and we will see everyone at the Harvest Festival!!



November Birthdays to Celebrate!

November 3.....Kaleb!
November 6.....Abby!
November 15.....Max!

November Weekly School Themes

- 1) Nov. 1st - 4thSpiders
- 2) Nov. 7th - 11thApples
- 3) Nov. 14th - 18thHealthy Eating
- 4) Nov. 21st - 25thThanksgiving Break
- 5) Nov. 28th - Dec. 2ndMother Opossum and her Young



Thanks Trees and Giving Trees



Looking for a fun and easy way for your family to count its many blessings this November?

Try creating Thanks Trees and Giving Trees, explained in detail on the following pages. Print out the pages here and you'll have everything you need to get started. These trees require a few weeks to “grow”, so begin your trees today to have full trees (and happier hearts) by Thanksgiving! Thank you to “Cocoa” at the blog “Chocolateonmycranium” for the great idea and printouts on the following four pages.

Thanks and Giving Trees

Print out one Thanks Tree and one Giving Tree for each person. Print out a couple of pages of leaves for each person.

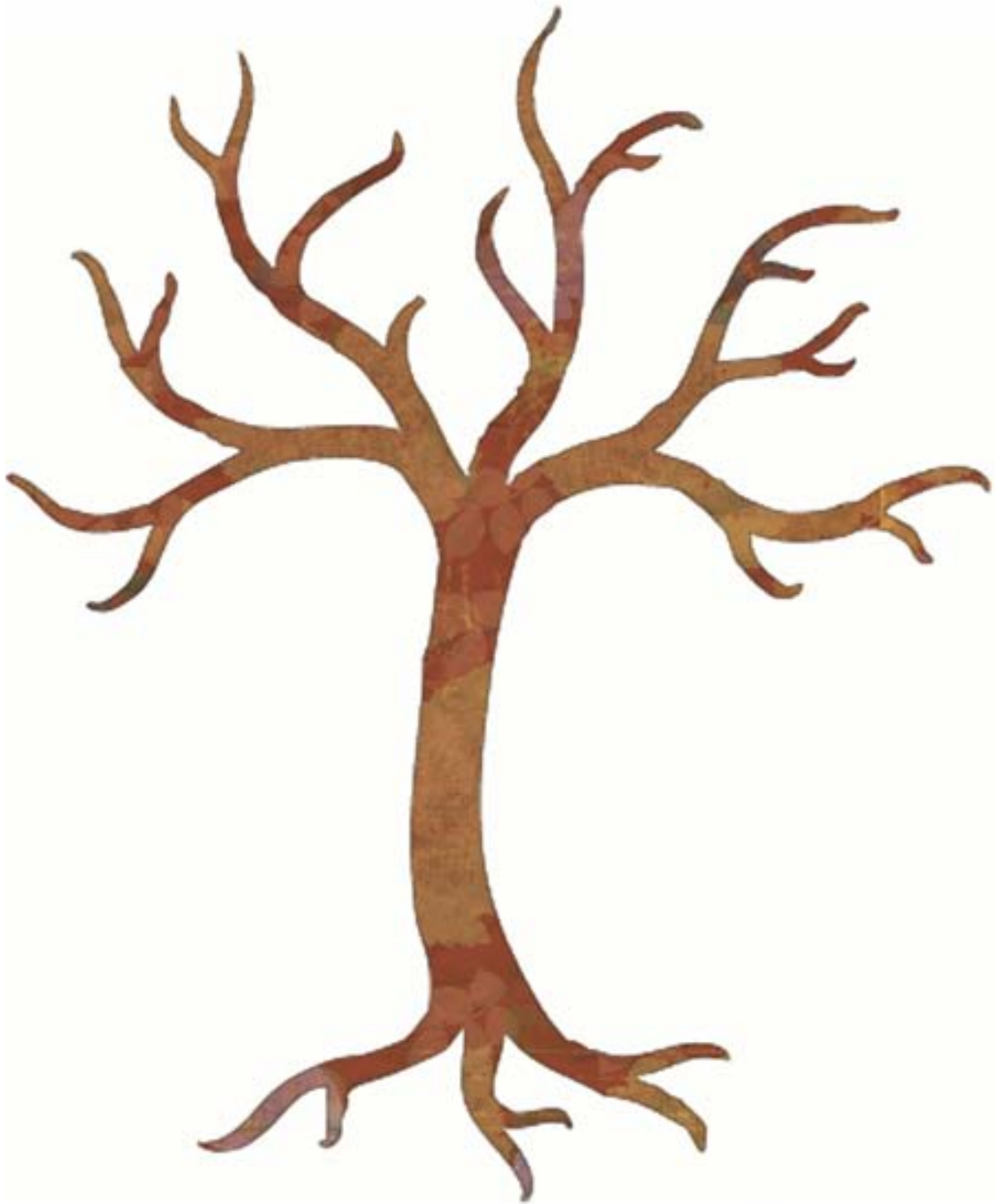
Starting on November 1st cut out one leaf and write something you are thankful for. Glue the leaf to the Thanks Tree.

Cut out another leaf and write something you did to help or give service to someone else that day. It can be as simple as a smile, singing a song to make someone feel better, or writing a letter to Grandma. Glue this leaf to the Giving Tree.

Do this each day leading up to Thanksgiving. By Thanksgiving your trees will be full of leaves! On Thanksgiving read what everyone is thankful for and what they did to give to others.



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