

# Betty J. Taylor Early Learning Academy

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## Salmon



November is here and the holidays are upon us. After all the excitement of Halloween, we are now ready for the company of family and friends as Thanksgiving and Christmas are not far off. We want to take advantage of these last beautiful fall days before winter really hits! We have been able to take advantage of the fall and use it as a tool to learn more and more about the leaves and the different colors that they turn in the fall. The children are really getting into the everyday routine at school. They also are learning songs, singing, clapping, and dancing to the music and songs. They love it when the Lushootseed teachers come in our classroom and drum and sing. It seems to grab their attention and they love to participate. With the weather changing, please remember to bring in an extra change of clothes and a jacket for your children. As the holidays arrive we want our parents to be aware of some important dates. We will be closed November 12 for Veterans Day and closed for Thanksgiving November 22 and 23. Thank you.

—Sarah, Leah, and Jasmin

## Jellyfish



Hello November, chilly weather, and our Jellyfish families! It is starting to get much colder outside and the rain is on its way as well! Please dress your child accordingly—we do still go outside if weather isn't too bad. If we need to stay inside due to weather, we'll be sure to have fun in class with sensory and art activities. Please make sure your child has plenty of extra clothes in case they get wet or dirty.

We have late start and Culture Day on Friday November 9, drop off is 9:15–9:45am.

Conference week is November 13–15, these will be half days with pick up at 12:00–1:00pm unless enrolled in childcare.

November 19 will be Picture Day for birth-to-three, please be ready!

November 21 will be our Giving Thanks Feast! This will be a half day as well and the birth-to-three side will start at 11:30am.

We will be having a few closures this month. November 12 we will be closed for Veterans Day, as well as November 22 for Thanksgiving and the November 23 for Tulalip Day.

Have a great Thanksgiving break, we'll see you soon!

—Jenn, Alix, and Mary

Sheryl Fryberg, Director



## IMPORTANT DATES

- **No AM childcare, monthly staff meeting, and Culture Day Drop off 9:15 am–9:45 am, no breakfast**  
Friday, November 9
- **Academy closed, Veterans Day**  
Monday, November 12
- **Conferences half days AM/PM childcare**  
Tuesday–Thursday, November 13–15
- **Parent Committee 12:00 pm–1:00 pm**  
Wednesday, November 14
- **Policy Council 12:00 pm–1:00 pm**  
Thursday, November 15
- **Picture Day for Birth–Three year olds**  
Monday, November 19
- **Picture Day for Preschool**  
Tuesday, November 20
- **Giving Thanks Feast 11:30 am, Birth–Three year olds 12:00 pm, Preschool half day, no PM childcare**  
Wednesday, November 21
- **Academy closed, Thanksgiving**  
Thursday, November 22
- **Academy closed, Tulalip Day**  
Friday, November 23

## Otter



This is our favorite time of year...the holiday season! We had so much fun last month with our fun Halloween projects and our academy's Pumpkin Extravaganza—it was wonderful seeing everyone dressed up in their Halloween best! This month we are going to focus on fall and being thankful. We have lots of songs, games, and activities planned that will solidify these concepts. We will be working closely with the Lushootseed language department to help bring the cultural piece of the seasons changing and thankfulness to our classroom. I will be sending home another set of Lushootseed words to practice at home with your family. Please visit the Lushootseed website for help with pronunciations.

Dates to mark on your calendar:  
November 9: Culture Day (full day of school)  
November 12: No school  
November 13–15: Half days (school is out at 12:30pm)  
November 19: Picture Day  
November 21: Give Thanks Feast (start time 11:30am)  
November 22–23: No school

Please be mindful of the weather and dressing your child appropriately. Also, make sure we have an extra set of winter clothes on hand for your child. Finally—please, please, please don't let your children bring toys into the classroom. Recently it's caused a few tears so again please leave them in the car. We wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and Tulalip Day.

—**Jeryre, Sheila, and Rainey**

## Gray Whale



It's November! This month we will be exploring all things fall. Thankfulness and family will be a key topic within our lessons; recognizing important people in our lives and things we love. Along with this we will be working on self-help skills by letting the children set their own place at the table. Please remember to send your child in weather-appropriate clothing as we continue to play outside year-round.

Picture Day is November 19.  
Conference week is November 13–16 with half days (12:30 release) on the 13th–15th. BJTELA will be closed on November 12 in observance of Veterans Day. Our annual Fall Feast is on November 21 which will be a half day (12:30 release and no PM childcare) with the event starting right after pick up. BJTELA is also closed on November 22 and 23 for Thanksgiving.

—**Molly, Alondra, and Toni Jo**

## Rabbit



We can't believe that Thanksgiving is around the corner. Our theme this month is giving thanks and we have a lot of things happening. Friday, November 9 is our Culture Day for all of the children, we will be closed November 12 for Veterans Day. November 13–15 are half days and school will be dismissed at 12:30pm. Picture Day will be November 19. November 21 is a half day and the date of our Giving Thanks Feast which starts at 11:30am. Then we will be closed November 22 and 23 for Thanksgiving.

We hope that everyone has a safe and happy Thanksgiving weekend.

—**Darla, Sherry, and Melissa**

## Octopus



Our little ones have grown so much in the last few months, I am proud to say we are all moving along so quickly. Our classroom is reaching daily goals and setting new ones. They are all drinking from regular cups and potty training is well on its way. We have also moved forward from buggies to a walking rope with lots of independence. These children love to paint and color, and sing with the Lushootseed teachers daily who visit our room. We are also working on our body parts (face!) and our friend's names, most of them can say and point to whom we are asking about. They know who Mrs. Shala and Miss Katey are but are learning Mrs. Kathy by face and name. The children love to sit and read books and build Legos together.

—**Kathy, Shala, and Katey**

## Frog



Welcome to November! We will continue to introduce your child to a new environment and routine. This month we will be talking about what we are thankful for. The harvest colors we will be learning about are red, orange, brown, and yellow. Parents are welcome and encouraged to join us on the November 21 at 11:30 am for our Giving Thanks Feast. We will send home a flyer with more information. Please bring proper dress to keep your child warm and dry for going outside.

—**Francine, Melissa, and Marcella**



Families, welcome to November! We have been enjoying our playtime with our friends in the classroom while exploring new toys and learning how they work. This month we will be talking about all we are thankful for while creating some fun crafts. We will be learning some new songs with movements while continuing to sing our well-loved songs. Mr. Mike and Mr. Thomas are continuing to visit our classroom to help us learn Lushootseed words and songs. During this time each student gets the opportunity to use the drum or shakers while we sing!

#### **Important Dates:**

**Nov. 9:** Cultural Day

**Nov. 12:** Academy closed  
Veterans Day

**Nov. 13–15:** Conferences  
(half day)

**Nov. 19:** Picture Day

**Nov. 21:** Giving Thanks Feast at  
11:30am (half day)

**Nov. 22–23:** Academy closed for  
Thanksgiving

—**Samantha T., Cindi,  
and Samantha**



We hope that you are having a wonderful fall season. Here in our class we had enjoyed decorations or classroom for fall and Halloween. For the month of November, we will be focusing on our families and the concept of “sharing.” We will learn about our families through various songs, projects, and books. We will practice sharing with one another through acuties that illustrate the how, when, and why we share. In class we will be doing a baking project in class with apples. I want to personally invite all of you to our annual Thanksgiving meal on November 21, we would love to see you and your family. However, remember BJTELA will be closed for Thanksgiving. Safe travel and happy Thanksgiving.

—**Anita, Nicole, and Anthony**



We are so excited to already be coming into November, October just flew by! This month we will be doing different art, sensory and science activities pertaining to fall and Thanksgiving. We will also be having our “giving thanks” feast. We would like to wish a very happy birthday to Moxxon and Kamren who will be turning two this month! Please remember we do go outside every day, please bring your children in weather-appropriate clothing and shoes. We will need two extra changes of clothes to keep in the class in case of getting wet/dirty and for potty training. Culture Day is Friday, November 9 and the closures for this month are Monday, November 12 and Thursday, November 22. We are looking forward to another fun filled month working with you and your children!

—**Elisa, Kara, and Jessyca**



## **COMMUNITY EARLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITY:**

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- **Fun Family Events**
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