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Uxbridge Extended Day

*A program of the Uxbridge Public Schools
Kindergarten Kid's Club, Taft Kid's Club and Whitin EXTRA*
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Monthly Report –November 2007

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Overview of Activities for November

- November 6th-Curriculum half day—child care was open at both schools. No field trips planned. Activities were on site.
- November 12th- Veteran's Day-school and child care closed. Mrs. Baldanza was the opening speaker at the Professional Day Conference on Nov. 12th for the Worcester Comprehensive Child Care Services
- Nov. 16th- early dismissal day at Taft School- Child Care was open.
- Nov. 19th- early dismissal day at the Whitin School- Child Care was open.
- Nov. 21st—open for breakfast club only. Closed after 9 am.
- Nov. 22nd and 23rd closed for holidays.
- Nov. 28th- Site coordinators meeting
- Nov. 28th-Staff Meeting

Program Activities

- At Taft Kid's Club, the children continue to work on their orienteering projects. They were also involved in the shoebox drive- The program put together 3 complete boxes. All the clubs are running successfully and we have started a new club called "chat room" where children meet in mixed groupings to sit with the director and "chat" about things related to the childcare program. They can complain, or suggest or just discuss things that they are not likely to discuss in the larger group setting. So far, over 31 children have met in the "chat room" (they chose the name). The input has been very interesting and helpful.
- At the Whitin EXTRA Program, the children are working on a "Operation Gratitude". They are collecting old cell phones to benefit the troops overseas. Mrs. Sullivan has been teaching some of the children how to crochet hats and scarves and they are busy at work on numerous craft projects.
- The kindergarten childcare program made a Native American village out of lincoln logs that was on display throughout the month. Children spend some time thinking about thankfulness and the things that they are thankful for. They discussed sharing and they made a thanksgiving quilt.

Professional Development:

- Mrs. Baldanza attended the Provider's Council Conference in Boston on November 19th.
- We continue to work on appropriate practice at our staff meetings as we get closer to completion of our new staff handbook.
- January 2nd will be our 3rd professional development day for the year. Most of the staff will participate in first aid and CPR training.

Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 18th - Site Coordinators meeting to finalize winter break plans.
- Dec. 19th - Staff Holiday Party- at Mrs. Baldanza's home.
- Dec. 24th and 25th Child Care is closed for the holidays!
- Dec. 26th, 27th, 28th, 31st- Winter Break- Child Care is Open- all programming will be on site at the Taft School.
- January 1st - Closed for New Year's Day
- January 2nd - Closed for Professional Development Day