In the spirit of November, Talk With Your Baby wants to thank each and every one of you! Our program would not be possible without the numerous parents and caregivers that talk with their babies every single day, or without the agencies that bring awareness to our program throughout the community! We are so grateful for your dedication to the program, and have loved seeing its growth over the past few years!

As the temperature starts to drop and the rain continues to pour, be sure to continue spending quality time with your children both indoors and out! Bake some delicious Fall treats (pumpkin pie is my favorite!) or do some fun art projects, like hand turkeys! On a day when the sun decides to say “Hello!” take your children outside and play in the newly changed leaves! We hope everyone has a great month, and be sure to keep an eye out for information on upcoming TWYB events! Happy Thanksgiving!

Agency Spotlight

Center for the Homeless

November is National Homeless Youth Awareness month and it’s only fitting that we highlight a very special agency in the South Bend area: The Center for the Homeless. Some of the programs offered by the Center include personal development and education classes, job training classes, homeownership classes, as well as an early childhood center with classes offered for both children and parents. At the early childhood center, TWYB is offered, as well as many other programs for children and parents!
Research

The American Academy of Pediatrics recently issued a new policy statement: pediatric doctors should now include information on literacy promotion beginning at birth! Doctors are now being encouraged to routinely advise parents on the importance of reading and talking with babies at check-ups and doctors appointments, beginning at the first one! Reading and talking with babies is important for two huge reasons according to the American Academy of Pediatrics: reading allows for more visual association in a child’s brain, and allows for earlier language learning. Talking with your baby is very important for future success, and we are so glad to hear that the knowledge is continuing to spread! Keep up the good work!

To read more, check out the article:

Kids’ Corner

Check out two of my favorite November books!

Create this adorable new centerpiece for the dinner table!

What you need:
- Paper cup
- Brown paint
- Brown pom-pom
- Multi-colored construction paper
- 2 Googly eyes

What to do:
First, paint the paper cup with brown paint to create the body and turn it upside down. Secondly, glue the pom-pom to the top (the actual bottom) of the cup. Cut 9 leaf pieces from the multi-colored construction paper and glue to the cup to create the feathers. Next, cut a square out of construction paper to create the beak, and cut a heart shaped piece of construction paper to create the wattle. To create the feet, cut two more squares of yellow construction paper. Finally, glue the googly eyes to complete the turkey!

Idea from www.parenting.com

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