

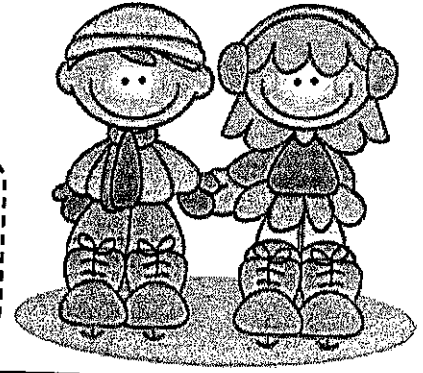
# December

Jimtown 136 Elkhart and St. Joseph County Head Start Consortium

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I would like to thank all of our parents for completing their parent teacher conference. Please start working on child's goals that we updated during the conference. Any time you are working with your child it counts as IN-KIND, so make sure you are filling out the IN-KIND sheets and sending them in weekly. Also we have been having a lot of problems with children damaging our toys and when we don't receive the in-kinds we cant get them replaced. Please talk to your child about not damaging property of anybody because parents will have to replace it in the future.

Last month we worked on patterns and will continue to do so. Some children are lining up items, some can finish a pattern, and some can create a pattern. We still need to continue to work on this. In November we also played in cornstarch with water, made paper bag puppet, and have painted a lot. Children love hands-on projects and it keeps them busy too.

If you in need of any winter clothing items please contact Miss Alli so she can get you the information so that you can keep your child warm this winter.

We also have a new para that started at the end of November, her name is Miss Liz

As it gets colder so will our activities. This month we will read "Bear Snores On," "Don't push the Button," and several other books about winter. Hopefully we will get some snow so we can do some snow activities such as painting snow. The children experimented with ice and salt last month and this month we will try some more frozen activities such as painting with paint.

Meet Alli-

This is my first year with Head Start and I am very excited to get to know all of our families. I recently moved from Boston here with my husband where I started my own Calligraphy business.



We need classroom volunteers to come play and learn with us. Please let us know when you can come to hang out with us, it can be 30 minutes or a couple hours. If you come for the the whole day you can even eat with us. We are in need of pine cones for an activity, please look around your yard for some and send them in if you find any.

## Important Dates

December 1-NO SCHOOL

December 7- Picture retakes

December 25- January 7 -Winter Break NO SCHOOL

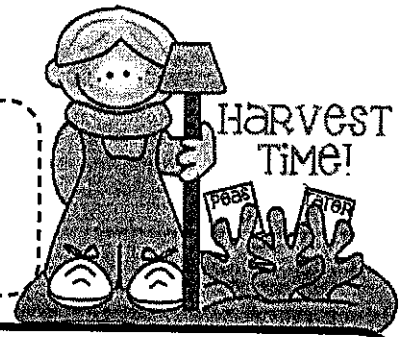
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Please make sure your child is on time for class, when children arrive more than 10 minutes late it is hard for the entire class to stay on task and it puts the whole routine off which causes a lot of disruption in our day. Also if your child is going to be ill or late because of an appointment please remember to call us because that takes teaching time away from the children when we have to call parents.

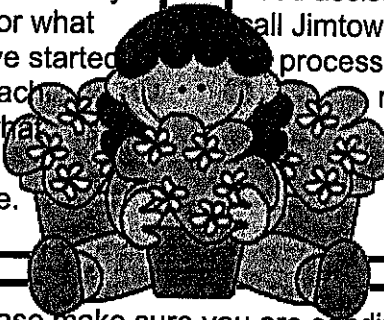
Last month the children really enjoyed learning about pumpkins and doing all of the fall activities. Please ask your child what books they looked at or what they played with everyday. This shows your child that you are interested and care about them and their school day.

This month we will be working on patterns. Children can make patterns using colors, shapes, or even socks. So continue to talk to your child about what colors they have on, what shapes they see, or what patterns they can make. We have started to learn 1 letter of the alphabet each week, so please ask your child what letter they are learning and have them practice writing it at home.

We need volunteers in our class room to help out with daily activities. Please let me know if you can come hang out and play in our room with us. Not only will your child love to see you, we will be able to fill out an in-kind sheet. In-kinds are due every week from every child in order to keep our classroom materials coming in.

Our new FACS name is Miss Ally, if you need assistance with anything please just call Jimtown and ask for her. She is in the process of getting a Headstart phone right now but she is at Jimtown Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Now that the weather is cold please make sure you are sending appropriate clothing with your child so they can stay warm when we go out to play. You can keep the hats, mittens, or even boots in their backpack so they can use them when needed. Also make sure your child has extra clothes in their backpack, sometimes they may get wet outside or get messy inside and they need to change.



## Important Dates

Nov. 3-No School (1st Friday)  
Nov. 20-24-No School Thanksgiving Break  
Nov. 20 & 21-Parent/Teacher Conferences

