



# EduKids

## The SCOOP: A New Monthly Email for EduKids Parents

### Holidays at EduKids

We are committed to providing your children and your families the very best experience at EduKids. Celebrations are a part of this commitment - and that is why we celebrate children and families every chance that we can! Every day celebrations of being together and *dates on a calendar* celebrations too.

This is why often holidays; Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas with a Santa, Easter with a Bunny, even your child's birthday may look different at EduKids than they do at the Mall, on television, at a party and maybe even in your own home. Like you, our intention is to provide your children with rich, memorable and exciting activities & experiences that will add to their childhood memories and build lasting personal practices that they find pleasure and friendship in.

All policies and practices are guided by our accreditation through The National Association for the Education of Young Children [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org), our knowledge of child development and our commitment to include all children and families in our EduKids best practices, holidays and celebrations.

#### These are our guides:

*Child development is our base of practice. We know young children grow and change at an astonishing rate. From infancy through school age our mission is to know and respond to each stage and change in your child's intellectual, physical, social and emotional development; we are committed to making each day the best day.*

- A clear understanding that all holidays are one day on a calendar. We are privileged to be part of many extended families and young children are with us from infancy through school age. While holidays are often exciting, they are extremely stimulating and overwhelming for a young child. Often young children are bombarded with commercials and high visuals wherever they go that "sell" a holiday or product. Your child's days at EduKids are reflective of what we know is best; respectful, calm, responsive and warm environments where consistency and partnerships support growth and learning. EduKids is a warm and steady home away from home every day for your child.
- All children and all families do not celebrate the same or have the same traditions. We always offer all families an opportunity to share their celebrations and traditions through an activity, song or story. These become part of an activity during a day in your child's classroom shared with their friends.
- There are high dietary and allergy considerations that are critical to consider for the health and safety of all children. Food allergies are essential to adjust foods and drinks in the kitchens and classrooms.
- There are many, many ways to incorporate learning into seasons of the year. Seasonal activities and celebrations are loved by young children, providing learning through literature, games, art, language, outside natural themes and investigations. The Fall Harvest theme reflected during the beginning of our program year is a perfect example of these learning and fun opportunities for your child.