November 2026 Curriculum

🍁 Thankful Hearts & Winter Wishes

Celebrating Thanksgiving, autumn and cozy winter ideas. Closed Nov 23–27; Week 4 offers optional family/home activities only.

This Month at a Glance

- Week 1 (Nov 2–6): Fall Harvest & Nature's Gifts 🎃🍎
- Week 2 (Nov 9–13): Thanksgiving Little Turkeys & Thankful Hearts 🦃❤️
- Week 3 (Nov 16–20): Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter! 🍂❄️
- Week 4 (Nov 23–27): Warm Hearts & Cozy Winter Days 🧣⛄

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Week 1 (Nov 2–6): Fall Harvest & Nature's Gifts 🎃🍎

FOCUS	ACTIVITIES
Name harvest foods and describe smooth, bumpy, big and small. Sort by color, compare two sizes and count up to three with an adult. Practice gentle handling, scooping and new words while noticing autumn changes.	Wash a whole pumpkin with a sponge; stamp with adult-held apple halves and washable paint. Sort large paper leaves by color. Explore whole harvest vegetables in a basket, naming textures. Adults supervise; no seeds or small loose parts.

Week 2 (Nov 9–13): Thanksgiving Little Turkeys & Thankful Hearts 🦃❤️

FOCUS	ACTIVITIES
Explore gratitude through familiar people and everyday care. Name someone we love, practice offering a turn and notice kind actions. Build color words, matching and hand coordination; welcome different family traditions without expecting every family to celebrate.	Match large paper turkey feathers by color. Make washable-paint handprint turkeys with adult help. Add a large paper leaf to our thankful tree as an adult records each child's words or gestures. Sing Thanksgiving songs with claps and turn-taking.

Week 3 (Nov 16–20): Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter! 🍂❄️

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Compare autumn and winter pictures and notice today's actual weather. Name warm clothing, match pairs and practice dressing a doll. Explore cold and melting with adult help; build words such as warm, cool, wet and dry without assuming Texas snow.	Arrange large paper shapes in an autumn-to-winter collage; match full-size mittens and dress a doll. Watch ice melt inside a sealed bag on a tray; adults hold it and prevent mouthing. Dab snowflakes with large washable-paint sponges.

Week 4 (Nov 23–27): Warm Hearts & Cozy Winter Days 🧣⛄

FOCUS	ACTIVITIES
CLOSED Nov 23–27: optional family/home learning only, not onsite care. Enjoy togetherness, name caring actions and explore warm clothing. Practice helping, pretend play and describing soft textures at each child's pace; participation is optional.	At home, an adult may help make a thankful handprint keepsake with washable paint, set a pretend feast with large toy dishes, or name and sort full-size mittens. Explore a soft cloth together, away from face and neck. Supervise throughout; no small parts.

Special Projects

Our Thankful Tree	Each child adds a leaf for something they love.
Little Turkey Art	Handprints, large paper feathers, fall colors.
Goodbye Fall, Hello Winter Collage	
Thanksgiving Keepsake	Handprint project for families.
Winter Discovery Basket	Full-size mittens and adult-held soft cloths.

Classroom Decor

Warm autumn colors for weeks 1–2, then soft whites, sage green, snowy blue, and natural wood.

A Note About Winter in Texas

Winter officially starts in December. In November, children are introduced to winter concepts through pretend play and observation. Do not assume winter weather in Texas. All experiences are adult-supervised; use large, non-choking materials and washable, non-toxic art supplies. Nov 23–27 is Thanksgiving Break: any Week 4 projects are optional at home, not onsite care.

Prepared with love for our little learners at Nest & Bloom Home Daycare.