

FABULOUS FALL 2023

It's been a fabulous fall! One cannot complain about the weather we've had this fall - even with a few rainy days in the mix. The backyard has had a workout with kids covering every inch of it when we have "recess" outdoors. We've flipped our schedule a bit with the time change so the Kinskids can play out there in daylight. They are ready to move and release energy for a while after school.

October had us busy thinking about scarecrows, and all things pumpkin related, with a few ghostly projects thrown in for good measure. November has us focusing on thankfulness. This thought has been a challenging one for some of our kids. They name the typical things like family, food and friends but when challenged to name more than that they really struggle. We've talked about the fact it's ok to also be thankful for things they play with cars, stuffed animals, pets and even video games.

Our volunteer, Carolyn, came up with a fun feather project for them to do using sharpie markers and spritzing them with rubbing alcohol. They turned out amazing and created fun plumage on our silly turkey in the window.

Our Kinskids are already starting to create some Christmas treasures they'll be able to gift to others. Gifting is a hard topic for some of these Kinskids. We will be focusing on the idea that gifts don't need to be store bought or expensive things to have value. Taking time to create a beautiful gift, giving of yourself through time and talents are equally, if not more, valuable than store purchases. We will be decking out the Kinship House with Christmas but will also be reinforcing thankfulness along with giving.

I am thankful for the Kinship van, not because it was an expensive purchase but because it has allowed us to be able to have a full and busy Kinship House. We filled every seat in the van some nights bringing kids from school. Now that is a fabulous fall!

