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ST. THOMAS
EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Your Friday Newsletter from St. Thomas ELC

December 9, 2011



Christmas for the Birds



Our children at St. Thomas Early Learning Center are learning to appreciate and care for their environment. They filled orange cups with birdseed, and strung cranberries & popcorn to give the birds Christmas treats and plenty of food in this cold winter weather. ***Thanks to Colleen Stapp and Melissa Buchan who coordinated this event and to all the parents who helped make it a success! And Thanks to THE EAGLE for the video.... see below.***



That's Mrs. Sheridan covering the pumpkin vines before the cold frost!

..... and Ann Margaret shows us where to look for the big green, pumpkin!



Watch us on video! Click on this link:

<http://bcove.me/h0v8oiv4>



or you can go to The Eagle Videos section, and watch us there. Search for **Christmas for the Birds**. There are many many cute pictures of our children on this video, so don't miss it! And if you are on **FACEBOOK**, remember to **post a comment** on **St. Thomas Early Learning Center FACEBOOK** page.

PEACE at home..... I asked some Pre-Schoolers today this question, and here's what your children had to say

It's peaceful at my house when:

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| my Mom is making dinner | when it's quiet and in control |
| when there's no TV on | when my Mom plays cars with <i>just</i> me |
| when my Dad is just hanging out with me | when no friends are over |
| when my Mom is playing in my room with me | when Mom is nursing the baby |
| when my Mom is sewing | when my Mom is baking something |
| when we're not talking and it's quiet | when we are just resting |
| when my Grandma is playing checkers with me | when the birds are cheeping in the morning |
| | when I'm lying down with my Mom |

(There are no words that I can add to these. May you create PEACE in your homes this weekend for your young children, and for your family. Enjoy the simple things and take the time to just be with your children and grandchildren. In their own words, they are telling us what is really important.)

*Don't forget to send me the grandparent's emails so I can include them in these Newsletter mailings each week. Send me a note at mskow@stthomasehc.org

For the Children, Mary Skow

