



Good Shepherd Day School Newsletter

Director's Corner

The month of November has quickly arrived! This month we are gearing up to begin the start of the holiday season!

Thanksgiving Meal

Our annual Thanksgiving lunch will be November 21st beginning at 11:00 a.m. for our infant and toddler classes and 11:30 a.m. for our pre-school classes. We know Mrs. Lois will have a great lunch waiting for us!

If you are planning to eat lunch with your child, please sign up by November 14th. We ask that only 1 person per child join us for this occasion.

Food Drive

We are asking each person that attends our Thanksgiving lunch to please bring 3 or more non-perishable food items. Our goal is to help at least two families this Thanksgiving. This is a great opportunity to teach your child about giving and sharing.

Day School Closed

The Day School will be closed Friday, November 7th, for a Staff Development Day. Denise and Becky, from DEPC, will be here to help us further develop our Creative Curriculum and give us additional Positive Discipline strategies.

The Day School will also be closed November 27th and 28th for Thanksgiving.

Smile

Picture Day is scheduled for Thursday, November 6th. We will start with the youngest children at 7:30 a.m. and work our way to the older classes. Please dress your child in picture clothes. Your child's teacher will be happy to change clothes after pictures, if needed.

Health Body Check

Teachers are now re-

quired to give your child a quick health check when entering the classroom each day. This is one way we can be aware of any sign of injuries such as scratches, bumps, or illness that could affect your child's ability to participate in school activities. Additionally, we ask you to give your child a quick health check each afternoon and talk with your child's teacher about any concerns you might have.

Preschool Walking Trip

Our Preschool and Pre-K classes will take a walking trip across the street to the Children's Museum on Wednesday, November 19th for a "Tortoise and the Hare" puppet show. We will leave the Day School at 10:25 a.m. and need parent volunteers to

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make this trip possible.

Educational Workshop

Our Preschool and Pre-K classes will have their third educational workshop this month. The topic will be Falls Prevention. Please be sure to talk to your child about what they learn in the workshop.

Computers

If you are upgrading your computer, please consider donating your old one to the Day School.

Parent Volunteer Time

Upon enrolling your child at Good Shepherd, you agreed to commit one hour of volunteer service each month. Beginning this month, we will begin logging volunteer time to ensure that everyone is participating. When you volunteer, please be sure to log your time with your child's teacher.

Survey

You will receive a parent survey in the next few weeks. Please take a few minutes to tell us about the Day School's strengths and weaknesses. We are always looking for ways to improve the center, and your input is always welcome!



There is a harmony in Autumn – Percy Shelley

Chapel Time

Chapel time is going well! Our Preschool and Pre-K classes participate in Chapel Time each Thursday morning at 9:15 a.m. The children are taking turns lighting the candles and carrying the cross. Below is a list of our Chapel services for the remainder of the year.

- October 30 Louise Martha and Mary.....Luke 10:38-42
- November 6 Stephanie All Saints/Jesus calls his disciples Luke 5:1-11
- November 13 Scott..... Salt & Light.....Matthew 5:13-16
- November 20 Louise Thanksgiving/Feeding of 5,000Matthew 14:13-21
- December 4 Stephanie Advent/John the BaptistMatthew 3:1-7
- December 11 Scott..... Who is the greatest?Matthew 18:1-5
- December 18 Louise ChristmasLuke 2:1-21

A note from our friends in Georgia!

Jackie recently received this e-mail from Cassi Buckner

Last week Rachel's teacher told me that she is the youngest in her class and the smartest. She said you could tell she has parents who work with her. The first words out of my mouth were to tell her that a whole lot of it had to do with the teachers she had at her daycare in NC because they were terrific with their children.

Georgia puts a much greater emphasis on Pre-K, and most children here are in a Pre-K program. The state funds a certain number of free slots at approved facilities through the lottery. The funny thing is, these curriculum driven programs teach the children using centers just like the ones at Good Shepherd.

They have started doing site words this week and Rachel is picking them up very quickly. She can write her name and colors staying in the lines. While she seems to have adjusted very well to Primrose, we still talk about Good Shepherd and the teachers and friends she had there.

Please remind everyone what a great job they do, and let them know they're even preparing kids well enough to be competitive in other states, too!

Classroom Happenings

Caterpillars

We are thankful to be in the month of November, and we are thankful to have all of our Caterpillars healthy and thriving every day! We want to welcome our newest Caterpillar, Frenchy Lee Davis. Frenchy Lee is 9 months old, and his parents are Frenchy and Rita Davis. We look forward to having Frenchy Lee in our class!

We are observing, touching, and smelling so many different elements of Fall. We are also singing songs, doing finger plays, and enjoying books. We are continuing with our developmental skills. Ward is sitting up more each day without support, and Avery has her first tooth! Frenchy Lee is cruising along the furniture and getting to know his new friends. Kaiden is just so excited to be walking!

During this season of thanksgiving, take the time to be thankful and enjoy time with your family.

Ms. Ann

Butterflies

November is a time to give thanks. Our theme is Harvest Time/Down on the Farm. The Butterflies will discuss Thanksgiving, pumpkins, what each child is thankful for, and all the animals that live on the farm. We will also talk about how other cultures celebrate Thanksgiving. The Butterflies will use their developmental skills each day. Our daily schedule involves coloring, painting, reading books, and music and movement. Parents, please remember to bring jackets for cool days. There will be several special occasions taking place at the Day School this month, and parent volunteers will be needed. Thanks to my parents for your support.

Remember to sign up for our Thanksgiving lunch!

Ms. Vanessa

Fireflies/Dragonflies

Our theme for November is Harvest Time! We will talk about what harvest means, fruits and veggies grown on a farm, farm animals, things we are thankful for, and Thanksgiving.

Week 1—We will talk about pumpkins, apples, corn, etc. and how they are harvested.

Week 2—We will highlight animals on a farm and what they eat (also grown on a farm).

Week 3—Our focus will be things we are thankful for; our families, clothes, homes, etc.

Week 4— We will talk about Thanksgiving and how the Indians helped the Pilgrims. We will also talk about how we celebrate Thanksgiving now.

If anyone has any books that will help reinforce our themes, we would love to share them with the class.

I look forward to seeing you at our Thanksgiving lunch!

Ms. Sandra



Down on the Farm is one of November's themes.

Classroom Happenings—*Continued*

Grasshoppers

The month of November is already here, and we are excited about the start of the holiday season. The themes this month are harvest time on the farm and Thanksgiving. We will be making turkeys out of paper plates and Indian headbands. If you have any books or other theme-related materials, you are welcome to share them with the class.

I would like to thank the parents for volunteering during lunch time. Thank you, again!

We will have our Thanksgiving lunch Friday, November 21st. Please sign up by November 14th outside the classroom door. Remember, only one family member per child.

Ms. Yvonne

Bumblebees

Can you believe it is November? Our theme for this month will be Down on the Farm/Harvest Time. We will talk about the many different things we need to prepare for our Thanksgiving feast. We will also learn about the first Thanksgiving feast. If you have any books to enhance our theme for this month, please feel free to share them with our class.

Parents, please make sure your child has a change of clothes for the Autumn season.

If you would like to join us for our Thanksgiving lunch on Friday, November 21st, remember to sign up on the sheet outside the classroom door by November 14th.

Thanks for everything you do!

Ms. Angela

Blue Jays/Red Robins

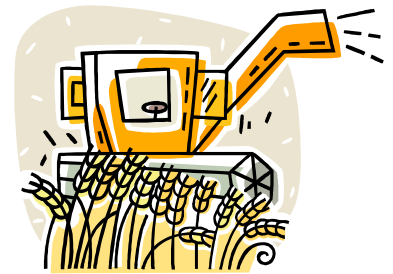
Our unit for November is Harvest Time Down on the Farm. We will discuss a variety of fall foods, from fruits and vegetables to nuts. For our cooking activity, we will prepare power-packed peanut butter play-dough! In our science area, we will add hay, dry corn, small pumpkins, and a variety of autumn findings. We will build scarecrows in our art area and place them in the garden outside.

The following items are needed for upcoming projects:

- Empty food containers
- Craft feathers
- Cotton balls

Please remember to sign up for our Thanksgiving lunch on Friday, November 21st. We would love to have you join us!

Ms. Mary



Harvest Time!