



St. James' Nursery School News

Calendar of Events

November 2009

11/3-17: Thanksgiving Food Collection

11/3: Very last day to turn in Corbi orders and payments

11/3 & 4: Pre-K 4's Piney Run Park Bus Trips

11/4-6: 2's Chapel Times in the Classroom

11/10 & 11: Joe Corbi Deliver Day

11/11 & 17: 3's and 4's Chapel Times

11/11-13 Individual Picture Day

11/13: Pre-K 4/5's Trip to Sharp's Farm

11/16-17: American Education Week! Please know that you are always welcome to visit or volunteer!!

11/24: Bookmobile Day

**11/18, 19 & 20
School Closed
NAEYC Conference**

**11/25, 26, & 27
Nursery Closed for Thanksgiving**





From the Director's Desk

As I write this the trees are truly at their peak! The view from both the Main Street and the Annex locations are beautiful and provide an opportunity for all of us to relish in the colors of autumn - something to be truly thankful for.

The children will be contemplating what they are thankful for as they are involved in learning experiences related to Thanksgiving. As the 3's and 4's gather for Chapel they will again consider God's blessings and take time to be thankful for friends, family and all that God has provided in our amazing world. The two year old classes will begin their mini-chapel times in the classroom this month.

We will be collecting food for the needy as Thanksgiving approaches. More details to follow in this newsletter. Thank you for your help with this collection and a special thank you to Mrs. Seek and Mrs. Winters for coordinating and managing the collection!

In November we will be closed on the 18, 19 and 20 as the staff is attending the National NAEYC Conference and Expo. We will be going to **many** training classes in the field of Early Childhood Education and will return ready to try new ideas learned at the conference.

Watch for the "Cuddle-up and Target Reading Program" starting in December (more info to follow).

I hope this November brings your family many blessings as we move together into the holiday season and all the memory making opportunities it has to offer!

Pre-K 4's to Visit Piney Run Park!!

On November 3rd the TTH Pre-K 4's and on November 4th the MWF Pre-K 4's will be going on a bus trip to Piney Run Park!! They will be having a presentation on migration and hibernation given by the park naturalist. The children will also take a short guided nature walk and will enjoy looking at the items and exhibits in the nature center. This is always a fun and educational trip with the ride in a school bus being the highlight of the day for the children!!



Thanksgiving Food Drive

St. James' Nursery School children will be participating in a nonperishable items and canned-goods food drive to support Mt. Airy Net. Mt. Airy Net is an organization located right here in town that assists community members in need. Collection boxes will be located in each classroom near the parent bulletin boards. We ask you to limit your donations to items that your child can carry. Nonperishable items (diapers, wipes toothbrushes, hygiene items, etc.) and canned foods can be brought in from Tuesday, November 3rd – Tuesday, November 17th. This is in conjunction with our unit on Thanksgiving and will provide an opportunity to expose children to the joy of giving

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If you have not already done so, please register for eScrip on-line at escrip.com and choose St. James' Nursery School (group id# 155428931) to benefit from your purchases. Thank you!

St. James' Home Business Fair!!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, is the day of St. James' annual Home Business Fair. From 10AM to 4PM, 14 vendors will display candles, jewelry, children's books, food items - all wonderful Christmas gifts for family and friends.

Stop by the Bake Sale table to pick up a homemade bakery item, a cheese ball or spiced nuts for your Thanksgiving dinner.

Enter the raffle for the Vendor's Basket filled with an item donated by each participating vendor. The vendors include: Creative Memories, Juice Plus, Let's Do Tea, lia sophia, Longaberger, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Party Lite, Silpada, Tastefully Simple, Tomboy Tools, Tupperware and Usborne Books. Join in the fun --support St. James. Save the date -- November 14th !!

Mt. Olive United Methodist Church Annual Holiday Bazaar!

The home of our Annex location is the Mt. Olive United Methodist Church on 2927 Gillis Fall Road. They will be having their annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 14th. Breakfast will be served between 7:00 and 10:00 and lunch will be served between 11:00 and 1:00.

November Chapel Schedule Annex

November 11
10:00 for the Pre-K 4's

November 17
1:30 for the 3's

Main Street

November 11
10:45/2:15 for MWF 4's
11:00/2:30 for MWF 3's

November 17
11:00 for TTH 3's
2:45 for TTH Pre-K 4's

This month's Chapel Time will be on Thanking God for our blessings. As always, we welcome parents to join us for chapel.

Ms. Karla's 2's

We had a great time at Larriland Farm. Look for pictures taken at the farm in the hallway by our classroom.

The Halloween parties were a lot of fun. Thank you volunteers for all your help and goodies.

We are looking for volunteers to come in the last 20 minutes of the class to help put coats on as the weather gets colder.

Our nursery rhyme for November is "Humpty Dumpty", the color is brown, the number 3 and the shape is an oval (just like Humpty!).

Please continue to review the triangle and square shape, the numbers 1 and 2 and the colors black and orange. Please feel free to allow your child to bring in a small item that is black, orange or brown to share with us at circle time.

Ms. Karla, Ms. Jenny and Ms. Robin

Ms. Dona's Green Room 3's

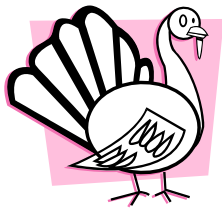
November has arrived in the Green classroom, bringing with it discussions about how animals get ready for winter and other seasonal changes. We will also learn about the first Thanksgiving and share family plans for the holiday.

Skills worked on this month will include: the colors- yellow and brown, the number 3, the triangle shape, and position words – on and off. Centers around the room will provide opportunities for learning and practicing these skills.

As always we will read books, write stories, count turkeys, children, and anything else that comes our way.

November will be a very busy month!

Ms. Dona, Ms. Deb and Ms. Tracy



Ms. Deb's Green Room 3's

The leaves are falling, pumpkins have been carved, and the cool winds of fall are here... welcome November! Although it is short month for school it will be filled with many activities as we work our way to THANKSGIVING!

Animals and 'hibernation' will be our first theme of the month. We will be searching for bears as we go on a bear hunt and turning our class into a bear's den. Be very careful when you walk in our room, you don't want to wake any sleeping bears.

As we prepare for our Thanksgiving Celebration on 11/24, we will be talking about being thankful for everything and everyone. We will share what we are

thankful for and why - as we add 'Thankful Feathers' to our class turkey. Make sure you come in to see how many feathers he has.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us. Have a blessed holiday,

Ms. Deb & Ms. Jenny



Ms. Susan's Red Room 3's

What a wonderful time we had at the Pumpkin Patch! Now it is time to start thinking Turkeys. This month we will be learning about how animals prepare for winter and also Thanksgiving with discussions about the Pilgrims and Native Americans. Other objectives this month will be learning/reviewing the colors brown and yellow, the number 3, the triangle shape, and the opposite-on/off. Our classroom book this month is a counting book starring our children from the classroom. Our month will end with a Thanksgiving Feast!

Ms. Susan and Mrs. Calka



Ms. Kim's Yellow Room 3's and Pre-K 4's

In November we will be learning about sharing, kindness and God's blessings

We will begin the month by learning about fall and how animals get ready for

winter. We will watch the trees leaves turn colorful and wonder why the squirrels are so busy. What does a squirrel do to get ready for the winter months? Why are his cheeks so big? These are some of the questions we will be investigating this month. The Pre-K 4's will be taking a field trip to Piney Run Park as well.

We will end the month with the holiday of Thanksgiving. We will learn about the Native American Indians, Pilgrims, and the way they found friendship. The Pre-K 4's will be busy preparing for their feast with Mrs. Garnand's 4's class. They will bring friendship and special holiday foods to share. The children will be able to decide whether they want to be an Indian or pilgrim and make their own costumes to make the holiday very special. The threes will be very busy making Indian headbands and pilgrim hats to wear to their special celebration with our neighboring threes classes. They will also have a yummy Thanksgiving feast.

I would like to thank all my parents who helped make our Halloween party a success for the children. Thanks to all my parents who have been very supportive over the last few months. Your help is always appreciated!!

We would like to wish all of our St. James families a blessed and safe Thanksgiving.

Ms. Kim, Ms. Linda, Mrs. Calka



Mrs. Garnand's Red Room Pre-K 4's

November is a month we celebrate by giving thanks for our families and friends. The children will be talking about what they are thankful for. We will be learning how Pilgrims and the Native American Indians celebrated the first Thanksgiving. We will also have a unit on 'Animals Getting Ready for Winter' and will be taking a field trip to Piney Run Nature Park on November 4. We will be riding the bus – the children will love the ride on the bus and the field trip too!

We will be closed on November 18, 19, and 20 to attend the NAEYC national conference in Washington, D.C.

We want to thank all the parents that helped to make the Halloween celebrations a big success!

Mrs. Calka and I want to wish you and your family member a very happy Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Garnand and Mrs. Calka



Mrs. Thomas' News News from the Annex

It is hard to believe that November is here. What an exciting two months we have had working and playing together. Our units for November will be "Animals Getting Ready for Winter" and "Thanksgiving". The leaves are falling and the air has a nip in it. What do these seasonal signs tell the animals? It's time to get ready for Winter! We will discuss how some animals hibernate, migrate, or stay active when winter arrives and why

that action is important to their survival. To coincide with this unit, the Pre-K 4/5's class will be going on a school bus to Piney Run Park. We can hardly wait!

We will end the month of November talking about Thanksgiving. As part of the discussion, we will dress as Pilgrims and Native American Indians. The Pre-K 4/5's class is looking forward to their trip to Sharp's Farm to explore the early Native American Indian culture. We will also celebrate Thanksgiving with a feast. The Pre-K 4/5's class will be very busy making all the delicious treats for their feast. Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to talk about what we are thankful for and how God has truly blessed us.

We hope everyone has a very blessed Thanksgiving!

*Mrs. Thomas, Ms. Susan
and Ms. Karen*



Fat Turkey's Song

(tune: "Did You Ever See a Lassie?")

Oh, gobble, gobble, gobble,
Fat turkeys, fat turkeys.
Oh, gobble, gobble, gobble,
Fat turkeys are we.
We walk very proudly and
gobble so loudly,
Gobble, gobble, gobble,
gobble, gobble.
Oh, gobble, gobble, gobble.
Fat turkeys are we.

Preschoolers in the Kitchen

Special American Mini Pies

- 2 cans refrigerated biscuits
 - 3 apples
 - ½ cup raisins
 - ¼ cup sugar
 - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 - toaster oven
 - paring knife
1. Preheat the toaster oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
 2. Cut the apples into bite-size pieces.
 3. Invite your child to mix the apples with the sugar, raisins, and cinnamon.
 4. Help your child use the palm of his or her hand to flatten each biscuit and place a spoonful of the apple filling in the middle.
 5. Help your child fold the biscuit in half (turnover style). Seal the edges with your fingers.
 6. Invite your child to arrange the mini pies on the greased cookie sheet.
 7. Place the cookie sheet in the oven and bake until pies are golden brown.