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**PARENTS NEWSLETTER**

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It's time to welcome cool November! The children are excited and the classrooms are decorated with fall leaves, turkeys and trimmings, Pilgrims and Native Americans and all the other November things!

Take a peek into the classrooms. You'll notice that from floor to ceiling, wall-to-wall the bounty of November has come alive!

**THANK YOU**



A great big thank you to everyone who donated wagons and/or came to help us cross the streets to the Pumpkin Patch, you were a big help! We had a great time and we are hugely appreciative of your assistance in keeping us all safe.



### **Preschool Children's Christmas Program**

Please mark your calendars now for the Preschool Children's Christmas Program. We are celebrating on **SATURDAY, DEC. 15** at 6:00 p.m. in the CLEC LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall across the street. Following the program there will be cookie decorating, and a Christmas train ride! Invite your family and friends. A reservation form will be included in the December newsletter.



## **PRESCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS**



### **Marionette Puppet Program**

Bits 'N' Pieces Puppet Theater will present "Little Red Riding Hood" on Thursday, Nov. 1 at 9:45 a.m. in the South Fellowship Hall.

**HIGHLIGHTS (CONT'D.)****Timeless Tales: “Tom the Turkey”**

Timeless Tales Theater presents “Tom the Turkey” on Tuesday, November 12 in the South Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. No charge for adults. For non-student siblings, two years or older, the cost is \$3.50 each.

**Daylight Savings Time**

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> as Daylight Savings Time officially ends.

**Election Day --- No Car Lines --- No Lunch Bunch**

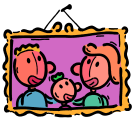
The Presidential Election is Tuesday, Nov. 6. This will be a big election and our South Fellowship Hall is designated as two precincts. There will be many cars and strangers on our campus. So for the safety of all there will be no car lines and no Lunch Bunch. In the morning and afternoon, please park and walk your child into the building. The classroom doors will open at the usual dismissal times: 11:50 a.m. Twos; Noon for Threes; and 12:10 p.m.

Part time students will dismiss at 1:50 p.m.

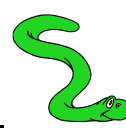
**Wild West and Trail Mix Day**

Wednesday, Nov. 7 is Wild West & Trail Mix Day. Everyone wear your favorite western get up – yes boots are acceptable on this day only. We ask that each child donate one unopened package of a trail mix ingredient to add to their classroom's trail mix snack that day. Some ideas are: mini-marshmallows, peanuts (unless your child's class is Peanut Free), M&Ms, dry cereal (i.e. Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Cheerios ...etc.), raisins, dried cranberries or other dried fruits, chocolate chips, Goldfish crackers, Teddy Grahams crackers, popcorn, yogurt covered raisins, candy corn, stick pretzels, chocolate-covered raisins, Chow Mein noodles, Oyster Crackers, Gummi Bears ...etc.

Please leave toy guns, horses, bows & arrows, knives, and ropes at home!

**Family Picture Night**

You asked for it, now it's here! Picture Perfect Images will be here on Thursday, Nov. 8 from 4:40 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the South Fellowship Hall, to take family portraits. Christmas backgrounds will be available. Sign-up sheets are posted for you to choose your time.

**HIGHLIGHTS (CONT'D.)**

**“Wonders of Nature” Wildlife Program**

The “Wonders of Nature” traveling wildlife show was here last year and we are so excited to have Matt and his friends back this year. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the South Fellowship Hall on Friday, Nov. 9. This program is for preschool students only.



**Outreach Project for November --- Thanksgiving Food Donations**

As adults, we have learned how important giving is for all of us. Each year our Preschool families celebrate Thanksgiving by donating staple food items to the St. Paul Open Arms Ministry. Open Arms Ministry is a ministry of St. Paul UMC; the center feeds over 1500 people a month.

Children are encouraged to bring in **unopened, packaged or canned food items** as a love offering to help stock the food pantry shelves to feed the hungry. Beginning Thursday, Nov. 1, food items may be placed in the grocery cart parked near Mrs. Allen’s office. Examples of needed items: mac & cheese, canned tuna, pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, instant oatmeal, soups, cereal, Spam, and diapers. Thank you for your help.



**Thanksgiving Celebrations**

Son Kissed Preschool will celebrate Thanksgiving in our classrooms on Friday, Nov. 16. Mrs. Veghte’s (Green Door) and Mrs. Delgado’s (Red Door) celebrations will be in their classrooms. Mrs. Price’s and Mrs. Cole’s combined celebration will be in the South Fellowship Hall. And Mrs. Robinson’s class celebration will be in her classroom, (Blue door).

Please see the class notes section of this newsletter for each teacher’s information on times for your child’s class.



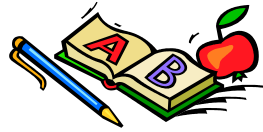
**No Half Day Program --- School Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays**

**Half Day Program** --- There will be no half day program classes on Monday, Nov. 19 – Friday, Nov. 23 ----- Thanksgiving Holidays. If you would like for your child to attend preschool on Monday, Nov. 19, Tuesday, Nov. 20, or Wednesday, Nov. 21, the cost is \$30.00 per day, for any part or all of the 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. day. Bring a lunch or buy a meal for \$3.00.

**Full Time Program Closed** --- The Full-Time Program will only be closed on Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23 --- Thanksgiving Day and the day after.

All Preschool Programs resume Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Have a blessed and safe holiday!



## CLASS NOTES



### **Mrs. Veghte & Mrs. Curry --- Pre-K Fours**

November is here! This is my favorite time of year. The weather is changing, the fall decorations are out and best of all its time for pumpkin pie.

A big thank you to all our parents who volunteered for our trip to the pumpkin patch, and helped with our fall celebration.

In our first week of November we will be learning about Native Americans. We'll be making Indian villages, canoes, tee pees, Native American head bands and each child will choose their own Native American name.

This year we will have a Thanksgiving Celebration in our classroom. The children will perform one of their favorite songs for you. We will also enjoy a light snack prepared by the children. We are asking that each child bring in their favorite canned or fresh fruit so we can make a friendship salad for us all to enjoy. The children will be baking some yummy pumpkin bread. We will begin this celebration on Friday, November 16 at 11:15 a.m. Please have your child bring in their fruit before Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> or first thing that morning, so we can prepare it ahead of time.

There will be no half day program school November 21<sup>st</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> in observation of Thanksgiving. The full time program will be in session. Mrs. Curry and I hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday.



### **Mrs. Delgado & Ms. Cork --- Pre-K Fours**

The year is going by so quickly that I can't believe its November already! Children's art will soon be replaced with turkeys, pilgrims and Indians. Thanksgiving season is the perfect opportunity to reflect upon the many blessings we receive each day. This month we will be talking about Native Americans and Thanksgiving. Our letters will be **T & I** and we will be reviewing some of the super words while we continue working on compound words.

The weather in the fall is quite changeable, with chilly mornings and warmer afternoons. It's a good idea to send your child to school with a jacket that can be removed if the weather warms up. Also we ask that if your child is sick that they stay home. Any child that has experienced fever, vomiting or diarrhea within the past 24 hours should not be in school. Please let us know if there have been any changes on your child's emergency contacts on file. You are always welcome to stop by the classroom and change the form as many times as needed.

We will be having our classroom thanksgiving celebration on Friday, November 16 at 11:30 a.m. The kids will be making pumpkin bread and a friendship salad. We ask that each child bring in a can of fruits for the salad a couple of days in advance. We hope to see all of you there.

### **Upcoming Events**

November 1	Little Red Riding Hood	9:45 a.m.
November 7	Western Day	
November 9	Wonder of Nature Show	10:00 a.m.
November 12	Timeless Tales: Tom the Turkey	11:00 a.m.
November 16	Classroom Thanksgiving Celebration	11:30 a.m.
November 19-23	Thanksgiving Break	

We hope that you all have a safe and happy Thanksgiving, God Bless!

(Class Notes Cont'd.)



**Mrs. Cole & Mrs. Schwartz --- Threes**

A great big THANK YOU to Mrs. Pang, who helped us across the street for the pumpkin patch! Your help was greatly appreciated. We couldn't have done it without you! The kids had a wonderful time looking at all the different shapes, sizes and colors of the pumpkins and gourds.

October has been a busy and fun month for us. During our farm unit we played in mud, learned about farm animals and shook cream so hard it turned into butter! We ate it on bread at snack one day. Our class also made pigs in a blanket and pancakes. YUMMY! Our kids sure have an appetite!! For Halloween we made spiders, kitties and pumpkins along with other crafts. The children enjoyed carving (taking the seeds and guts out) our classroom pumpkin. We will be planting our pumpkin seeds—let's see how tall they can grow!

Mrs. Schwartz and I are constantly encouraging them to use their words when they do not like something their friend is doing. The children are starting to catch on. Sure there is still pushing and screaming; but we talk them through what they should do. Some of the phrases are: "I don't like it when you do that!" or say "STOP" and walk away and tell a teacher.

Our themes for November are "It's Fall and "Giving Thanks". For our Thanksgiving, Celebration this year we are having a small gathering in our room. The date will be November 16; all parents are encouraged to join us. The children enjoy performing a few songs and finger plays for their parents. Afterward everyone is welcome to have a feast (snack) with us.

On Thursday, Nov 1 we have a marionette show (Little Red Riding Hood). On Friday, Nov. 9 at 10:00 a.m. we welcome the "Wonders of Nature" show. Last year the students really enjoyed seeing the cool animals he brought. We will have the Tom the Turkey play on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing Thanksgiving Break (Nov 19-23) with your families. The school will be open for full time students Mon through Wed that week. If you need care that week (1/2 day kids) please see Mrs. Cormier for costs. When we come back it will be time to work on Christmas. Only 55 more days to the special day☺



**Mrs. Price & Mrs. Miles --- Threes**

Welcome November! One of my favorite months filled with fall leaves, pumpkin pies and of course a time to be thankful for our many blessings. Thanks to all the Dads that were able to come to Donuts with Dads. The children had a great time.

In October we learned a lot about bats and spiders.

In November we will embrace the fall season and explore nature, go on a bear hunt and prepare our hearts for giving thanks! Please work on your child's Share Day project with them --- "The Family Tree". They enjoy sharing their work with the class.

This month's events:	Nov. 1	"Little Red Riding Hood" marionette puppet show
	Nov. 6	Election Day – No Car Lines/No Lunch Bunch
	Nov. 7	Western & Trail Mix Day
	Nov. 9	Wonders of Nature Show
	Nov. 12	Timeless Tales Theater
	Nov. 13	Family Picture Night
	Nov. 16	Classroom Thanksgiving Celebration at 10:30 a.m.

(Class Notes Cont'd.)



**Mrs. Robinson & Ms. Smyrski --- Twos**

Gobble, Gobble! It's turkey time! The holidays are fast upon us and we have a very busy month ahead of us.

This month we will be learning about the Pilgrims and Native Americans. We will make cool hats and headdresses and also scarecrows.

Happy Birthday to: Catherine Hawthorne the 12<sup>th</sup>, Lorilai Gibson the 28<sup>th</sup>, and Jackson Walker the 29<sup>th</sup>. Upcoming events:

11/6	Election Day --- No Car Lines -- No Lunch Bunch
11/7	Western & Trail Mix Day
11/9	Wonders of Nature animal show
11/12	Timeless Tales Theater
11/13	Family Picture Night
11/16	Thanksgiving Celebration in Classroom
11/19-21	No Half Day Program
11/22-23	School Closed



**LUNCH BUNCHERS & AFTER CARE PROGRAM --- Ms. Brown & Ms. Fitz**



What a wonderful time of year....the weather is getting cooler and the days are getting longer. Please be sure your child has at least two full changes of weather appropriate clothing. Just a reminder, sneakers are the best shoes for preschoolers. Last month we introduced our class pet Sparkles. She has visited several homes and had the chance to go to the beach, the park and even the grocery store. I can't wait to see where else she can go. We also learned about pumpkins and apples. We got to carve a pumpkin and play with the goop inside and roast the seeds. We talked about what it means to help others and be a "good apple".

This month we will be learning about the farm and all the products we can get from the farm, like milk, corn, and eggs. On Wednesday, Nov. 7 we will be dressing like farmers and cowboys, and on Friday, Nov. 9 we will have MUD DAY! We will be getting down and dirty like the pigs do in mud. Make sure your child wears clothes that you do not mind him/her getting dirty as we will play in real mud and we will be having "dirt" cups for snack. We will also be taking about Thanksgiving and the Pilgrim's voyage from England.

We would love for you to join us on Wednesday, Nov 21 for some "Pies with Parents". We will be making cranberry juice and pies to show our thanks for our parents and everything they do for us.

At the end of the month, we will study Community Helpers. If you would like to visit our classroom and talk about what you do for a living, please see Ms. Brown and let her know what day would be the best for you.

Also, beginning in December, the students who come to Lunch Bunch will be learning to open their own lunches. Please start sending lunch items that are easily opened. This way the VPK students can begin getting ready for Kindergarten. Also start getting in the habit of sending drinks with their lunches as the elementary school will not provide them.

Days to Remember:	Wednesday Nov. 7	Western Day
	Friday Nov. 9	MUD DAY
	Wed. Nov. 21	Pies with Parents
	Thurs. Nov. 22 & Fri. 23	School Closed



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**November**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Cayson Rose
- 8<sup>th</sup> Daniel Orban
- 11<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Schwartz (orange door classroom)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Silaney Lindsay
- 24<sup>th</sup> Eric Lin
- 28<sup>th</sup> Lorilai Gibson
- 29<sup>th</sup> Jackson Walker
- 30<sup>th</sup> Angelina Zampino



**ST. PAUL HAPPENINGS**



The Men of St. Paul Christmas Tree Sales begins after Thanksgiving. Get your tree early!



The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Paul Henry Crane Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup>, it's a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. at the Bardmoor Golf Club. For more info contact Mike Eaton at (727) 459-2768.



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Polar Express Pajama Party!**



**Pizza, snacks, crafts, carols, movie and much more!  
Bring a donation of wrapping paper, gift bags or bows.  
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