



NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER

From the Director's Desk:

Fall is finally here! The autumn air is cool and crisp and the leaves that remain on the trees seem to have more color. As we move into November the children have really become great friends with each other with a vast amount of empathy and understanding of how each of us are so different but yet so alike.

We are learning many different things but we are also understanding that each of us learn differently...Children learn through play and interactions with their peers and adults. Consistency and continuity is extremely important to the development of each child. With consistency, a child learns routine, rules, and expectations. We try our best to provide this each day.

Attendance plays a big part in the day and life of a preschooler to maintain that continuity with expectations in their little life.

November Happenings:

- *National Native American & American Education Month*
- November 1: All Saints Day
- November 2: All Souls Day
- November 3: Daylight Savings
- November 5: Superintendent's Conference Day -
 - **No School for Students**
 - **Workshop: 8:30 - 12:00**
- November 6: PTA Meeting
- November 11: Veteran's Day - No School
- November 13: Dante School Pictures
- November 18th-22nd:
 - Re-registration for Current Threes, Alumni and Siblings
 - "First Come, First Served"
- November 25: Thanksgiving Fall Festival for 4's
- November 26: Thanksgiving Fall Festival for 3's
- November 27:
 - Early Dismissal 11:30 a.m.
 - No PM Classes
- November 28th - 29th : Thanksgiving Recess
 - No School
- December 2nd : School Resumes
 - Registration for New 3's and 4's
 - 9 - 11 a.m. "First Come, First Served"
- December 10th : Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - Early Dismissal - 11:30 a.m.
 - No PM Classes
 - Conferences begin at 11:45 p.m.
- December 12th : Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - Early Dismissal 11:30 a.m.
 - No PM Classes
 - Conferences begin at 11:45 p.m.



November Themes:

All Saints Day, Gratitude, Native Americans, Pilgrims, The Mayflower, Giving Thanks, Veteran's Day, The First Thanksgiving, Fall, Harvest, Fruits and Vegetables, My Plate / Food Pyramid, Family and Friends and what a blessing they are to us.

Four Year November Skills & Lessons:

- Letters: Gg, Hh, Ii
- Numbers: 7, 8, 9
- Shape: Square & Rectangle
- Community Helpers: Farmer, Grocer, Soldier, Veteran, First Responders, Military
- Colors: Brown, Yellow
- Skills: Follow: one, two, and three step directions
- Arranges objects in size order
- Big to Small, and Small to Big

Three Year November Skills & Lessons:

- Letters: G, H, I
- Numbers: 6, 7, 8
- Shape: Square, Crescent
- Community Helpers: Farmer, Military, Soldier, First Responders, Veterans
- Colors: Brown, Yellow
- Skills: Understands On/Off - Behind/Next To - In Front Of
- Books: 10 Fat Turkeys, I Know An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Pie, Nat The Great Talks Turkey, The Thanksgiving Door

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a time for family and friends to share and celebrate all our blessings. We not only have "obvious" things to be thankful for, but most importantly for the people who touch our lives every day. This is the beginning of very busy days ahead. Maybe take a few moments to say "I love you" and let your children know how thankful you are for them.

This month your children will be sharing their thoughts about what they are glad and happy to have. They will also experience many fun and festive art activities. May God bless you and your family this Thanksgiving season and thank you, parents, for sharing your most "precious gifts" with us!



All Saints Day:

On November 1st, the Catholic Church, and other Christian churches honor everyone in heaven, those we know about and those we don't, because all of them are saints. To me the saints are not only shining images of Christian life, they're signs of hope. By their lives and deeds, they show us that the love and power of God are present in history and that God's promise of salvation is indeed real, that heaven is our goal and God offers us the means to get there. At its heart, All Saints Day is about life---Christian life on earth, eternal life in heaven.

Cold Weather:

Cold weather is approaching. We will try to get outside as many days as possible. After sitting through circle time and using small motor skills in art activities and play, it is important for our children to get outside and use their large muscles. The weather in the Fall is quite changeable, with chilly early mornings and warmer afternoons. It is generally a good idea to send your child to school with a jacket for chilly weather. The jacket can always be removed if the weather warms up, but we cannot supply jackets to those who get cold. It is often windy on our playground, and feels cooler than other nearby areas. Please also remember to label jackets and check for them at the end of the day.

Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Tuesday, December 10th and Thursday, December 12th are set aside for Parent/Teacher Conferences. We will dismiss all classes at 11:30 a.m. so that this can happen. Sign-ups will be posted on the classroom doors/bulletin boards. Conferences will be held every 15 to 20 minutes in the classrooms. These conferences are designed to give parents an opportunity to speak freely about their child/ children. This is the time when a teacher will indicate your child's progress thus far. It is also an opportunity for you to tell your child's teacher anything you think she needs to know about your child, and perhaps ask questions about the school day and the school's philosophy. You are the expert where your child is concerned, and this is the time for you to tell us of your goals for your child in this school year. In keeping with our school's dedication to having these types of discussions without little listening ears, it would be a good idea to have childcare arranged for your young ones. Buddying up with another family can really help this process go smoothly for all. We will also provide services in school as well.



Daylight Savings Time:

Remember that daylight savings time starts on November 3rd. Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.

Extra Clothes:

Please remember to have a full set of extra clothes, specific to the season, at school at all times. You never know what can happen to a little ones clothes during an active preschool day. Also, please make sure everything is labeled with their name, including things like hats, gloves and jackets.

Picture Day with Dante/Chester Studio:

Dante/Chester Studio will be coming out for school pictures on Wednesday, November 13th at 9 a.m. The photographer will be here earlier to set up and get ready. A class picture will be taken, as well as individual portraits for each individual child. You will receive an informational packet about the various options you may select. All photo packages must be prepaid.

Illnesses and School:

Flu season is upon us. We ask that you keep home children who are ill. Any child who has experienced fever, vomiting, diarrhea, severe cough or extreme nasal congestion within the past 24 hours SHOULD NOT be in school. Remember that many families are traveling this time of year to visit friends and family. Taking along a sick child is no fun.

In consideration of them and every other child in our preschool DO NOT BRING SICK CHILDREN TO SCHOOL. If a child becomes ill during the time he/she is at preschool, that child will be isolated and you will be called for pick up. The flu is an upper respiratory infection and is spread by coughing, sneezing, etc. Symptoms include fever, headache, dry cough, sore throat, and achy muscles. Children may also have stomach problems. The flu vaccine is the best way to protect children and adults from the flu and is recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older. There are two types of flu vaccines, a shot or a nasal spray. They are safe and can be given with other vaccines. The chance of being harmed from the disease is much greater than the chance of being harmed from the vaccination.



Emergency Person:

You have all listed on your child's forms someone we could contact in the event of an emergency. That person would be the person we would call to pick up your child should you not be able to do so. Please be sure your information is up-to-date and accurate. You are always welcome to stop by the classroom, email or call us if there is any way that we can help you and your child.

Thanksgiving Books to Read To Your Children

- Thanksgiving Is For Giving
- I Know An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Pie
- Thanks For Thanksgiving
- The Thankful Book
- Over The River
- Bear Says Thanks
- Turkey Trouble
- Ten Fat Turkeys
- Who Will Carve The Turkey This Thanksgiving?

Special Thanks.....

Many thanks go out to all those who help the preschool, here are just a few in the last few weeks:

- Thank you to all the families that supported our Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Sale and those who made monetary donations in lieu of ordering cookies
- Scholastic Book Fair - Rachael Calandriello/ Doris Balbi and all the Pre School moms who assisted them.
- Pumpkin Patch: Rosa Ferrante and "Goblins"
- Pumpkin Donation: The Fontana Family
- Trunk or Treat: Rachel Calandriello and all the families who decorated their SUVs and donated "trick or treat" bags



Info on Hugging

The Surgeon General has determined that hugging is good for your health.

HUGGING is PRACTICALLY PERFECT

NO BATTERIES TO WEAR OUT

NO PERIODIC CHECK-UPS

LOW ENERGY CONSUMPTION

HIGH ENERGY YIELD, INFLATION PROOF

NON-FATTENING

NO MONTHLY PAYMENTS

NO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

THEFT PROOF, NON-TAXABLE

NON-POLLUTING AND OF COURSE

FULLY RETURNABLE

HUGGING IS ALL NATURAL:

Organic, naturally sweet, no pesticides, no preservatives, no artificial ingredients, 100% wholesome

THE BEST PEOPLE, PLACES AND TIMES TO HUG: ANYONE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME!

Maria Gaudelli and the Staff of St. Gregory the Great Early Childhood Enrichment Program would like to wish you and your family

The Blessings of Peace

The Beauty of Hope

The Spirit of Love, and

The Comfort of Faith.

May these be your gifts this Thanksgiving

