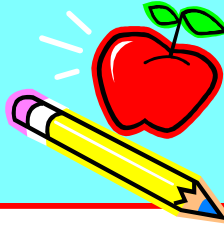


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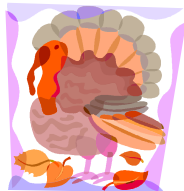
Mrs. Scheel's Classroom Newsletter

Hello Again!

Welcome back to another exciting week in preschool! We had a wonderful introduction to the farm and its animal friends which sets the stage for a smooth transition to learn about turkeys this week and Thanksgiving next week.

Looking ahead we would love for you to join us for our Preschool Christmas Program on **Monday December 7th from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** Your little ones will be learning some special songs and poems to perform and we will have some other surprises as well. Please feel free to bring the whole family and don't forget to invite the grandparents!

Special request as the holidays approach. If you happen to have the biodegradable packing peanuts and don't want them for yourselves please send them our way. Also if you wouldn't mind saving wrapping paper and toilet paper rolls for us we have some projects in mind. Thank you!



Prayer for our school year

Dear Lord,
Grant that we may grow to
know you better each day.
Help us to follow your example
and to let your light shine
through all that we say and do.
Amen

Circle Learning

Our preschool friends will be having a great time this week learning all about turkeys. We will talk about what makes a turkey different from other animals and why turkeys are special this time of year. We will also be learning about being thankful for the many blessings God gives us. Be sure to pop in and check out our thankful turkey over by our story corner.

Jesus Time

We are moving right along through our Old Testament stories and this week gives us a chance to take a little field trip. We will be learning about the tabernacle that the Israelites used as a place to worship God as they traveled through the desert. We will make a visit to our very own sanctuary and look at the parts of our church that are similar to that in our story. We will also go on to read the story of Jericho. These are both great reminders about how God is with us in all places. We will also be learning about how important it is to follow God's directions because He knows what is best and He loves us very much.

Music and Movement

Oh the fun never ends with our music and movement times. We will be adding a new turkey song to the mix as well as the Jericho song. Look for the words to both of these on the back. We will also begin learning some of our surprise songs for our Christmas Program. We are also really enjoying our time with Miss Kindshi. She has taught us some wonderful songs about sharks and God and so much more. She has also been bringing over lots of amazing instruments for us to learn about. So far we have enjoyed a flute, a trumpet, and a violin. This is so exciting for our little ones!

Sing Along Fun

Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho

Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho.

Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho and the walls came tumblin' down.

Turkey

Turkey on the farm
what do you say,
"Gobble, gobble, gobble,
gobble, gobble all day."
Turkey on the table
what do we say, "Yummy,
yummy, yummy, yummy
Thanksgiving day!"



Preschool Highlights

"Field Trip" to the St. John sanctuary

Turkey head wear!

Oh the many things to be thankful for!

A Peek Ahead to Next Week

We will learn about Pilgrims and Native Americans, the first Thanksgiving and the importance of helping each other.

Birthdays

4 Charlie S.

14 Maggie A.



Parent Corner

Our school staff is dedicated to helping our students build strong academic and spiritual foundations. We are also learning more about the importance of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) and the role that this plays in student success in school and life in general. Our principal, Mrs. Galloway, shared with me some wonderful hand outs for parents on this important topic. Please take the time to read through these and look for some ideas of ways to include the activities into your family life. We will be doing the same at school as well.