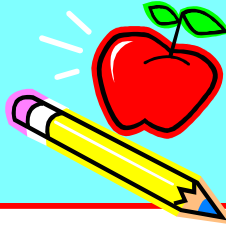


# GIVING THANKS



St. John Preschool  
Wheaton, IL

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## Mrs. Scheel's Classroom Newsletter

### Blessings to you!

Oh my, how time flies when you're having fun! It is so hard to believe that we are almost at Thanksgiving break. This week will be packed with fun and learning. Also a quick reminder, there is **no school next week**. We pray that each of you has a blessed Thanksgiving. Also make sure you save December 5 from 6:30-7:30 for our Preschool Christmas Program. We have been working hard to learn our songs and poems and we can't wait to share them with all of you!

If you are free Monday evening I encourage you to attend our day school science fair in our South Campus Gym from 6:30-8:30. The projects the students will present are always wonderful and my children have really enjoyed learning from the "big kid's" experiments. Come and wander through the projects with your children and see some of the great stuff going on next door!



### Prayer for our school year

Dear Lord,  
Grant our children ready and teachable hearts. Bless us in faith, hope and love. And, may we train up our children in the way you have taught us, so that even when they are old they will not depart from it. We ask this in your name.  
Amen

### Circle Learning

The first Thanksgiving will be a focus of this week's lessons. We will learn about Native Americans and pilgrims. This is an excellent opportunity to talk about teamwork and learning from each other. We will also make a delicious plate of Thanksgiving "food" to send home. Don't worry this one is completely calorie free! We will continue discussing the many blessings for which we are thankful. God has so richly blessed us all!

### Jesus Time

David is the man of the week for this week's Jesus time lessons. We will learn so much from David's faith in God. David's battle with Goliath shows us that with God all things are possible and that we are to put our faith and trust in Him.



### Music and Movement

Practice makes perfect as we learn our Christmas program songs. We are looking forward to sharing the Christmas joy with all of our families! We will also be learning a pilgrim and an Indian song to go along with our Turkey song from last week. As always we are enjoying our time with Miss Kindshi as well.

## Sing Along Fun

### Indian Song

I'm a little Indian on the go.  
Here is my arrow.  
Here is my bow.  
When I go a hunting, hear me shout!  
Bears and buffalo better watch out!



### Pilgrim Song

I'm a little pilgrim short and fat.  
Here is my buckle.  
Here is my hat.  
When I go to church I sit and sing.  
I am thankful for everything.

\*Both sung to the tune of "I'm a little teapot."

## Parent Corner

As the holidays are quickly approaching, we are reminded how great are God's blessings are! As a means of sharing God's blessings with others and reminding our children of how we are to share God's love, please consider taking part in the Christmas Sharing event to be held at St. John's on December 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. This is a community wide program serving over 400 families. St. John's has the joy of being one of the distribution centers again this year. We expect around 150 families to come to this year's pick up days. Families are provided with boxes of food, new toys for their children and a chance to select clothes and household items. As always many hands make like work and there are many ways to be a part of this year's event. I've attached a sign up sheet if you are interested in helping with the preparation or on the day of the event. We are also accepting donations of non-perishable food items, gently used clothing and household items (towels, sheets, etc.) and new and gently used toys. As our own special donation the preschool will be collecting **new hats and mittens** for the children who benefit from this day. All donations may be dropped off at school. Thank you for any assistance you may be able to give. Our students will take some time to serve by going downstairs to help sort food (also a great math skill) for the families. We will be talking about how we care for other people and share God's blessings.