

St. John Pre-Kindergarten Newsletter

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November 16 - November 20, 2009
Week Twelve



Heart To Heart Teaching and Reaching For Jesus

Gathering Time:

- ♥ Theme: The First Thanksgiving

This week we will:

- ♥ Study the First Thanksgiving between the Native Americans and the Pilgrims.
- ♥ We will talk about Thanksgiving right now and all that we have to be thankful for!

Upcoming Dates

- ◆ Mark Your Calendars Now - Monday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 pm - PS/PK "Christmas Sing" in the St. John Sanctuary located on the main campus.
- ◆ Next chapel - November 19/20 Please bring your grocery bags with your canned and boxed dry goods to this chapel.
- ◆ No School - Thanksgiving Week November 23 - 27

Jesus Time:

Theme: The Lord's Prayer

- ♥ Matthew 6: 9-13

During our time together we will talk about how:

- ♥ Jesus taught us to pray.
- ♥ What those words we pray each and every day in Pre-K really mean.

Music and Movement

This week our children will enjoy:

- ♥ Offering their ideas on choices for music and movement. Each day we will make a class decision on what they what to do and hear as part of their music time. After Break it's on to Christmas music and practice time!!
- ♥ We love our music time with Miss Kindschi.

Prayer for our year

Almighty God, heavenly Father you have blessed us with the joy and care of your children. As we work with these precious children, give us calm strength and patient wisdom that we may teach them with joy and in love, following the example of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Science Center:

Theme: Living or Not Living?

- ♥ This week our children will continue to discuss the differences between living and non-living things as we watch our world around us change for the winter.

Theme: Measuring Tools

- ♥ This week our science explorers will continue to work with rice. While using their hands and minds, the children will search for hidden objects and then be asked to sort, count, and do various other tasks with what they find.

Math Center:

This week our children will continue to:

- ♥ Group small colored blocks according to the numeral on a card. (5 = 5 small blocks) Mrs. Gaede will check their work.
- ♥ Work in small group settings on a variety of assorted centers around the room.

Language Arts Time



Using the Reading Street Curriculum:

This week our children will:

- ♥ Read *Fishy Tales*.
- ♥ Build their vocabulary using their new amazing words; *sea, shark, dolphin, octopus, sea horse, and starfish...*
- ♥ Always continuing to work on the proper holding of writing tools and the printing of their names.

Language Arts Cont....

- ♥ Work on the first letter in the letter *I* booklet, work on the Letter I paper tiles, and work with the practice alphabet boards in small groups.
- ♥ Continue to practice writing their names legibly.
- ♥ Finish their work on last week's letter "I" to take home and place in the alphabet pocket!

"Jesus loves the little children."

Notes & News & More....

A quick few notes:

- ♥ Parents I bring yet another great "event" that will be happening in our building! The weekend of December 11/12 we will be hosting a program called "Christmas Sharing" where families from Wheaton can come and receive food, clothing and toys for Christmas. This year we have been told we will have over 150 families who have qualified for this program. Already your canned goods will help with the food part of this event. In the past our children contributed in another way, we gave hats and mittens for the children. So beginning November 30, the day we return from break, we will be collecting hats and mittens for our little friends. Look for the display when you come in after break. Thanks so much parents and children.
- ♥ When your child is sick or will miss school, please call 630.668.0701 touch * 519 and leave me, Mrs. Gaede the message. I will call it in to the school office with the preschool absentee count. Thanks so much.
- ♥ No School - November 23 - 27 Thanksgiving Break

November Chapel Schedule:

Thursday, November 19 at 8:45am/ Friday, November 20 at 12:45 pm (we will be collecting our special bags of Canned Goods at this Chapel)