

PRESCHOOL PRESS

Newsletter for RockPointe Weekday Preschool



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Operation Christmas Child

RockPointe Weekday Preschool will soon participate in Operation Christmas Child, the "shoebox ministry" that serves the needy worldwide. More info at:

operationchristmaschild.org

If you'd like to donate, please send to school one or more of gift items in these categories: **small toys, school supplies and hygiene items.** All items must be small enough to fit into a shoe box. A flier will go home soon which will include a more detailed list of gift suggestions.

The last day to turn in donation items for this ministry will be **Tuesday, November 13th**. On that day, each class will assemble shoeboxes together.

We hope the children will learn a lot about sharing with others in need. Thank you for contributing!



Thanksgiving Feast

On **Thursday, November 15th**, the preschool will have a Thanksgiving Feast, when we'll remember the pilgrims and Indians and that first celebrated meal. All the students will share lunch together in our chapel room. Instead of sending a packed lunch that day,

we'll ask the students in each class to send a specific part of our holiday menu, which is preschool friendly:

<i>Deli meat</i>	<i>Cheese</i>	<i>Apples, carrots</i>
<i>Dinner Rolls</i>	<i>Cookies</i>	<i>Juice boxes</i>

Be looking for a note that will give more details about your child's class and their assignment for this meal.



Join us at the Scholastic Book Fair, set up in the lobby! We will have cashiers scheduled at times that are designed so you can shop without your preschooler underfoot. But you may also shop anytime during the school day; just ring our doorbell and we'll come to finalize your purchases.



"STARBUCKS CAFE"

One special note: on **Thursday morning, the 29th**, we'll have coffee for your browsing pleasure. We call it "**Starbucks Café**" -- come and enjoy some quiet time to look through the great selection of books for preschoolers, older children and adults, too.

Remember, books make fabulous **CHRISTMAS** gifts! You'll also see Teachers' Wishbooks, which are selections you can add to your child's classroom library.

Speech Screenings



This month the preschool will provide speech and language screenings for the 3's and PreK classes. A speech pathologist will be here on our campus to administer brief screenings beginning **Thursday, November 6th**. If you have questions regarding your child and speech development, feel free to call the preschool office.



Dates for Your Calendar

Parents, mark these important dates coming this semester!

T/Th Nov. 20 & 22 - Thanksgiving Break

Thurs, Dec. 13 - Christmas Program
9:15 Worship Center
Plan to come! Also, it will be the last day of the semester



Teaching Responsibility & Independence

The 3's and PreK classes are working hard to teach the children responsibility and independence—both skills that will serve students well when they get to kindergarten!

Parents can help with this by encouraging their student to carry his/her own backpack to class and to unpack it as well, putting away lunches/folders/water bottles, etc. The children will benefit so much from the routine of taking this small act of responsibility. Thanks for joining us in this training!

Thank you for coming to our

Spirit Day!

With last month's proceeds, we will be able to purchase resources for center time and die cuts. Our parent group is the **BEST- THANK YOU!!**

Age Level News



18 Mos. & Two Year Olds

The 18 month class has been learning the routine throughout the school day. The students are eager to come to class and play!

During circle time they are doing great sitting for a time of focused learning; our unit this month is "My Family Gives Thanks." We are also working on recognizing colors and shapes.

As the 2's classes discuss Thanksgiving and prepare for our feast at school, we'll be talking about what being "thankful" means. We'll also discuss all the blessings we have, including our families and friends. The children will learn more about fall, as we look at the changes in weather and how to dress accordingly. The teaching emphasis will be the colors **brown** and **green**, and we'll introduce the *triangle* shape and review *circles* and *squares*.

The 18 mos. and 2's classes are working hard on the routine of picking up/putting away toys. Parents can help by encouraging this at home, too!

3 Year Olds

This month the children will focus on the importance of family; we will emphasize the importance of the Thanksgiving holiday and having family gathered together.

The 3's will also have a unit on the "Learning Through My Senses," and the students will participate in a taste test to detect *sweet*, *sour* and *salty*. We'll continue to learn about the autumn season and the weather change. As the children begin to wear coats to preschool, we will emphasize independence by helping the children learn to put on their coats by themselves.

We're introducing the letters **I**, **C** and **O**, and we'll work on one-to-one correspondence with the numbers **4** & **5**. We continue to practice cutting skills in class, working on holding the scissors correctly, with the *thumb up*. Manipulating them to open and close is an important developmental skill, plus it develops hand strength. Any practice at home with scissors would be wonderful!

Pre Kindergarten

We will be studying about the first Thanksgiving this month, learning about the Pilgrims and their Native American friends. The PreK students will make centerpieces for our Thanksgiving feast. We are learning about being thankful to God---how blessed we are by Him and how we can share those blessings through opportunities like Operation Christmas Child.

Our phonics emphasis will be the letters **Cc**, **Oo** and **Qq**, and we'll review recognition of the numbers **4**, **5** and **6**. We would so appreciate the children practicing at home-- especially the 3-finger grasp and cutting, *cutting*, *cutting* with scissors "thumb up." The children are developing skills they will need in kindergarten!

Note: the PreK students will be making a Thanksgiving centerpiece. For this project, please send one toilet paper roll and 5 plastic grocery bags to class by November 8th. Thank you!

✝ Chapel Schedule ✝

Chapel is held on Tuesdays at 9:15 in the "Cabin" room. This month the children are learning that God loves us and is always with us, and our Bible stories will be:

Nov 6	David & Goliath	1 Sam. 17:32-51
13	Jonah & the Big Fish	Jonah 1:1-17, 2:10
20	<i>Thanksgiving Break</i>	
27	Daniel in the Lion's Den	Dan 6:1-28

Our memory verse this month: "**Be strong and courageous...for God is with you wherever you go.**" Joshua 1:9

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