

PRESCHOOL PRESS

Newsletter for RockPointe Weekday Preschool



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Operation Christmas Child

RockPointe Weekday Preschool will participate this month in Operation Christmas Child, the "shoebox ministry" that is a division of Samaritan's Purse. This ministry provides local ministry partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the good news of Jesus Christ. More info at:

samaritanaspurse.org/occ

If you'd like to donate, please send to preschool one or more gift items in these categories: **small toys, clothing and accessories, craft/activity items, and personal care items.** 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. Keep in mind that we'll be designating our gifts to go to preschoolers, so you can shop for items that are age appropriate.

The last day to turn in donation items will be **Tuesday, November 16th**. On that day, each class can set their donated items in boxes together and have a circle-time lesson on *giving to others*.

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

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 campus to administer brief screenings beginning **Tuesday, November 2nd**. If you have questions regarding your child and speech development, feel free to call the preschool office.



Thanksgiving Feast

On **Thursday, November 18th**, 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 the same lunch meal. Instead of sending a packed lunch that day, we'll ask the students of each class to send a specific part of our holiday menu, which is preschool friendly:

<i>Deli meat</i>	<i>Cheese Cubes</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.

Pony Pictures



Cowboy Week was big fun for the students last month--the week ended with pony rides, photos and a hayride!

Pony pictures went home last week. Please return payment or pictures by **Tuesday, November 2.**



Thank you for supporting our Book Fair! And thanks to the volunteer parents who helped us set up and act as cashiers! We appreciate you. 😊

✠ Chapel Schedule ✠

Chapel is held on Tuesdays at 9:30 in the "Cabin" room. The emphasis will be *God loves us and is always with us*, and our Bible stories will be:

- Nov 2 David & Goliath** 1 Sam. 17:32-51
9 Jonah & the Big Fish Jonah 1:1-17, 2:10
16 Daniel in the Lion's Den Dan 6:1-28
23 Thanksgiving Break
30 Jesus is Coming! Mt 1:18-21, Lk 1:26-35

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

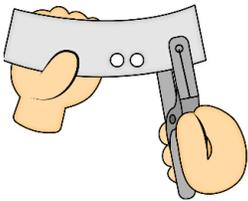
Fine Motor Fun!

Every month this newsletter will give you some fun activities that parents can incorporate at home to help preschoolers improve their fine motor skills.

Last month we mentioned **playdough** and **squeeze toys** to help develop hand strength. Another way to make hand muscles stronger is to let your child use a **spray bottle**. Fill one with water and encourage your child to water plants, spray an outside wall or create a water picture on a dry sidewalk. Add a spray bottle to bath time for fun! Spray bottles are available at any dollar store.



If you choose to reuse your own spray bottles, make sure they are totally cleaned of any chemicals. Another idea is to let kids **use a holepunch**. This builds hand strength and finger control...which are skills that will help them as they learn to use scissors and grasp pencils. Hand your preschooler this newsletter when you're done and let him punch holes all along the edge!



Age Level News



18 Mos. & Two Year Olds

The 18 month class has learned our daily routine and the children are eager for transitions to our different activities. They are singing our class songs and learning the motions, too! Our unit this month is "Our Family Enjoys Fall and Gives Thanks." At circle time we reinforce our Bible stories from chapel and focus on shape/color recognition. The students are learning to sit quietly and listen with focus.

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 color **brown**, and we'll introduce the *triangle* shape and review *circles* and *squares*.

The 18 mos. and 2's classes are learning to follow directions; they are also working on the routine of putting away toys. Parents can help by encouraging this at home, too! If you have playdoh at home, that's a great way to improve hand strength and fine motor skills. 😊

3 Year Olds

This month the children will have a unit on "My Family;" we'll talk about siblings, family fun activities and emphasize the importance of the celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday together.

The 3's will also have a unit on the "Learning Through My Senses," and the students will participate in a taste test. We'll continue to learn about the autumn season and take a fall walk. 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 **T, C, W,** and **Q,** and we'll work on one-to-one correspondence with the numbers **4** and **5**. We continue to work with the children, developing hand/finger strength as they are preparing for scissor and writing skills.

Pre Kindergarten

We will be studying about the first Thanksgiving this month, learning about the Pilgrims and their Native American friends. We are learning about being thankful to God for his many blessings, especially our families. This month we'll talk about how God gave us the sun, moon and stars---so many things to be grateful for! Along with our space study, we'll have a Mentos "blastoff" on Tuesday, the 9th. Sign-up sheets will be at the classroom door to help us make this science experiment happen.

Our phonics emphasis will be the letters **Ii, Cc** and **Oo**, and we'll review recognition of the numbers **4** and **5**. 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 next year!

Note: The PreK students will be making a Thanksgiving centerpiece. For this project, please send one full toilet paper roll 🧻 and 5 plastic grocery bags to class by November 11th. Thank you!



Dates for Your Calendar

Mark these dates coming this semester!

T/Th Nov. 23 & 25 Thanksgiving Break

Thur Dec. 9 – Christmas Program 9:15a

Plan to come! It's also the last day of the semester.

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