



# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2011

November is here and HOPEFULLY is the wonderful weather that comes with it! Please make sure you review the calendar, double check all sign-up sheets by the sign-in/out area, and if you have any questions, please let us know!

## **Calendar Reminders for November:**

11/1/11 – Honeybaked Ham sales for Thanksgiving start!

11/1/11 – All Saint’s Day Parade during class

11/4 & 11/5 & 11/6 – Church Mouse Boutique

11/7/11 & 11/8/11 – Parent/Teacher Conferences – **NO SCHOOL THESE DAYS!** The sign-up sheets are out on the sign-in/out tables. We will send out a reminder email!

11/9/11 – Wreath orders due NO LATER than this day!!

11/11/11 – Veteran’s Day (NO SCHOOL)

11/23/11 – Noon Release – Thanksgiving Break

11/24/11 – 11/28/11 – Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL)

## **Calendar Reminders for December:**

12/5 & 12/6/11 - St. Nick Celebration during class

12/14/11 - Christmas Party (3’s & PreK) during class

12/15/11 - Christmas Party (3’s, PreK, K) during class

12/16/11 - Christmas Program in the Social Hall @ 10am (NO SCHOOL)

**12/19/11 – 1/2/12 - NO SCHOOL FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK**

1/3/12 – School Resumes

## **NEWS FROM THE OFFICE!**

Thank you for being so diligent about keeping your students home when they have fevers and colds. This helps not only your child to heal but also keeps our school healthy. Remember, if they have a fever they must be off medicine for 48 hours before returning to school.

**We are OUT of glue sticks!** The children have been busy cutting and gluing their work and we have used up ALL of our glue sticks! If you could drop off some glue sticks (generic is great too) to the school office, we’d love it!

Do you and/or your child had special acting talents? The Catechetical Ministries office is looking for people of ALL ages to help put on their “Christmas through the Centuries” program. Please see the attached flier for more information or call the CM office at (480) 998-1665.

Please help support our Women's Club by purchasing your SCRIP cards at the church office. Please see the attached flier for a list of vendors that you can purchase from.

## PreK November Lunch Bunch Schedule

	11/1 - Kaczmarek	11/2 - Larkin	11/3 - Corso
11/7 - Luebkin	11/8 - Carota	11/9 - Loera & Bucher	11/10 - Stenback
11/14 - Schaffer	11/15 - Nau	11/16 - <i>Need Help</i>	11/17 - Isaac, G
11/21 - Ortega	11/22 - Ajamie		
	11/29 - Armstrong	11/30 - Bucher	

## NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS!

### **Kindergarten Class –**

A big thanks to all of you for all your hard work getting your child ready for the Saints' parade. The kids had a great time being a saint for the day. A special thank you to our room mom, Suzie Jazwin, for putting together our class party. The kids had a great time! November is going to be a busy month for us in Kindergarten. We will be starting to practice for the Christmas play with Ms. Lisa. In Religion, we will be learning about All Saints' Day, the miracles Jesus preformed when he was here on Earth, how we can be like Jesus in our lives and what we can do to give thanks for what we have. This month, we will be continuing to work on blending /n/, /a/, /t/, /p/, /m/ and /p/ sounds to make words. Have your child make words for you and ask them to tell you what is the beginning, middle and ending sound of each word. Please continue to have your child read their sight wordbooks with you. They are improving every week! In Math, we will be working on graphs, counting, writing and ordering numbers 11- 20. Please practice writing and counting backwards from 20-1 with your child. I look forward to discussing the progress your child has made these past few months at Conferences (Nov. 7-8) this month. Thank you for all the work you are doing with your child at home.

Mrs. Borner

### **PreK Class –**

The All Saints Day Parade was wonderful and the children had so much fun making their costumes and representing the animals of Noah's Ark; thank you to all that helped! In the classroom we have been working hard on assessments and I look forward to sharing with all of you how much your children have grown; academically, socially, and spiritually. Furthermore, the children have really enjoyed the Show and Tell Journals and it has really been helpful in developing their public speaking skills. Finally, beginning this month we will be introducing Reading Logs. Each child will receive a reading log to bring home and return once they have read a certain number of books. For each page the children complete in their reading log they will receive a sticker. Once their log is complete they will be able to choose a book to keep from the classroom Treasure Box. As always please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions and have a wonderful November!

Mrs. Maureen

### **3's Class -**

As we start to find ourselves busy with the beginning of the holiday seasons, I hope all of you will have the opportunity to enjoy this beautiful time of year together as a family! In our class, we are emphasizing our thankfulness to God for the wide range of gifts that he has bestowed upon us. Gratitude is being thankful and appreciative for the good things we have. Children learn from the examples we set. As teachers and parents, we have a greatest opportunities to model thankfulness. This has great benefits for emotional development. It is such a blessing for Ms. Lisa and I to see and hear

your child say “thank you” to God in our daily classroom prayers as much as it is a blessing for your children to see and hear YOU give thanks to God for his love and many great gifts. We “thank you” for sending your child to us. They are truly a gift from God!

Mrs. Kelly

### **Music/Art/PE -**

Pre-K and Kindergarten classes will continue to learn different aspects of our holiday play, “The Cactus Christmas Tree,” adding more and more each session we meet. Maybe you’ve already heard your child singing and making funny animal noises???. The children are very excited to perform for you and many students are already comfortable being on stage. The play will be the main focus of our classes and we will create some seasonal art along with some of the stage props. Speaking of which, if you are interested in crafting some simple animal costumes or desert stage props, please let me know. Details are being finalized and information will be coming home to explain your child’s role & costume. Lyrics to our big song will be included so you can practice at home.

Ms. Lisa

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Please check your child’s folder in the parent boxes daily outside at the sign in/out table. If you need to leave a note for the teacher or staff place it in the school office (each staff member has a box on the wall).
2. Book orders for Scholastic: Order forms will be in the student folders in the parent boxes every month. There is no requirement to purchase books. The school wanted to offer this opportunity to enhance your child’s reading and build up our school library with the free books we receive with your orders. Please make checks out to scholastic and turn order into the school office
3. Reminder for all parents and students to **please be very careful in the parking lot areas**, please drive slow and watch out for children both before school and after.
4. Please check the parent information board inside the school office along with the outside bulletin board for any new information. The calendar on the outside board will help remind you of school events and is updated as needed. Teachers have mini board’s outside that explains what they did in class that day. Please read it and use it as a tool to talk with your child.
5. Assessments—Teachers in all classrooms have been assessing students and developing their student portfolios. We look forward to sharing this continued information with you at our parent/teacher conferences in November. Each student will be receiving a progress report for each semester demonstrating his/her assessed academics, fine motor skills, behavior, and social skills. Our report system is very detailed so you will know exactly where your child is performing.
6. It’s that time of year for colds, etc. please check the sick notice on the parent board for updated information. Reminder to please call the school office when your child will be absent and let us know the reason for the absence. By state law we need to document all absences. This also helps other families during the upcoming cold & flu season, to post all illnesses.

### **Great Free Programs to Support Our School**

7. Recycling program: Our school recycles paper, cans, etc. in the large bin located on the back parking area of the church. We receive \$ for each ton of recycled material. You can drop them off any time.

8. Ink Cartridge collection program: Our school collects all computer and copier ink cartridges along with old cell phones. We send them in for \$ for our school. You can drop them off at the school or church any time in the bins provided.
9. Box Tops For Education: You received a folder with information about this great program. You can turn in your box tops anytime in the container at the school. Our first deposit of box tops is due in November so get them in as soon as you can. We get \$.10 for each box top, so they can add up fast.
10. My Coke Rewards for Schools: This program has you check your coke products for a reward code; you then go online and put your reward points under our school name. It's that easy. At the end of the year we can redeem the points for PE equipment for our school.
11. Fresh and Easy on Scottsdale and Shea: You can place your receipts in the school office. The school gets \$1 for each \$20 purchase.

## **PARENT BOARD NEWS** (Minutes from the meetings are always available in the school office.)

### **Parent Board COMMITTEE NEWS**

The Parent Board would like to remind you that you each received a red envelope with an ornament in it for you and your child to create! Please return them to the school office by December 1<sup>st</sup> so that the ornament can be hung on the tree for our entire school to enjoy.

**LIBRARY**-Book Donations: Thank you to the families who ordered Scholastic books thanks to you our school received a lot of new scholastic books for our library. Thank you to all the families who have helped make Library Days a success! As you know the kids LOVE to check out the books!

**PARENT ROOM COORDINATOR**- We are already thinking of the Class Baskets for the Silent Auction! The sign-up sheets will be out after we come back from Christmas! Please remember that this is a VOLUNTARY but your participation is GREATLY appreciated!

**SILENT AUCTION**- The auction is coming faster than we know! You will be receiving a folder from us containing donation letters and instructions. If you have ANY questions, please see the school office. If you need more forms, all forms are in the front office. Thank you for helping us make this a success!

### **Parent Board Sponsored Events**

**Outreach** - We will be giving out paper bags to the students for St. Vincent de Paul. Please feel free to fill these with non-perishable food & toiletry items. These items will directly benefit the less fortunate in our community this holiday season.

**FUNDRAISING**- We are selling Honeybaked Hams again this year! The sale starts November 1<sup>st</sup> and will end on November 18<sup>th</sup>. You can pick up your hams, turkeys, and other goodies on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9-12pm in the school office. Thank you for supporting our school!