

Today's Life School Newsletter

November 2016
Newsletter



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What's going on Around School?

-A friendly reminder that we will be closed on Thursday November 24th and Friday November 25th for Thanksgiving. We hope you have a wonderful Holiday!

-Thank you to all of the parents who are taking time to attend parent/teacher conferences early this month. We love the bond that you create with your child's teacher and understand the importance of working together for the best interest of your child. We are thankful to have such wonderful families at Today's Life!

-What a fun time we all had at our Halloween Party last month! Thank you to all of the parents who attended.

- We invite you to attend our Thanksgiving Pie and Ice Cream event on Wednesday November 23rd. We will be organizing the event by classrooms so please be on the lookout for the sign-up sheet (which will be outside the office) early this month!

- Just a heads up that our 2016 Holiday Show is going to be on Wednesday December 14th starting at 3:15PM. Mark your calendars and tell your relatives!

- Last month we had the Minnesota Health Department come and we got a score of 100%!

- Our nurse from MNCHC came for her monthly visit last month and talked to us all about illness and preventing sickness.

-We welcome Kyle to our infant room!

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Parent Teacher Conferences
- ◆ Daylight Savings
- ◆ Pie and Ice Cream Event
- ◆ Thanksgiving

Daylight Savings is this month!
Remember to set your clocks one hour **back** on Sunday November 6th!

Dear Parents

As always, we can't believe another month has come and gone. Here we are in November and before we know it, it will be a new year. This time of year always seems to fly by with the Holidays approaching but we are taking time to enjoy each and every day we get to spend with your child!

Thank you for trusting us with your child(ren) and being a part of our Today's Life family! Each and every child is so special and unique to us and we are thankful to have each one of them with us.

We would like to remind you that your child should have weather appropriate clothing here every day. Please remember to label your child's belonging so we can keep track of everything, avoid confusion, and so items don't get misplaced. Boots should be left in the hall outside your child's classroom to avoid the tile in classrooms getting slippery and the carpets dirty. Please bring a pair of inside shoes or slippers for your child to wear.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

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-November Themes-

Week 1: Farm Animals

Week 2: Fruits and Veggies

Week 3: Native Americans

Week 4: Thanksgiving

Week 5: Free Choice



-Congrats to the Kelm family on the birth of their baby boy, Benjamin!

-Congrats to the Harding family on the birth of their baby boy, Lewis!

- Please let us know if your child will be coming in late, leaving early, or gone on certain days during these upcoming months and especially around the holidays. We appreciate plenty of notice so we can plan accordingly for when our staff requests days off.

-We will be collecting items for the charity PROP from November 1st - 22nd. Please be generous to those in need this holiday season.

-Teddy Bear Portraits came last month and took school pictures! We hope you are happy with the way the pictures turned out.

-A friendly reminder that our yearly fee is due every January. The \$100.00 per child yearly fee will be due on January 2nd, 2017. Feel free to start making payments or pay in full at your earliest convenience.

-We are in the season of colds and runny noses which means we go through a LOT of Kleenex! Please consider donating boxes of Kleenex to your child's classroom. We would really appreciate it!

THANKFUL BOARD & BOX

-Early this month we will be creating a "THANKFUL BULLETIN BOARD" located by our south side entrance. It's for staff, children, and parents to write on post-its things that they're thankful for! Please write as many as you would like throughout the month. ☺

-There will also be a table with a "THANKFUL BOX" for parents and children to write notes to teachers! Feel free to write general notes or to be specific to individuals. It's a great way to use encouraging words to show your appreciation to your child(ren)'s teachers!

"Be kind. Be thoughtful. Be genuine. But most of all be thankful."



Fun Facts about Thanksgiving from

<http://www.coolest-holiday-parties.com/thanksgiving-facts.html>

- * The traditional cornucopia was a curved goat's horn filled to brim with fruits and grains
- * It was not until 1941, that congress declared Thanksgiving as a national holiday.
- * Fossil evidence shows that turkeys roamed the Americas 10 million years ago.
- * 91% of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving Day.
- * Benjamin Franklin wanted the national bird to be a turkey.
- * More than 40 million green bean casseroles are served on Thanksgiving.

Joke Box


What is the key to a great Thanksgiving meal?

The TurKEY!


What always comes at the end of Thanksgiving?

The letter G!

What is the best thing to put in your pumpkin pie?



Your teeth!



November Birthdays

- Penelope - 3rd
- Alex - 4th
- Emmy Lu - 11th
- Addie - 14th
- Corā K - 25th
- Kaj - 28th



Morning Activities at a Glance

Exciting News! We will be adding Meditation/Yoga to our weekly morning activities for the toddlers and preschoolers. There are many benefits for children when they mediate and calm their bodies. Some include: self regulation, concentration and attention, social skills, creativity, calming, and self-awareness.

Monday: Meditation and Yoga

Tuesday: Obstacle Course

Wednesday: Spanish by Mrs. Yesmin

Thursday: Music by Ms. Erinn

Friday: Spanish by Mrs. Yesmin

November Snack Ideas



Sweet Potato Recipe

Ingredients:

- 2 (15 oz) cans sweet potatoes
- ¼ cup orange juice
- ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- ½ cup white sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 pinch salt
- ½ cup margarine
- 1 ½ cups miniature marshmallows



Directions:

- 1) Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- 2) Place sweet potatoes in 10x6 inch shallow baking dish and pour orange juice over.
- 3) In a small bowl, combine flour, sugar, cinnamon and salt; mix together and cut in margarine. Sprinkle over sweet potatoes.
- 4) Bake for 30 minutes. Remove from oven, sprinkle with marshmallows and broil until browned.



Thanksgiving Kid's Table Décor Ideas

