

WEEKDAY NEWS
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CHURCH
November 2009

Parents,

I am so grateful for this month of Thanksgiving each year that reminds us to count our blessings! It is easy to get caught in the day to day and forget to say a simple "thank you" to God for all of the ways He richly blesses our lives. I know each one of you have your own joys and struggles as I do. But, I am reminded in God's word that we should "Give thanks in everything" (1Thes. 5:18).

I am thankful for the blessing of serving God by doing something I love. I am thankful for a wonderful staff of Christian sisters to work with each week. I am thankful for all of you who entrust us with the care of your precious ones. I am thankful for the children who bless our lives each and everyday here. But, most of all I am thankful for a God who cared enough to send for us His Son Jesus to save us from our sins! What an amazing God we serve!

This newsletter is filled with many goodies. All the classes are included in this edition, as well as a word from our music teacher. We have also included some recipes for you to make at home with your child. Enjoy counting your blessings with your children this month.

Your teachers have many wonderful things planned for your children this month. Classes will be celebrating Thanksgiving so be looking for that. Also remember that we will be having parent-teacher conferences for Preschool and Pre-K children the week of November the 9th. Make sure to schedule a time to talk with your child's teacher. They have been storing up lots of fun things to share about how great your child is!!

Denise Greenwood
Director of Weekday Ministries



MOTHER'S DAY OUT NOTES

Tiny Treasures

Wow, what a fantastic year we have had so far. We love snuggling and just loving on these precious gifts. We love this time of year; we can enjoy the weather and have some wonderful Holidays coming up. Your sweet little ones are such a blessing to us and we appreciate you sharing them.

Ms. Erin & Ms. Nichole

Jesus' Jewels

The family plays the most important role in the life of your child. This month we will help them learn how special their family is. Please remember to bring a 4x6 family picture for our picture art activity. Look for opportunities to enjoy quality time with your child. Bath time is the perfect opportunity! Make it a fun and happy time as you talk about how much you love them and how they are a special member of the family. As you prepare to eat a meal, let your child see and hear you thank God for the food he has provided. Your child will follow your example in attitude and action.

Next month your child will learn about the first Christmas. We will read from Luke 2:1-20. We want to be available to you and your family. Continue to help us know your child so that we can better meet the needs of your family.

Ms. Kelly & Ms. Debbi

Little Angels

What a great start for all our Little Angels this year. We have all adjusted so well to our schedule and are having a great time each day. In October we talked all about leaves, their colors and how they fall and twirl to the ground. Ask your child if they remember our song "Leaves are Falling" or the hand motions that go with it.

In November we will discuss being thankful for family and friends and for what God has blessed us with. Parents you doing a great job with the things we have asked of you and we appreciate it so much. We are thankful to have your child for a few hours each day.

Ms. Judy & Ms. Jessica

Sweet Surprises

We are having such a great year in Sweet Surprises! We are enjoying singing, learning and playing with your children. It seems like everyone's new favorite song is, "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes."

In September we learned that how God made each one of us. We are all different! In October we learned about the animals in God's world and what great sounds they make.

This month we will be learning about Thanksgiving and Fall. We will explore all the wonderful colors and changes in God's world and discover lots of reasons to give Him thanks. We will continue

through the alphabet with letters F, G and H. Our colors this month are orange and brown, and our shape is a circle (just like a pumpkin). At the end of the month we will enjoy a class Thanksgiving dinner, look for a sign-up to participate.

We truly cherish your kids and enjoy spending each day with them.

Ms. Krista & Ms. Susan

Precious Promises

We have had a great start to the school year. We have all learned everyone's names and we are working on ABC's, counting and shapes. The kids are all learning to thank God for everything we have...hands, feet, snacks, Mommy and Daddy and so on. The kids know when someone is out and will even ask where they are. The kids enjoy circle time and our thinking caps. They love singing, and they sing loud and proud. We all have a great time with each other and love being together. This is going to be a great year.

Ms. Ronita & Ms. Karri

Noah's Ark

Hello Moms and Dads! We are having a great year so far in Noah's Ark! The Lord has blessed us with a classroom full of kids that are kind and fun. We spent the first unit getting to know each other and making friends and now we are going to move into the holidays with lots of crafts and Bible stories. The classroom routine has been mastered by your little ones at this point and we have been extremely blessed not to have the flu or other illness invade our classroom so far. As the weather gets cooler, please remember to bring warm coats so that we may still take advantage of the outdoor playground. Thanks!

Ms. Maggie & Ms. Rachel

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

PRESCHOOL NOTES

Faithful Friends

Is it possible that it is November already? It seems like just yesterday was Open House and we were getting to meet your sweet little ones for the first time! During this season of Thanksgiving, I just wanted to tell you how thankful we are to have each one of your children in our class. They are so very special to us! So thank you for letting us share in a part of their week!

We have a very busy month ahead of us. We will be finishing up our unit on Discovering Autumn. Then we will spend a week talking about our great state of Oklahoma! We celebrated our state centennial a few years ago and we had so much fun, we wanted to keep using this unit! We will finish up the month talking about how special families are! There is no show and tell listed this month, but that is because we are going to take time to let our kiddos show off their great scrapbook pages you made as a family about your family! They just love this scrapbook and they look at it every day! There will also be a sign-up for our Thanksgiving party that will be on November 23rd.

We have so many fun projects that will be coming home this month that will definitely be keepers, so please keep an eye out for those Wednesday bags and folders. Take some time with your child to empty them out and ask them about everything in it. They are all very proud of their work!

Lastly, we will have Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 9th and 11th so there will also be a signup out soon for that as well.

Color: Brown and Purple

Shape: Triangle

Letters: G, H and I

Numbers: 1-10

Happy Thanksgiving,

Ms. Danielle and Ms. Jenette

Wee Wonders

Fall

Leaves are falling from the trees,

A crisp new chill is in the breeze.

Winter's coming, summer's gone.

The days are shorter; nights grow long.

How we love this season, Fall.

We welcome it, one and all.

This month, we will continue discovering fall, as well as facts about our state, and enjoy dressing up as cowboys and cowgirls! We will learn that families are special, make cute Thanksgiving crafts, and end with a unit on transportation. We thank God for every child in our class, and for each family!

Letters: G, H, I, J
Numbers: 7, 8, 9, 10
Colors: Brown and Purple
Shape: Triangle

Love, Ms. Karin and Ms. Reba

King's Kids

November is a busy month! We will explore God's forest and learn about hibernation. During this time the children will be able to share a favorite teddy bear from home for some fun classroom activities. We will celebrate Thanksgiving with a Thanksgiving Feast, on Monday, November 23rd, and talk about God's many gifts to us.

I will be scheduling parent-teacher conferences where we will have a chance to share all of your child's accomplishments and answer any questions or concerns you may have. This will take place the week of the 9th.

This time of year reminds us of all our blessings and we are so thankful to have each of your children in our class.

Letters: E, H, T
Numbers: 7, 8, 9
Colors: Black & Purple
Shape: Triangle

Ms. Cynthia & Ms. Autumn



Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day
We bow our hearts to You and pray.
We give You thanks for all You've done
Especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son.
For beauty in nature, Your glory we see
For joy and health, friends and family,
For daily provision, Your mercy and care
These are the blessings You graciously share.
So today we offer this response of praise
With a promise to follow You all of our days.
- Mary Fairchild

PRE-K NOTES

Sonshine Kids

Fall is in the air and we can't believe it is November! We are well established in our classroom routine with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Bible starting our day. We are continuing through the alphabet with letters H, I and J. Our units are "Oklahoma", "God's Fall Gifts" and "We Thank God." We are enjoying our cooking projects on Fridays. A few of the things we have planned include: Oklahoma Cornbread, Pumpkin Pie in a Bag and Turkey Treats. Please watch for the Sunshine Kids' Cookbook. It has all of our fabulous recipes for you to try with your child at home.

Please continue to work with your children on handwriting. We are proud of their progress. We are learning our phone numbers at school but we need your help with addresses! In October during our Safety unit, we practiced 911 calls on old cell phones. However, we quickly realized that no one knew their address. For the safety of your children, they need to know where they live, the names of their parents and a phone number.

Please take time this month to thank God for the many blessings He has given us. Your children are a blessing to us and we thank God for each of them. Have a happy Thanksgiving!

Ms. Patricia and Ms. Angela

Sun Beams

What a great October we had together! We had a blast dressing Scott like a cow and learning about life on the farm. Our safety helpers unit was so important and the kids really loved visiting with police officer Bell. And, I love the family unit where we talk about obeying mom and dad (I'm sure you do too!). The fall party was great. Thanks to all of you who brought goodies!!

November promises to be both educational and fun as well. We will study our Oklahoma heritage in November and learn about the top four industries in Oklahoma. I love the fall unit because it's packed with fun and beautiful artwork created by your little darlings. We may even find a future Van Gogh in our group! Finally, we will talk a whole lot of turkey during the Thanksgiving unit. But, most importantly, we will talk about the blessings of God and how we can show our thanks to God and to others.

We will continue working on our printing by specifically focusing on the letters H, I, and J. We will practice writing through journaling and writing thank you cards. I encourage you to reinforce classroom teaching by working with your child on writing their names, phone numbers, etc. Also, reading to and with your child is so important and will really give them a head start on reading readiness as they approach kindergarten.

We are so THANKFUL for the love of God and for each of you. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Ms. Suzanne & Ms. Lindsay

Glad Tidings

O-K-L-A-H-O-M-A Oklahoma, O-K! I'm sure you all know and enjoy our state song. We are so excited to begin our study of Oklahoma, past and present. We will also spend lots of time giving thanks to God for all the things He blesses us with. Thanksgiving is such a great opportunity to remind us that all great things are gifts from above! God's Fall Gifts will also be a unit of study for November.

Watch for a sign-up sheet for Parent/Teacher conferences and our Thanksgiving party. Review letters A - J with your child at home. Don't forget to look at upper and lower case letters as well as the sounds each makes. Also work on learning your telephone number and address. We are thankful for you and your children. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Ms. Candace and Ms. Cynthia

"EXTRAS"

Music

What a wonderful start we have had in music class! These kiddos are having a great time with singing, movement, and learning pitch and rhythm. We have only just begun, but I can already tell it will be a great year! The Lord has gifted each one of your precious children with a voice to sing Him praises. I am excited about nurturing that gift! We are working on songs about everything from God loving everyone, to bumblebees. We are also already beginning on our music for the Christmas program this December. It's an exciting time, and they are a joy to teach! Thank you for letting me be a part of their learning!

Amy Barnhill



Pumpkin Pie in a Bag (for 2 people)

1/8 cup milk
2 T canned pumpkin (not pie filling)
dash of cinnamon
dash of ginger
1 T vanilla pudding mix
1 T graham cracker crumbs or two ginger snaps
whipped topping

quart-size zip freezer bag

1. Combine the milk and instant pudding in the bag. The mix should have the consistency of pudding. If it is too runny, add pudding mix. If it is too thick, add milk.
2. Remove the air from the bag and seal it.
3. Squeeze and knead with hands until the mixture is blended—about one minute.
4. Add the pumpkin, cinnamon and ginger.
5. Remove the air and seal the bag.
6. Squeeze and knead with hands until blended—about two minutes.
7. Place ½ tablespoon of graham cracker crumbs or one ginger snap in the bottom of each cup.
8. Cut the corner of the freezer bag, and squeeze pie filling into the cups.
9. Garnish the cups with whipped topping.
10. Provide spoons. Enjoy!

Follow directions as above and squeeze mixture into tart-size pre-made graham cracker crusts, or place a ginger snap at the bottom of small cups to serve as crust.



Anna's Chocolate Chip Pumpkin Bread

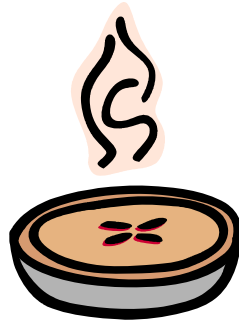
3 cups brown sugar
1 (15oz) can pumpkin puree
1 cup vegetable oil
1/3 cup water
4 eggs
3 ½ cups sifted all purpose flour
1 ½ tsp ground cinnamon

2 tsp baking soda
1 ½ tsp salt
2 cups chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour three 9X5 inch loaf pans or one 13X17 inch pan.

Beat eggs with sugar. Add oil, water and pumpkin; mix well. Combine flour, salt, soda and cinnamon; add to pumpkin mixture and mix well. Fold in chocolate chips. Fill pans ½ to ¾ full.

Bake for 1 hour, or until an inserted knife comes out clean. Cool on wire racks.



Oatmeal Cookie Apple Pie

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Mix together ½ cup sugar and tablespoon of cinnamon.

Fill 9" pie crust with sliced Granny Smith apples. Sprinkle cinnamon and sugar mixture between each layer of apples.

Prepare one batch of your favorite oatmeal cookie dough. (Betty Crocker oatmeal cookie mix works well.)

Cover apples with cookie dough and sprinkle remaining sugar and cinnamon mixture over the top. Pecans can be sprinkled on top too.

Bake for 35-40 minutes.

Calendar of Events

Nov 1 st - Daylight Saving Time Ends
Nov 6 th - No School
Nov 9 th , 11 th & 13 th - Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov 11 th - Book Orders Due
Nov 23 rd - Thanksgiving Parties
Nov 25 th & 27 th - Closed for Thanksgiving Break
Dec 2 nd - Book Orders Due
Dec 3 rd - Christmas Program (Preschool & Pre-K)
Dec 14 th , 16 th & 18 th - Christmas Parties
Dec 21 st – Jan 1 st - Closed for Christmas Break

Sunday Schedule at QSBC

Morning Worship Services
Traditional – 8:15 & 11 a.m.
Contemporary – 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 & 11 a.m.
Evening Worship Service 6:30 p.m.



Student Birthdays

Cali-Kae Peters	11/02/06
Carlea Boyd	11/05/04
Brayden Maples	11/08/05
Clara Quick	11/09/05
Kyler Ketchum	11/09/05
Jackson Hill	11/12/04
Carter Dani	11/13/06
Braeden Robertson	11/15/04
Aeric Creekmore	11/18/05
Ethan Jeffers	11/20/07
Noah Lee	11/21/06
Triston Rodriguez	11/23/04
Zane Johnson	11/30/05

Teacher Birthdays

Karri Bigelow	11/05
Autumn Wagner	11/23



Daylight Savings Time ends November 1st. Remember to set your clocks back one hour.