

OSLS Kindergarten News



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This week we:

- ◆ We did not have five days of school this week, but I think we packed in five days of activities into just two. The days were filled with fun as we celebrated Thanksgiving!
- ◆ The students enjoyed a variety of Thanksgiving books, including **We Are Thankful** and **Count Your Blessings**. It was also fun to watch some Thanksgiving videos about the Pilgrims and Native Americans. Thanks be to God especially for sending us our Savior, Jesus. We are truly blessed beyond measure and look forward to the gift of eternal life in heaven.
- ◆ This past week we continued to learn about the meaning of Thanksgiving as well as the historical facts surrounding the first Thanksgiving. We learned that life is much easier now, and we were all amazed at how hard Pilgrim children worked. What chores do your children have that are similar today?
- ◆ It was fun to dress like the Native Americans and the Pilgrims. We also pretended that we were on the Mayflower. What a long journey it was and hard for us to imagine!
- ◆ We learned how some of the berries that were native to the area were cranberries. We made cranberry relish for our feast. We also had a lot of fun making butter out of cream. You could try it at home. Just pour a little heavy cream in a jar and shake. We used two jars to see which container had the butter ball form first. Pour off the excess liquid and enjoy it on some bread or muffins. In preparation for each of these we learned a lot watching some special videos.
- ◆ We used our woven placemats to learn how to set a beautiful table for Thanksgiving. I hope your child will be able to provide assistance over the holidays to help with table settings. Ask your child where the napkin, fork, glass, etc. go. I also wanted to instill upon the children the willingness to help others over the holidays and to use good manners.
- ◆ The students had fun making apple turkeys to add to your table or counter decorations.
- ◆ Our feast was a wonderful event this year. The students had fun making paper houses, dolls and costumes to go with the Thanksgiving story. They can use these to pretend to sail on the Mayflower, land on Plymouth Rock, build a common house, struggle through the winter, etc. We also had time to play some Thanksgiving games like "Turkey Squeeze", "Turkey Left & Right", "Bump...Thanksgiving Pie", "Thanksgiving Roll & Cover", "Thanksgiving Compare Cards", etc. We sequenced the Thanksgiving story and then thought about what they would have taken on the Mayflower if they were a Pilgrim. Finally, our feast was delicious! We enjoyed turkey, cornbread muffins, butter, beans, mashed potatoes, cranberry relish, cupcakes, and apple cider. Our feast and party activities did not last three days like the first Thanksgiving, but we sure enjoyed the time we had. Thanks God! A special thanks goes to the Teague, Borcharding, and Newbold families as they helped to make our celebration great!

**May God bless your families with love this Thanksgiving!
Happy Thanksgiving!**

- ◆ Last week we enjoyed learning about hibernation. We especially had fun making little caves for pretend bears to hibernate in. You can see these outside of our kindergarten classroom.

Upcoming Events

THANKS TO ALL OF THE MOMS THAT HELPED WITH PREPARING ITEMS FOR KINDERGARTEN AND WITH THE FEAST TODAY!!! WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP SO MUCH!!!

Nov. 21-23 No School - Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 26-27 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Forms with assigned dates and times for families were sent home.

Nov. 30 PTL Ornament Painting Night & Bake Sale at 6pm (\$10 per ornament)

Dec. 21 Kindergarten Christmas Party Parents of Eden Douglas, Arabella Lipsey, Ella McNeely, Zoey Miller, and Liam Teague will be coordinating this party. A separate email will be going out to these parents in the next few weeks. If you are on this committee and know you cannot help or attend, let Caitlin Teague know so she can plan accordingly. Thanks! The time of the party is to be determined yet. I want to find out if there are schoolwide activities that day.

If your child needs to use extended care, please sign up in advance by using this link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0949a8ac2da4f58-november>

Homework

Memory Work for Friday, Nov. 30 is: "For unto you is born this day...a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

Books to Save: What Are You Thankful For? In Went Thanksgiving

First Trimester Words to Save: me, my, go, up, the, I, a, can, red, blue, yellow, green, purple, orange, an, at, black, brown, do, gray, is, like, pink, see, this, we, white, on, in, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, am, and, as, did, saw, that, have, it, in, yes, no, not, has, sees, look, was

Second Trimester Words: are, to, need, here, come, you, for, went, now

Put these words on flash cards for your child. Play matching games, Bingo, etc.

Please review the words listed above regularly with your child. Thanks!

I will ask your child to read these words to me for an assessment. Keep practicing regularly and have your child look for these words in other books you have at home as well. If your child is able to read these words already, encourage your child to use these words in his/her writing. See if he/she can spell them.

★ Practice left and right with your child (right hand / left hand; as well as right side of a paper, or turn

to the left, etc.) Help your child to learn that when you read, the left page always is read before the right page. See if your child can track print. Have him/her find the first word on the page, the last word, etc. How many words are in each sentence? Where is the end of the sentence? Take note of the periods, question marks, exclamation marks, etc. Watch your child track print, one word at a time - left to right, top to bottom.

Also, please help your child learn to put on his/her shoes and socks independently.

★ Review the letters Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd, Ee, Ff, Gg, Hh, Ii, Jj, Kk, Ll, Mm, Nn, Oo, Pp, Qq, Rr, Ss, Tt, Uu, Vv, Ww, Xx, Yy, and Zz with your child. Help him/her to recognize them out of order. Talk about their sounds. Practice printing them.

★ Help your child to hold a pencil correctly. Only the pointer finger should be on top of the pencil.