

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. I also demonstrated making butter out of cream. Two little containers were sent home so you could try it at home. Just pour a little heavy cream in each container and shake. See which container has the butter ball formed 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, corn, mashed potatoes, cranberry relish, pumpkin pie, 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 to the Steinback and Andrews family who donated some of the food to make our celebration great!

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

Upcoming Events

Nov. 22-24 No School - Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 13 Kindergarten–Grade 4 Advent Service
This service will be presented by just the kindergarten and grades 1-4 students. All students are needed. There will be speaking parts and songs presented by each grade. You will not want to miss this special service. Please mark your calendars Kindergarten students will meet in the kindergarten room no later than 6:15p.m. The service will begin at 6:30p.m.

I posted 3 videos of one of our practices. The kindergarten students recite all of [Luke 2:15-20](#). The videos are on the blog if you would like to see what we are learning and help at home as well.

Dec. 20 Christmas Party in Kindergarten - (Time is to be determined and will most likely follow lunch.)
****Early dismissal**** 1:50p.m. for kindergarten (2:00 for grades 1-8)

Dec. 21-Jan. 2 NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK

Jan. 3 School resumes.

Homework

Memory Work for Dec. 1 is Silent Night . Please help your child learn these 3 verses of Silent Night. The children will be singing these verses for the Advent service on Dec. 13.

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child
Holy Infant, tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia;
Christ, the Savior is born,
Christ, the Savior is born.

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Books to Save: (No new books were added this week.)

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, you, 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 to Save: are, to, need, here, went, now