

# OSLS Kindergarten News



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## Special Activities this Week:

★ This time of year is a joyful time as we reflect on the blessings that God has given to us. We have enjoyed trying to count our blessings and realized that there is no end to them. What a loving Father we have! We especially thank God for the blessing of salvation through His Son, Jesus. We made "thankful turkeys" that are now on display outside of our classroom. On each of the feathers the students listed items they are thankful for.

In Reading we focused on adjectives. The students tried to come up with color, number, size, or other words that would describe something that they are thankful for. Using adjectives in writing helps the reader to create a visual picture. Also we learn to stretch words to hear the sounds, learn proper spacing and include proper capitalization and punctuation.

In Math we are learning the concept of 1 more and 1 less. Although this concept sounds easy, it is often quite difficult for five year olds and their thinking is evident in drawings. Over Thanksgiving while sharing food items ask questions such as: "How many more \_\_\_\_\_ pieces does Mom have than you?" The students had to illustrate this story problem. *Hannah had a bouquet of 6 flowers. Sam had one more than Hannah. Draw a picture to show how many flowers Sam had.* It was interesting for me to observe that some students drew Sam holding only one flower. We used manipulatives and a variety of ways to help the students understand the concept of one more verses having just one. On another activity the students had to give a sheepdog one more bone than the Labrador. Demonstrate this concept of one more or less to your child using little items around the house.

This week a considerable amount of time was spent getting ready for our big Thanksgiving Feast. Students made Native American headbands and vests. They also learned to "weave" like the Native Americans as we made paper placemats for our feast. This also helped to reinforce the patterning skills that we have been working on. On the Native American attire they used patterns and pictures (writing symbols) to tell a story. They learned that an alphabet was not used by the Native Americans long ago. We can see their picture stories today on some cave walls, for instance.

Thanks to everyone that came to meet with me during conferences this week and last Thursday. Please contact me if you ever have any question or concern. Parent/teacher communication is a vital component to help ensure the success of your child. I also pray for each of my students and your families. God be with you all!

## Upcoming Events

- Nov. 26 Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast - Thanks to those that have offered to help! Your child does not need to bring or order a lunch. It will be provided.
- Nov. 27-29 No School — Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 6 One hour late start
- Dec. 13 PTL Family Movie Night 6:00pm
- Dec. 16 School Christmas Program - 6:30pm Please mark your calendars. Kindergarten will be singing a song and part of it will be in German.
- Dec. 20 One hour late start
- Kindergarten class Christmas party—Parents hosting the party will be contacted soon. We need one family for each of the following: table game, floor game, craft, & snack Please plan the activities and let Mrs. Cronauer know plans the week before. Thanks!
- Dec. 23-Jan. 3 No School - Christmas Break
- Jan. 6 School resumes.
- Jan. 17 One hour late start
- Jan. 20 No School
- Jan. 26 Kindergarten and Early Childhood sing in church at the 10:30a.m. traditional service.

Keep watching this page on the kindergarten newsletter as well as the school calendar as dates and events will continue to be added.

### Homework

Memory Work: There is no Memory Work for next week.

Books to Save: In Went Thanksgiving Thanks God

1st Tri. Words: a, can, I, me, my, the, God, go, up, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, black, white, brown, pink, tan, gray, an, at, do, eight, five, four, in, is, it, like, nine, on, one, see, seven, six, ten, this, three, two, we, am, and, as, did, saw, that, have, yes, no, not, has, sees, was, look

2nd Tri. Words: Jesus, are, need, God, for, now, went, here, to, come

Please help your child learn to put on a coat independently and know how to zip and fasten it.

Also, please help your child learn to put on shoes without assistance and also help your child learn to tie his/her shoes independently.

If we have snow and an air temperature that does not have a windchill in the teens or lower, we will go outside if children are dressed appropriately. You may send boots & snow pants so your child may play in the snow. Your child does not have to leave these at school. They can bring them home so you do not have to purchase an additional set for home. Please send a bag for your child to carry/store these items so it can be placed on their hook. Thanks!