OSLS Kindergarten News



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Special Activities this Week:

- 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 <u>We Are Thankful</u> and <u>Count Your Blessings</u>. 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.

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, corn, cranberry relish, turkey brownies, 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 Borcherding, Calvert, Dutchess, Beltz, Blink, Curbox, Pierson, & Shoemaker families as they helped to make our celebration great with their donations and/or assistance for the feast!

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

- 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 for Friday. December 6 is: "For unto you is born this day.....a Savior. who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11 Books to Save: There were no new books to save this week.

- <u>1st Tri. Words:</u> 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!