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GREAT BEGINNINGS CHRISTIAN CHILD CARE CENTER

Newsletter

From the Director's Desk...

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Welcome November, it's a great time of year! The air is finally crisp, the leaves are inviting us to join the pile and we have a holiday focused on giving God our thanks!

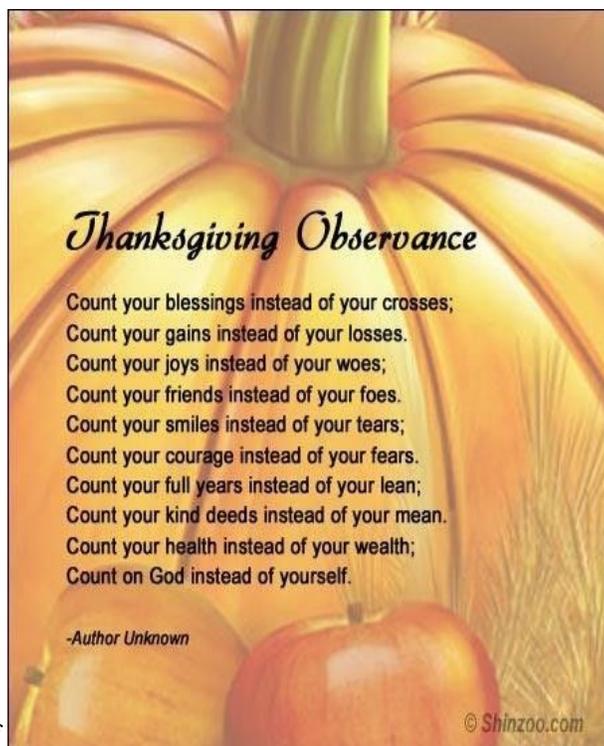
Some important dates to remember:

11/7—Cookie Delivery

11/16—Thanksgiving Feast, Miss Terrie prepares a turkey and trimmings lunch for the children. There will be a sign-up board in the entryway if you would like to contribute to the meal.

11/23 & 11/24—Center Closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

12/1—Christmas Program we gather at Saginaw Valley Nazarene Church on Tittabawasee and I-675, where each class will present songs, dance or poetry for your enjoyment—a great way to kick off the Christmas season!



Young Infant

Miss Jenny

Wow! It's November already. November is a special month where we celebrate Thanksgiving. A special time to give thanks for all that God has blessed us with. We recently welcomed the Gagnon family and their adorable 2 month old Daxton. Daxton makes number 8 in our room and our friends were so curious to see our new little friend.

This month we will work on Communicating. You might ask, "How can small babies communicate?" Babies are born with the ability to cry, which is how they communicate for a while. We begin to recognize what their cries mean. They may be hungry, tired, or need a clean diaper or just need to feel the security of being held. They will also learn how to communicate through their senses. We will be working on using touch, singing songs, repetition of sounds and even sign language. Until next month, God Bless and Happy Thanksgiving.



Older Infant

November comes
And November goes,
With the last red leaves
And the first white snows.

With night coming early
And dawn coming late,
With ice in the sand buckets
And frost by the gate.

It's not quite winter yet
But it's clear to us all,
What kind of fun things
We can do in the fall.

We'll play in the yard out back,
We hope to find leaves in a big stack.
When suddenly the older infants give a big grin,
That pile of leaves is for them to jump in.

Please Mom & Dad don't forget...
My hat and my mittens, my coat,
Snow pants and boots today.
I'll need them because I want to go outside and play



Miss Ann

Young Toddler

Brr! That cold fall weather that we've been pushing off is coming in with the start of this new month. As always, (weather permitting) we will be going outside almost daily for a good length of time. Make sure to bring coats, hats and mittens daily, and when the snow hits boots and snow pants. We love that time outside adventuring and running off energy. The



temperature change does little to get in our way of fun.

November is a month of thankfulness and being together. I love this month for that reason. I love spending quality time with my family and all of the other people in my life that

Miss Clancy

I love. I hope all of us get a chance to make that time and be together. I cannot wait to do some final autumn crafts and turkey crafts with the kids. We will also be doing some sensory play with fall objects like corn, leaves, pinecones, and possibly a little bit of snow. I'm looking forward to watching this group grow even more! I'm so thankful I get to be their teacher.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Older Toddler

What are you thankful for? This is the time of year most people show more patience and dig a little deeper in their pockets to share what we have with those that may not have enough or less than. We see all the ugliness in the world right now, we can't turn the TV or radio on without hearing something that has gone horribly wrong. I know God is still in control and has the final say, it can be scary and overwhelming when you are trying to raise your

children in this world. So I want to say I'm thankful to God that I am able to come to my job everyday and look into your sweet children's face and see the pure innocence, to hear them belly laugh and see the love they have for their friends and teachers. It is special and an honor that we as staff don't take lightly. We are thankful and grateful to you that you entrust your most precious of treasures into our hands everyday. We enjoy our days with them, watching

them blossom into their own little persons, it is truly a blessing.

I hope you all take time to enjoy the holidays with family and friends. Slow down and savor the sights, smells and sounds of the season and to make memories. These little people grow so quickly, we blink and its gone. Lets make the most of our time!

God Bless all our families and Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

Miss De

Threes

As the month of November goes by in the Threes Room, we will be busy as we focus on Harvest Time, I'm Thankful-Being Thankful, and Thanksgiving. Harvest Time will include activities such as painting with potato mashers, making a food collage, sorting gourds and talking about vegetables and fruit.

With Thanksgiving approaching, we will be sharing our thoughts about being



thankful for people in our life, friends and family as well as our pets. We will be creating many special projects such as Indian headbands and several turkeys.

Each year at this time, we are treated to an AWESOME Extra Special Lunch made by Ms. Terrie. A big heartfelt thankyou to all of you who donate the food to help make this such a success!

Mark your calendars for Friday, Dec. 1st at 6:30 pm for our annual Christmas Program.

Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving! May you all be blessed and surrounded with love by your family and friends at this time of year.

Happy Birthday Lucas and Bennett!



**It's that time of the year again, please include a hat and mittens each day for your child. We ask that you please label your belongings also.



Fours

With November here, I'm really looking forward to all the excitement and awareness this month brings. Learning about the first Thanksgiving, the groups of people who were there, the trials and hardships, that were overcome and the fascinating facts and history involved are so exciting and inspiring. The boys and girls are so drawn to this wonderful holiday... me too! ©

To bring this special event in our history a little closer, I'll be planning activities and projects such as: making butter, dyeing cloth,



trading, learning "The Legend of the Five Kernels", making cornbread and creating headbands and Pilgrim hats! Though the "Thanksgiving Day" Native Americans lived in "wetus," we'll be setting up a teepee in our book area to enjoy! The class will also explore the concept of Thankfulness during the Thanksgiving season. We'll have a "Thankful Jar" set up in our room the month of November. A special Thanksgiving lunch is also

being planned with turkey and "all the fixins!" The boys and girls look so cute wearing the "head gear" they've made to "re-enact" this special meal!

For phonics in November, we'll be introduced to another vowel, letter Ii, and we'll also be covering letters Jj, Kk and Ll. A week will be spent reviewing. In math, we'll be working on estimating and working with the inch measurement, along with graphing and patterning.

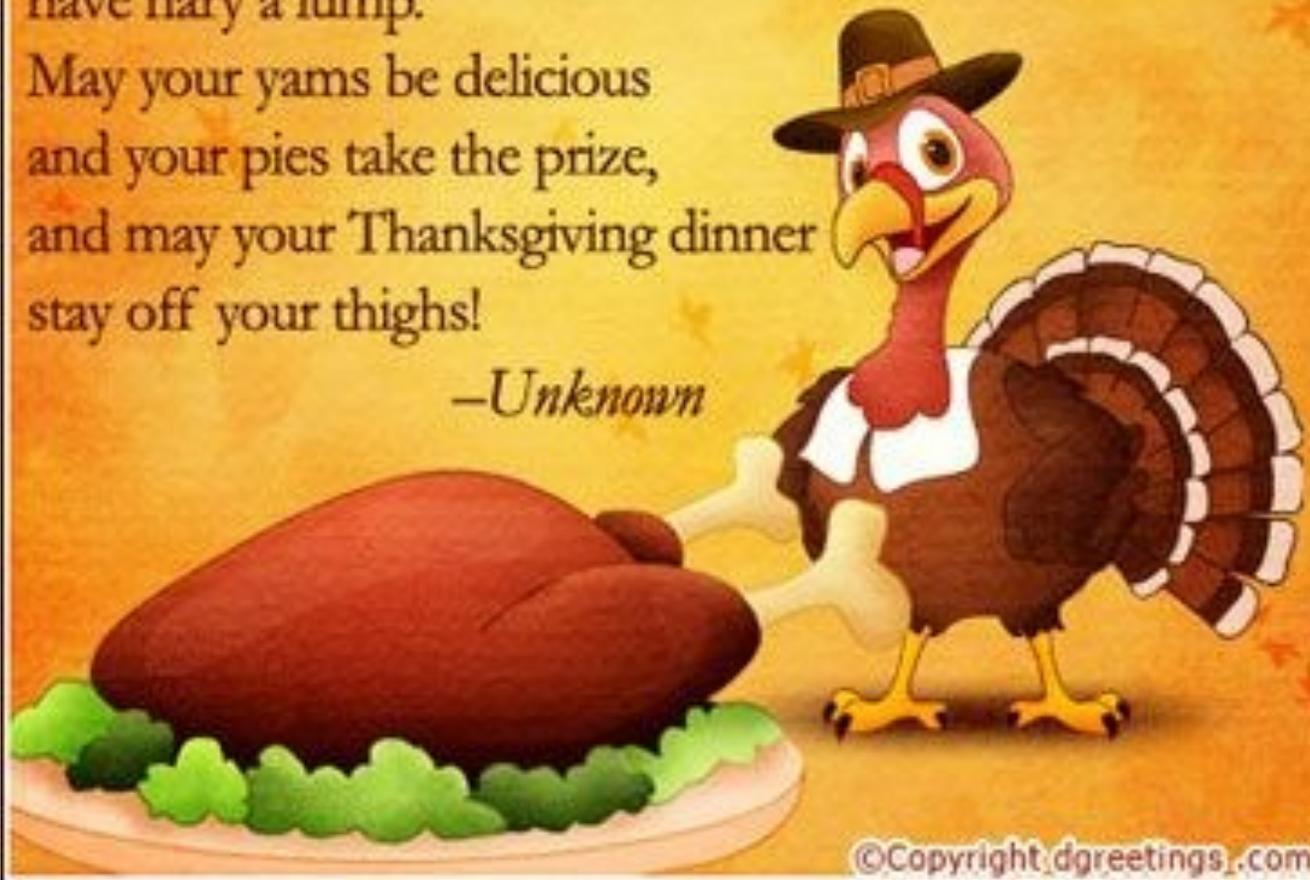
We have so much to be thankful to God for this Thanksgiving season!

Happy Thanksgiving to each of you!

May your stuffing be tasty
May your turkey plump,
May your potatoes and gravy
have nary a lump.

May your yams be delicious
and your pies take the prize,
and may your Thanksgiving dinner
stay off your thighs!

—Unknown



*God bless you in this
holiday season!*