

## Director's Desk...

Wow, November already! It was just summer a moment ago and now all the Christmas décor are flooding the stores. Speaking of Christmas, mark your calendars for **Friday, December 7th. Our Annual Christmas Program is that evening at 6:30pm.** The program is held at Saginaw Valley Church of the Nazarene, 1815 Tittabawassee Rd. (right next to I-675). For those of you who are new to us, the Christmas Program includes all of the age groups starting with the Young Infants all the way up to the Young 5's/Kindergarten class. Each class comes up and does a bit of poetry, song, dance or all of the above!

It finishes with the Y5/Kindergarten class who act out the Christmas story. The whole event lasts about an hour and is a very heartwarming way to start the holiday season. So invite family and friends to share this evening of celebration.



Now back to November!  
**Cookie Dough delivery**

## Young Infant

Greetings from the Young Infants! November is a special month where we celebrate Thanksgiving. A special time to give thanks to all that God has blessed us with. In October we welcomed the Konesko family and their little angel Chloe to Great Beginnings. She absolutely loves playing with all her new

friends. We are so happy to have her join our class. This month we will be working 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,

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**should be Tuesday, November 13**, unless they tell me otherwise. Another big event for the boys and girls will be **Thursday, November 15th, we have a Thanksgiving Feast for lunch.** There will be a sign up sheet in the entryway if you would like to contribute to the meal or even help Miss Terrie in the kitchen. It's a nice way for the children to try a turkey dinner before the "big event". Swing on by and have a bite to eat with the children if you're in the area.

The **center is closed Thanksgiving day and the day after, November 22 & 23.** If your child is off the whole week, you can use it as a "free week", but there will be no partial weeks available.

Miss Jenny

tired, need a diaper change 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.

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## Older Infants

Autumn is definitely here as we're discovering with the temperature changes. The children don't seem to mind as they have been happy to explore outdoors. We have been investigation pumpkins, gourds, leaves and Fall colors by using their senses. In November we will continue touching and feeling the texture of the pumpkins, gourds

and leaves. We also will use their sense of smell and taste as they use their mouth and noses to explore these items also. We will also have the children experiment with sound as they hit the gourds together and bang them on the floor. We also explored the fall colors painting on the pumpkins and gourds.

Please remember to pro-

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vide warm indoor and outdoor clothes for your infant and label items. On days we venture outside children should have a jacket and hat accessible.

In November remember: There is something in every season, in every day, to celebrate with thanksgiving.

## Toddlers

Well time flies when you are having fun, and this past month flew by. I hope you all had a fun and safe Halloween. Thank you to all you parents for participating in our Harvest Party. The friends really got into carving our pumpkin, they were great at cleaning the seeds and pulp out of it, some even tasted it!

Happy Thanksgiving! I hope you all will be able to enjoy the upcoming holidays. I

believe it is important to treasure the time and the people we have in our lives when we can. I've learned time is precious because you can't get it back, so we need to make the most of it with those that are the most important and make awesome memories. Our little ones are only this little for a short time, we blink and they are gone. I know holidays can be stressful with the shopping, cooking, baking and visiting or

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guests at your house. Our friends will feel whatever you feel so make sure you take time to sit back, relax and enjoy, and have some fun!

We will be planning activities that will go with our theme of Harvest and Thanksgiving. Painting turkeys, making headbands and painting with corn, it will be fun. Have a great month!

"Give thanks to the Lord  
for His lovingkindness, and for  
His wonders to the sons of men!  
For He has satisfied the  
thirsty soul, and the Hungry  
soul He has filled with what is good."

Psalms 107:8-9

## Threes

Wow! Where did the past month go? I hope that everyone had a fun and safe Halloween! Thank you to everyone who made our Harvest Party at daycare turn out so well! The kids really enjoyed it!

As it turns to November, the hustle and bustle of the season approaching is in the air (especially at the stores). Slow down and take this month to focus on your family and all that you are grateful for in your life! ☺

In our room, we will be definitely talking with the kids about being Thankful as Thanksgiving gets closer and help them to think of things that they are thankful for. Children give some cute answers sometimes! ☺

We will be spending some time talking about Harvest Time (fruits and vegetables).

Being Thankful ~ Thanksgiving! We will be creating a few different turkeys and take part

Miss Di

in a Thanksgiving Lunch at the daycare! The children will be wearing Indian Headbands they create for this celebration!

Please remember to dress your child for the weather and to label the outside gear that they will be needing (mittens, hat, snow pants & boots). We do go outside every day from 9:00-10:00 unless the windchill is below zero! Dress Warm!

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## Happy Birthday to Lily!!!

Thank you Thank you Thank you

Thank you to Carter and family for the Halloween Tattoos!

Thank you to Hailey and family for the gloves for our friends!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, Miss Di



## Fours

What a great Harvest Party! We had so much fun! Thank you for all you so generously shared! Your participation made our party a true success!

With November here, I'm really looking forward to all the excitement and awareness this month brings. Learning about the first Thanksgiving and 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.

To bring this special event in our history a little closer, I'll be planning activities and projects such as: making butter, trading, learning "The Legend of Five Kernels of Corn," 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 explore the concepts of thankfulness during the Thanksgiving season. A special Thanksgiving lunch is also being planned with turkey and "all the fixins!" The boys and girls will look so cute wearing the "head gear"

they've made to "reinject" this special meal!

For phonics in November, we'll be introduced to another vowel ~ letter li and we'll also be covering letters Jj, Kk, Ll and a week will be spent reviewing. In math, we'll be working on estimating, and working with the 1 inch measurement.

We have so much to be thanking God for this Thanksgiving season! I hope you can spend some time this season doing just that! Happy Thanksgiving to each of you!

**Happy Birthday to Lucas!**

Miss Heidi

## Kindergarten News

In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. I Thessalonians 5:8

This is the month of Thanksgiving and we will be talking a lot about having a thankful heart. God has given us every good gift—our family; our food, our warm clothes and even His son Jesus. We will also be learning about healthy eating and food groups. We are so blessed with an abundance of food in our country. As part of our history we will do



some reading and fun activities about our first Thanksgiving.

During our Writing and Phonics time we are still reviewing our vowels and adding more consonants. This month we will introduce Dd, Hh, Mm, Cc and Nn. The boys and girls are truly learning to write the letters in a beautiful way. Soon we will begin blending our consonants and vowels together. This is a huge step to becoming a reader.

Our math centers are progressing nicely too. We are counting in the 40 family and counting by 10's to 100. We still have a big focus on the teen family, the

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hardest family of all! Our patterns are becoming more complex and wonderful to behold.

Christmas program here we come. Because our program is Dec. 7 the first Friday in Dec., we will be in full swing program practice starting Nov. 1. It will be amazing again, so invite Grandpa, Grandma, Aunts, Uncles, cousins and all the neighbors. It will warm your heart for sure.

Details about our Nov. field trip coming soon. Watch the "Parent Wall".

Happy Thanksgiving to All!!! ☺