



# Newsletter

## The Office...

**Happy Thanksgiving** to all our families and friends!

This year has been a challenge when it comes to being grateful, but God always has blessings and lessons for us. He uses times like these to remind us what is **truly** important in our lives and to cherish what we do have. When it comes to Great Beginnings, I am thankful for:

- ◆ The love and grace of God.
- ◆ Our good health
- ◆ The center still being open
- ◆ The faithfulness of staff
- ◆ The bravery and support of families

- ◆ The financial support of grants

And all these things make it possible to have...

- ◆ **These AMAZING and wonderful boys and girls in our lives!**

Let's continue the good fight to keep us all healthy and together!



### Important dates:

**Nov. 4th—Panda Express Fundraiser.** Online orders only order.pandaexpress.com or via App. Apply code 901214 in the Coupon Code box.

## Miss Amy

Thank you!!

**Nov. 19th—Thanksgiving Feast.** Miss Terrie prepares a Thanksgiving feast so the children can try it before the big day. If anyone would like to donate a turkey, pie or cookies, please call the office and let us know. If anyone would like to volunteer to help Miss Terrie we'd be happy to have you, let us know! Thanks!

**Nov. 26 & 27—Center is closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday.**

Due to Covid-19, we will not be having **The Christmas Program** this year. Hopefully next year's holiday season will be normal.

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## Young Infant

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, Our Blessings we recall; The things we are most thankful for, We recollect them all. You (our babies) are really special, In all you say and do. You make a difference in our lives; We're thankful now for you!

Happy "1st" Thanksgiving to all our babies. So much greatness in such a small package. Each day they are changing and it's fun to watch.



If November is like the past months it will fly by and the babies will be trying new feats. We are working on sitting up on our own and holding our own bottles. Everyday I sit by the window with each child and talk about the change in seasons. We watch the leaves change colors and then fall off. We even spotted those little white flakes floating about.

## Miss Ann

Maybe we'll have future meteorologists.

In today's world we have lots of craziness but we also have so much to thank our gracious Lord for.

I wish you all a safe, healthy & Happy Thanksgiving!

## Older Infant



Happy November, a time to give thanks and count our blessings. This year has definitely been rough, but seeing the smiles on the little one's faces as they learn something new is a major blessing. I, for one, am beyond thankful to be able to help our older infants learn and grow!

Speaking about learning—Congratulations are in order for Hussain who discovered that walking is actually a pretty fun way to get around, and to Cole who is now crawling around at the speed of light!

Our theme this month will be Thanksgiving. We'll sing

## Miss Loren

some turkey songs and do some fun Thanksgiving crafts.

Happy Birthday to:

Kendall—11/3

Waverly—11/4

Hussain—11/13

## Toddlers

Happy Thanksgiving! And happy holidays to you and your families. I hope you all get to take some time off during the holidays, it is always nice to take some time to decompress, especially this year. What are your favorite memories of the holidays? Are they recent or past memories? What is your favorite holiday activity? Baking, family get togethers, decorating the tree?

One of my favorite memories and activities would be going to cut down the family Christmas tree. It would take us forever to find the perfect tree but we had fun looking and snowball fights and hay ride and hot cider, good memories.

This month our theme is on Harvest time and Giving Thanks. We will be having out annual Thanksgiving Feast. We will be having tur-

key, corn, pie/cookies, mashed potatoes, and cranberry. Yum sounds delicious. I am very thankful for all our families and our little friends. We are certainly blessed and honored that you give us the opportunity each day to speak into your child's life. We love our little people and enjoy watching them grow and develop their personalities.

I know this year has

brought more questions than answers and stress than peace, but I believe God is still in control and He sees us and loves and cares about us. Psalms 91 speaks about our security and trust is in God, we can trust Him for He watches over us. God bless you and yours in these next two months.

\*\*Please mark your child's outdoor gear with their name or initials. Thanks!

## Miss De

## Threes

It is hard to believe that November is here and that December will be approaching right behind it! We are already getting a taste of winter too.

During the month of November, we will be sharing a lot of what or who we are thankful for as we prepare for Thanksgiving. We will be creating turkeys, Native American headbands, and making a thankful placemat to name a few projects. We will continue

to work on counting and recognizing our shapes and letters through the various activities we set out each day.

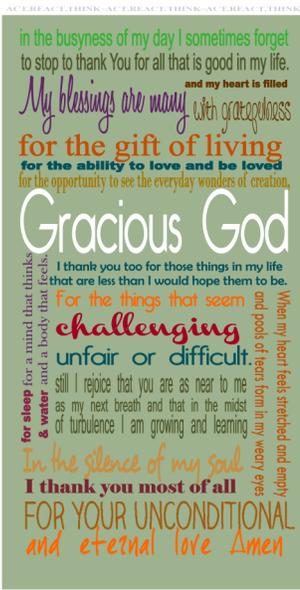
Our group of friends have been sharing Bible Time with Ms. Jacky and have been working on some Bible songs—perhaps you have heard some around your house. It really warms my heart to hear them praising God!

As our winter weather ap-

## Miss Di

proaches please send in a winter coat, snow pants, hat, gloves and boots. We will be going out everyday as long as the weather doesn't feel like 0°. Please label your child's belongings! This would really help us out when trying to help them each day.

Happy Birthday on Nov. 4th to Henry S.! ☺





## Threes continued

A B C D E F G

Thank you God, for feeding me

H I J K L M N

Jesus is my best friend

O P Q R S T U

Thank you Lord, for all you do

V W X Y Z

God, please bless my family

There is so much going on in the world right now but during the month of November may you find the time to reflect on all the things in your families lives that you are thankful for.

Thank you all for being a blessing to us.

Be blessed & stay safe!

Miss Di



## Fours

What a great Harvest Party! We had a lot of fun! Thank you to all who shared candy for the pinata!

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, that and the hardships that were overcome and the fascinating facts and history

involved are so exciting and inspiring! The boys and girls love learning about this important event in history, and wonderful holiday.

To bring this special event in history a little closer, I'll be planning activities and projects such as: making butter, concept of trading "Legend of the Five Kernels of Corn", and creating headbands and pilgrim hats. Although the "Thanksgiving

## Miss Heidi

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 to reinforce this.

For phonics in November, we'll be introduced to another vowel, letter Ii and we'll also be covering letters: Jj, Kk, and Ll.

In math we'll be patterning, graphing, estimating, and learning about the 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!**

## Young 5's/Kindergarten

To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under Heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds

November

Thomas Hood

I love November. It's a special month, set apart to thank God for every little blessing. Our theme for this month is Native Americans, Pilgrims and food groups. We will read about the Mayflow-

er, life in early America and how the Native Americans and the Pilgrims worked together.

Our phonics centers are progressing beautifully. This month we will introducing four new consonants: Ff, Gg, Hh and Jj. We will also introduce "blend ladders". I will show you this next **BIG** step on our path to reading at our fall conference. Conferences will be Nov. 9th and 10th.

Math centers are going great! We are counting to 50



## Mrs. Layer

with the help of our counting chart. We are counting by 10's to 100. Our patterns are getting more complex: 12; 16 even 20 part patterns. We are learning to write the numbers 1 thru 10 in a beautiful way.

We are also in full swing Christmas program practice. We will make a wonderful recording for each family.

Happy Thanksgiving!