



November

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A Message From the Director

Fall is finally here! The autumn air is cool and crisp and the leaves are beginning to show their fall colors. Thanksgiving is just around the corner, which brings us the perfect opportunity to reflect upon the many blessings we receive each day.

As I reflect over my past two years as the director of Open Arms (my, how time flies), I know that I have much to be thankful for. I am thankful for the privilege of leading our school. I am thankful everyday for the dedicated Open Arms teachers and staff, who nurture and educate our children. I am thankful for the wonderful families and children that bring joy to our school and make everyday meaningful. I am thankful for the love and support of the congregation of New Hope Lutheran Church. And, above all, I am thankful that the teachers, parents, children, congregation and I have the opportunity to share God's love together.

What are you thankful for? How have you been blessed? I hope everyone will take the time to reflect and share their thanksgivings with the important people in their lives.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Chrissy Campbell

Director



⇒ 11/7 & 11/8

Picture Day!



⇒ Center will be CLOSED on Thursday & Friday, 11/22 & 11/23 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Join Us for Chapel

Every Wednesday

Infant -2/3year classes

9:45

3-4/5 year classes 10:05



**Halloween Day
Parade**



Mrs. Tutino and Ms. Kristin's Three/Fours

In the month of October, we discussed "Why do leaves change colors?" with many songs and poems. During fire prevention week the children were great in learning and remembering what to do in case of a fire. They enjoyed a visit from our local firemen and even walked through the fire truck. We learned how a pumpkin grows and opened a real pumpkin to see what was inside! During Circle Time we have been doing fun activities in which the children are counting, learning letters with their sounds and learning how to cooperate. They are having so much fun with these activities! Our letters in October were C,D,E, and F. We made

pretend Cookies (that looked good enough to eat!), painted Diamonds with food colored syrup, painted our own Elephant Ears, and decorated Fantastic F's with Feathers. Other projects included: decorated trees to show the many pretty fall colors, painting leaves by rolling a golf ball, pumpkin sun catchers, candy corns, and black spiders! Working on our fine motor skills, the children made their very own spider webs. We continue to practice tracing and cutting. Colors we focused on this month were: yellow, in which we counted on corn cereal and used sequencing by putting "ducks in a row"; green, where we placed paper over real leaves and

made green leaf rubbings; orange, with all of our pumpkin crafts; black, where we painted with cars to make black tracks; purple, making a cluster of grapes in which we practiced color recognition and counting. Numbers we focused on were 1 and 2. On Halloween, we enjoyed our parade around the school and our party! We would like to thank our parents for their wonderful donations for our party! This month our themes will be harvesting, The First Thanksgiving, and discussing all of which we are thankful for. We would like to wish all of our families a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Miss Loral and Miss Jennifer's Three's

As I write this we are on day two of "no pre-school" due to Hurricane Sandy; it is so satisfying when nature reinforces our classroom lessons. We have spent October talking on a daily basis about the fact that weather will be changing from warm to cool, the winds will blow and the leaves will "Fall" and how God makes it all happen! The children will tell you that the squirrels have buried their acorns and are snuggling under their "tail" blankets in their nests. They have also learned how to prepare and eat purple "C"ows and that the adults in their lives will soon be heading to the voting

booths to "D"ecide who will become our next president. Other happenings in our room include pigs rolling in the mud and rolling on the floor to practice what to do should our clothes catch fire during fire safety week. Our 911 song was a big hit! Foot ghosts roamed and spiders abounded! Thanks to our Circle Time songs, most of us can sing the days of the week, months of the year, and count to 20. We are transitioning from name recognition to name tracing and working on our scissor skills. Please remember that the child's artwork will look more primitive as they do more and more of

the work on their own. We will spend November learning about the first Thanksgiving and working on a Thankful Book to share with our families over the holiday break.



Miss Ann's and Miss Miranda's Two's

October was a busy month for our class! We had fun painting, gluing, and learning all of the wonderful colors of fall. We enjoyed books, songs, and pumpkins, and learning about Jesus!

November is here and we will continue

to plant our seeds of love and being thankful for all blessings. Our theme for the month will be Thanksgiving, along with the color brown, the rectangle, and harvest.

We will continue to practice counting, colors, shapes, and manners. Blessings to all as we celebrate Thanksgiving and thank you for sharing your children with us!

Have a great month!

Miss Tomeka's and Miss Monique's Two/Three's

Well, Well...it's November already! The Two's /Three's are moving right along! We will be learning the color's yellow, brown, and orange, the shape's will be rectangle and hexagon, the numbers will be 5-10, and the letters will be Ee, Ff, and Gg. We will also continue working on more sign language: coat and cold. Our theme for this month is "Thank you, God". Please remember to have your child's name labeled in all clothing, especially hats, gloves, scarves, and coats. If you haven't done so already, please switch your spare clothing to warmer clothes. We would like to wish a

Infant 1 and Infant 2 Suite

October has come and gone! The leaves are turning and looking beautiful. We would like to welcome our newest baby, Talia, to the Infant 1 suite. A BIG thank you to Sandra for donating the pumpkins for our pumpkin project for the Infant 1 children! It was a huge hit! Two of our babies, Bennett and Kaleb, joined the Infant 2 suite. They are growing so fast! We are looking forward to November as we have so many things to be thankful for. Happy Thanksgiving to all and God Bless you and your children!

Happy Birthday to Rachel on the 9th, Will on the 14th and Colton on the 25th. Once again thanks for sharing your child(ren) with us. May God Bless You!

Miss Kirsty Toddler/Two's

Happy Thanksgiving!

We are thankful to have such a great class of Toddlers! We have so much fun with each other playing and learning. We will fill this month with songs and crafts about pilgrims, Indians, and turkeys. We hope you have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving holiday!

Music Notes from Mrs. Osei

In October, we had SUPER fun dancing and moving around colors and shapes. The children truly loved acting out a day in the life of a fire-fighter. All set to music and sound effects, they pretended to fight fires with much expression, animation, and movement. Harvest and Autumn are big favorites. We are farmers and pumpkins for the pumpkin patch song. Scary spider songs and spooky walks are fall favorites, too. November will bring activities with leaves, nuts, and squirrels. We will explore loud and soft sounds on drums, mostly loud! Thanksgiving songs and activities always bring out the "turkey in all of us!"

Smile!



Picture Day

will be held on *November 7th & 8th*

Please check with your child's teacher to see which day the class is scheduled for.



Mrs. Mathes and Mrs. Ash "Fours/Fives"

October has been a very busy month for JK! The children have enjoyed learning many new things. The class has learned about the letters F, P, and H and their sounds. The children continue to practice writing their name daily and proper letter formations. We are also working on number recognition and counting to 30.

Throughout October, the children learned about fire prevention. We discussed the importance of learning and following fire safety rules. The class enjoyed the visit from our local fire department. They explored the fire truck and learned about the equipment the firemen use. The class especially enjoyed making and eating a

delicious fire truck snack! During October, the children created a class book in response to the book "Ten Apples Up On Top". Each child will have an opportunity to bring the class book home and read it to their family. The children also learned about the fall season including the changing weather, leaves, and pumpkins. We also learned about the life cycle of a pumpkin. In class, we cut open a pumpkin and examined the inside. The class really enjoyed making and eating our very own pumpkin pie! In November, we look forward to learning about Pilgrims, Native Americans, and the first Thanksgiving. At the end of the month, the children are especially looking forward to our Thanksgiving feast!

Fire Prevention Week



Mrs. Dreama and Mrs. Tracy's "Fours"

We had a wonderful month of October! Our class had a blast hatching our dinosaur eggs and taking our baby dinosaurs home. We learned that dinosaurs are now extinct and about the different things they ate. We talked about carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores. Our class loved the "dino ditty do" song as they all learned the letter D. We also talked about fire safety and enjoyed a visit from the fire truck. Our class learned to STOP, DROP, and ROLL, and to Get Low and Go! We made fire trucks and fire dogs for our classroom. The kids loved the fall theme as we talked about how different animals gather things for the winter. We made squirrels and the kids learned the Acorn Song. We carved our class pumpkin and ate pumpkin pie as well as roasted

pumpkin seeds! Everyone tried at least one bite! The class also had a ton of fun learning all of the nursery rhymes and making humpty dumpty. Our Harvest parade was a BIG success and the children enjoyed all the special treats we ate. I can hardly believe we are already moving forward into November. This month we will talk about Turkeys and the first Thanksgiving. We will make Indian costumes to wear at our Thanksgiving feast. We will cover the letters I, J, and K as we keep on track to learn all of our alphabet. We will continue to work on number recognition up to the number 10 and work on writing our names as well as review the letters and phonics we have already covered. I am very excited about the progress our class has already made. I am looking forward to another wonderful month!