

The Early Childhood Corner



From the Teachers' Desk

Dear parents,

As we begin the month of November, we are thinking about Thanksgiving and preparing for the Christmas Service on December 3.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held Nov. 12-15 for PS & 4K children. An online sign-up sheet

was sent out this week. You can choose an in-person or a phone conference. If you prefer not to meet,



that is fine too. You will receive a reminder note indicating the time you have scheduled.

Evaluation forms will be available in the hall on Nov. 11 & 12. You will be asked to sign one copy indicating you received the evaluation and take the other copy home.

Parents of children in Child Care can request a conference as desired. More information will be coming to you in the near future.

As you prepare for our visit, please write down

any questions or concerns you have, just as we will.

This will help us to optimally use the 15 minutes of scheduled time for each conference.

In His service,

Mrs. Leuck
Ms. Rajer
Mrs. Stiemke
Mrs. Zeuner

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Special points of Interest:

No School Days

4K is having fun
with letters and
sounds

Library Days

Child Care News

In the beginning of October, Child Care focused on how to stay safe using safety signs, what to do in emergency situations (including 9-1-1) and fire safety. The children practiced "Stop, Drop and Roll" in the event their clothes started on fire.

The 2nd half of October has been spent on activities surrounding the theme of Wild Animals, how they are different than pets and how to take care of pets.

We finished up the month with our Fall party, where we played some games, carved a pumpkin and had some sweet treats. We also began a theme on Books and learned the difference between authors and illustrators.

Thank you to everyone who brought back cold weather clothes. While it has been a warm and beautiful Fall, we know that colder weather will soon be here. The outside winter clothes and procedures letter was sent home last week. Please read it carefully to ensure your child will have the things necessary to be outside during the Winter season!



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Fund Raiser

Thank you to everyone who participated in our fund raiser. We raised about \$3,200.

The money will be used as needed for new toys and educational activities.



Classroom Photos

As special things happen in or out of the classroom, we take pictures. At the end of each month, these are put into photo journals.

The links will be sent to you or you can view everything on our website at www.stpaulfalls.com. Click on Early Childhood Center, scroll to the circles for 3 year Preschool or 4K Program and choose one, then scroll to the bottom of the page to find all of the available photo journals. Additions and updates will be made monthly.

3 Year Old Preschool in November

Date	Jesus Time Themes	Additional Concepts & Skills
November 4-8	The Tabernacle is Built - God's People Worship	Books #5
November 11-15	Gideon Wins the Battle - God's People Trust Him	Harvest orange
November 18-22	God Loves Naomi & Ruth	Thanksgiving triangle
Nov. 25-29	Thank you, God	Thanksgiving

No School
November
28

Thanksgiving
Vacation

Library

In October, Miss Britt read books that used Halloween terms, but applied to something else. We heard "Whose Bones?" (we guessed which animal the skeleton was), "Hocus Pocus—It's Fall" and "Can You Make a Scary Face?"



She was sick on the 4K day, so she left us large cardboard blocks, Duplos, a table building set, coloring sheets and scarves with music playing.

Miss Britt will visit the Preschool/ Child Care classes Nov. 7.

4K is scheduled to go to the library on Wednesday, November 6. We will need drivers.

Life Skill:

Save the Jesus' book and add the new sheets as they are sent home weekly. Take time to read and talk about the stories with your child.

Make a list of things you are thankful for.

Family Tool Box:

Take coat on & off independently. (all)
Practice zipping (4K)

Alphabet

The 4K class has been focusing on 2-4 letters a month. We look at pictures and objects beginning with the letter, read stories about things beginning with the letter and do some type of art project that relates to one of the things.

During the week, your child glues something that starts with the letter onto the letter in their journal.

The children also practice printing the letters, thinking of words that start with the letter, and find the letter mixed in a group of other letters .

A few times this year, your child will be asked to fill a box with things that begin with the letter of that week. Then your child will share all the objects with the class,

and we will guess which letter he/she had.

It is a lot of fun to see how excited each child gets when it is his/her turn to share.



4K & Child Care in November		
Date	Jesus Time Themes	Additional Concepts & Skills
November 4-8	Crossing the Red Sea	Books Bb - books, #5
November 11-15	Israel in the Desert	Harvest #0-5 review
November 18-22	The 10 Commandments	Thanksgiving triangle
Nov. 25-29	The Bronze Snake	Thanksgiving

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November
15 for
Parent/
Teacher
Conferences
and
Nov. 27 &
29 for
Thanksgiving

Child Care is
open Nov.
10 & 27

Skills Practiced

The public schools ask that children arriving in Kindergarten be able to spell their names with the first letter as a capital and the remaining letters as lower case.

We are currently working on letters like p, d, or r where most children stick a line off

the top or bottom. We are trying to put a full line on the side. Please continue to work on address, zipping and cutting with scissors too.



Preschoolers are working very hard at taking their coats off so the sleeves don't turn inside out. If they are inside out, they are learning how to pull them out. It would be great if you could help them do the same at home.



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Thrivent Action Team Cards

Anyone who has a policy with Thrivent Financial is given 2—\$250 cards a year that can be requested for Lutheran schools. We are then able to use these for various things.

If you or a grandparent has a policy and would be interested in filling out the paperwork to give us one of these cards, we would love to hear from you.

Contact Mrs. Zeuner and she can give you all the specifics, right down to exactly what to put on the form.

Thanks for your help!

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WMELS Standards

Knowledge and Skills

Listening and Understanding:

- 1. Derives meaning through listening to communications of others and sounds in the environment.*
- 2. Listens and responds to communication with others.*
- 3. Follows directions of increasing complexity.*
 - Show-n-Tell allows your child to talk as well as listen to what others are saying.
 - Jesus' time and circle time involve a lot of talking and listening to get meaning from the discussion.
 - We give directions all day long from "Boys stand up" to multiple step directions for creating an art project.

Speaking and Communicating:

- 1. Uses non-verbal gestures and movements to communicate.*

- 2. Uses vocalizations and spoken language to communicate.*

* Actions are taught for most songs we sing.

Early Literacy

- 1. Shows an appreciation of books and understands how print works.*
- 2. Develops alphabetic awareness.*
- 3. Develops phonological and phonemic awareness.*
- 4. Demonstrates the use of strategies to derive meaning from text.*
 - We try to read at least one book a day as a group.
 - Activities involving letter recognition as well as letter sounds occur every day.
 - We create class books.
 - Each child dictates an idea that is written down when choosing a picture from a special day or activity for their own book.

