



# LEARNING EXPRESS

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Christ Lutheran Learning Center

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**Thanksgiving Feast** – Our children will be gathering for a time of feasting and thanksgiving on Thursday, November 17 and on Friday, November 18. The classes will be talking about the first Thanksgiving when the Pilgrims and Native Americans shared their bounty. Each class will be preparing a dish to share such as applesauce or popcorn. We ask that the mothers who volunteered to help with the feast provide certain additional foods. Your child's teacher will let you know what is needed. It would also be greatly appreciated if these moms could help with cleaning up after the feast. **Is there anyone that would bake the turkey for our feast? (CLLC will purchase turkey) Please call April.**

Our fall **Applebee's Pancake Breakfast** was quite a success as we were able to almost completely cover the expenses we incurred in replacing the commercial slide, toddler swing and cedar porch swing that had to be replaced due to safety reasons. Thank you so much for your help and support of our preschool program!

## **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS**

will be on  
November 24, 25, & 26.

**CLASS OPENINGS....**We have several openings in our preschool classes. Please tell your friends and neighbors in case they are interested.

## **Looking ahead for Christmas**

Christmas parties will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 20 and Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 11:30. Each class will do some sort of gift exchange which will be determined by the classroom teacher. Each teacher will be in contact with the parents to let them know what their child's class will be doing.

### **Can you help?**

If you have any large trucks that can be used on the playground that your children have outgrown and you want a good home for them....please keep us in mind.

**PLEASE HELP US....**by having your child go to the restroom before coming to school. We encourage you to have your child make a stop before going to their class each morning. It is often too late once the child gets into play here at school. Help us encourage your child to become independent.

We also encourage you to dress your child in loose fitting, easy to remove clothing. Garments that must be totally removed are not appropriate for school restroom time. If your child cannot handle a belt on his own, please do not let him/her wear it to school as they usually end up left on the floor

Remember that dismissal time is 12:30 p.m. and you are considered late if your child is not picked up within 10 minutes after dismissal. The late charge is \$1.00 per minute per child. If you are late, your child will be waiting in the school office with an adult. Your late payment is due at this time or before your child comes to his/her next scheduled school day.

Also at pick-up time....please wait outside the classroom until your child's teacher dismisses the class. Many teachers are still doing activities until 12:30 and it is very distracting to the children for parents to come into the classroom at this time. If you need your child to leave early before the class is dismissed, please arrange this with the teacher so she can have them ready to leave. If need be, you can always ask an aide to get your child out of class if you need to pick them up early. Thanks for your help!

FYI....Every other month, parents of Learning Center students will receive Scholastic's Parent & Child magazine. This complimentary magazine is full of parenting information. Early childhood experts cover topics regarding health and child development. They encourage learning through play by providing play curriculum activities. Many of the articles serve as a learning link between home and school. We hope you find this magazine a useful tool in discovering the importance of early childhood development.

## **MRS. BETH'S TODDLERS**

We had a great month of October. I am so proud of my kids as they are getting along great and there are few tears at drop off time! We had so much seeing the firefighters and walking through the fire truck, even though we were a little bit afraid of the big fire truck. We have been very busy this month talking about our five senses and learning how each one of our senses works. We had fun during our fall theme making watercolor leaves and painting leaves with corn syrup and glitter. We all are doing really well at painting at the easel...the children love to easel paint. Do not forget to look in our classroom at all of our stain glass pumpkins that are hanging up. We had a great "In the Ark with Noah" party. The kids looked so cute in their costumes. A special thank you to Rob Bacchus for being our party parent and making our party so much fun! I hope that everyone has a wonderful and safe Halloween and gets lots of treats!

## **MRS. BERNHARD'S THREES**

The Tuesday-Thursday Threes enjoyed a grand October. We gan with dinosaurs, went on to community helpers, and ended with bats, cats, and pumpkins. I hope that everyone received the letter that each child "wrote" to himself.

Our attention spans are growing and that is a good thing! In November, we will be learning about farms and harvest, and that will lead us into Thanksgiving.

A big thank you to Jessica Boese (Zach's mom) and Ruth Jackson (Luke's grandmother) for providing a

wonderful lunch on Noah Day and for helping with the games on the playground.

It is a tradition in my class to decorate gingerbread houses and we will plan to do this on Tuesday, December 13 at 11:30. Please mark your calendars and plan to be with us as each child must have an adult helper.

## **MRS. MINSHEW'S FOURS**

Can you believe we already have two months behind us? We had a lot of fun in October. We learned about fire safety and got to climb through a fire engine. We had our school pictures taken, and I thought they were all adorable. We decorated jack-o-lantern cutouts and made masks for Halloween. We also celebrated three birthdays, Alex, Liam and Meaghan all turned five and are now able to climb on the jungle gym!

We are continuing to work on our names using upper case for the first letter only. This is hard to get used to for most of the students, so we do a great deal of repetition. We have worked on our senses in science, determining if something will make a sound or not, trying to determine what an object is by touch alone, and trying to guess what the scent is.

Phileas had a fun filled month too. He got to go to Liam and Meaghan's birthday party and he got to go to the Premier of Puss-n- Boots with Lexi! Now he has gone home with Hoak and I can't wait to hear about his adventures when he gets back.

## **MRS. OWEN'S FOURS**

October was busy, busy, busy! It was great to help Alex Jackson and Meaghan and Liam McDonough celebrate their fifth birthdays. It is such fun being five.

Of course the firefighter's visit is always exciting. Everyone loved getting to walk through the fire truck. We appreciated them taking their time to come.

What a variety of animals showed up for our "Noah in the Ark Day" and parade. We sincerely thank Allyson McDonough, Paul Kovach and Caroline Inkenbrandt for a wonderful party. Our parents are so appreciated.

We continue to work on the alphabet. The period and plurals were introduced and the class has them down cold! Next month we will introduce the question mark.

We live in a wonderful country. In November the class will be studying the part the Indians and Pilgrims played in history by using stories, songs and fun activities.

November is the month set aside for giving thanks. Time will be spent in determining all we are thankful for. Also, November is National Peanut Butter Month. How many different ways can you and your child find to use peanut butter?

*Happy Thanksgiving  
to you  
and your family!*