

Readiness Newsletter - November



Today marks our 33rd day of school! It doesn't seem like a long time, but we've seen so much growth in the children! We are working hard in class, learning our alphabet and numbers, writing our names with upper and lower case letters, and recognizing the sounds our letters make. We are also learning how to work with each other, be respectful of our peers and teachers, and most importantly, how to make the right choices for ourselves. During the month of November, we will be really working on our manners in the classroom. Please remind your children to ask for things at home (rather than tell you they want something) and to say please and thank you. We are also talking a lot about being a good friend.

We have now learned the letters A through F and will be learning G, H, and I this month! Their fine motor skills are improving and we are able to do more group work rather than one on one. We are also encouraging the children to use lowercase letters (where applicable) when they write their names.

We will continue our service projects this month (that you can use for your child's raise craze page). We will package our snowman soup, bake brownies for Emmanuel Dining room, collect canned goods for the food pantry, make cards for Meals on Wheels recipients and cards for Veterans.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for supporting our school's Fall fundraisers! The Raise fundraiser starts next week. You will receive a flyer with info and more information will be sent out by the Advisory board.

We will begin working on our Snowman soup next week that will be included in stockings being sent to soldiers. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to all who baked brownies for Emmanuel Dining Room. It was most appreciated!

Thanks to all who participated in the Halloween trunk or treat raising about $1000 for our school!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM:

Now that it's going to be November, we are excited to teach our Thanksgiving theme! This year we will be having a Friendsgiving with the 5 day 4's class on Thursday, November 19th so we will be preparing for our special day. We will be singing lots of Thanksgiving songs, so don't be surprised if you hear some gobble gobbles in the car!

We will celebrate our veterans in November as well. If you have any family member that is a veteran, we would love to celebrate them. Please send in photos of the relative(s) who have served or are actively serving and include a blurb about what branch of the military, times if you have, and really anything you want to include. Please send them in by Friday, November 6th if you can. Photos can be sent electronically.

We will be making Snowman Soup to add to the Stockings for Soldiers Project. A signup genius was sent out with details of what we need. Thanks so much to all who have signed up to send something in for the soup! If you still want to sign up, the link can be found in emails and our facebook group. More items were recently added. We will be putting the bags together soon so that they can be delivered to the organization.

Thankful feathers came home today. Please help your child decorate their feather with things for which they are thankful. You can use stickers, magazines, photos, markers, etc. **We will laminate them so prefer that 3D items not be used.**

The Signup Genius for Lunchbunch has been updated to include dates through the end of 2026. If you signed up a while ago, you may need to add November/December dates if your child is a regular.

G week – Week of November 2- Leaves

- Raise Fundraiser begins!
- Our school will be collecting unwanted/extra Halloween candy to donate to the Stockings for Soldiers initiative. We will have a bin in the lobby to deposit your candy.
- Monday, November 2 - Snowman Soup due. We will begin assembling our bags on Monday!
- Tuesday, November 3 – We will Vote for Snack so that the children learn about how voting works.
- Thursday, November 5 – Scholastic bookfair begins in the lobby
- Thursday, November 5– John Gallen will be here to take Fall pictures. All children will have their photo taken (even if you don't purchase a package). Group photo will also be taken. You can send in order form whenever you have it ready.
- Friday, November 6 - Thankful feather due

H week – week of November 9 - Scholastic book sale will be held in the lobby this week!

- We will learn about Native American history and learn how to tell stories using symbols.
- Monday and Wednesday lunch bunch pick up will be from the big room to allow parents a chance to shop the book fair.

I week – week of November 16TH

- Wednesday, November 18 – Thanksgiving Chapel –. We are asking for all children to bring a non-perishable food item to chapel to be donated to a local food bank if able.
- Thursday, November 19th Friendsgiving with 5 day 4's --Sign up will be sent out via Sign Up Genius. Thanks in advance for signing up to bring in something for our feast. We will have 15 children at the feast.

Week of November 24th

- **Conferences:** Readiness conferences will be held on Monday, November 23rd. Babysitting will be held in 5 day 4's classroom during your conference for your child(ren). If you would like to meet with me, you can sign up on our signup genius that will be sent out. If you don't feel like you need to meet, I will send home your child's conference report and can meet another time if you need. Readiness will be off on Tuesday, November 24th for the other classes' conferences. Look for the sign-up genius soon.
- **Wednesday – Friday** – No School – Thanksgiving break. Enjoy your Thanksgiving!

<u>Housekeeping items:</u>

- If you haven't had a chance to send in warmer clothes, it's a good time to do so. Also, if you want to send in an extra hat and gloves/mittens to be left in school (for outside time), please send it in and let us know they should stay at school.
- It's a great idea to refer back to our weekly posts while you are waiting in car drop-off line so that your child has an idea of what's going on in the classroom that day. Also, be sure to share our Facebook posts with your child…it will trigger a whole conversation about what's happening in our classroom from your child's point of view.
- In case you missed it in a weekly email, our Christmas program is Tuesday, December 15th at 11:15am (Children will be dismissed after the show, so don't sign up for LB that day).



Thank you for sharing your children!

Susan & Sandy