



## Readiness Newsletter - November



Today marks our 39<sup>th</sup> 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.

This month we will begin our outreach program with the seniors at Harbor Chase. On Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, please pick up your child from school by 11am and we will gather at Harbor Chase. It is a 3-minute drive from school located on Shipley Road. We will sing songs and possibly do an activity with them while we are there, and you will have time to get back to Concordia to pick up siblings (if necessary). Please feel free to carpool with another parent if you need/want to. We are so excited to begin this relationship and spread our cheer. Any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. If this goes well, we would like to do something in December as well.

We have now learned the letters A through G and will be learning H, I and J 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.

### 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! We will be baking brownies this month to have for the freezer.

### 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 Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

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. We've only received from one person so far, so please don't forget. 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! We will be putting the bags together soon so that they can be delivered to the organization.

Thankful feathers came home yesterday. 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 3D items will need to be removed and reattached after lamination** (so it's easier if those things are left off).

#### **H week - Week of November 4 - 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 3 - Snowman Soup due. We will begin assembling our bags on Monday!
- Tuesday, November 4 - We will Vote for Snack so that the children learn about how voting works.
- Thursday, November 6 - Scholastic bookfair begins in the lobby
- Friday, November 7 - Thankful feather due

#### **I week - week of November 10 - 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.
- Thursday, November 13 - 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.

#### **J week - week of November 17<sup>th</sup>**

- Wednesday, November 19 - 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.

- Friendsgiving with 5 day 4's - Wednesday, November 19th-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.
- Harbor Chase visit - Thursday, November 20

### Week of November 24th

- **Conferences:** Readiness conferences will be held on Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Babysitting will be held in 5 day 4's classroom during your conference. 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 25<sup>th</sup> for the other classes' conferences. Look for the sign-up genius soon.
- **Wednesday - Friday - No School - Thanksgiving break.** Enjoy your Thanksgiving!

### Housekeeping items:

- 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.
- Please dress the kids in layers. Although it may be cooler outside, it's generally warm in our classroom and when they are active in class, they can get very warm and overheated.
- 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.



Thank you for sharing your children!

Susan & Sandy