

November Newsletter

Sonshine Corner Preschool

**Our spiritual theme for November is Thankfulness and our verse is:
Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. Psalms 136:1.**

Our focus in November will be thanking God for all that He has done for us. There are many themes this month that speak to the goodness of God. We hope you and your family have an awesome time together, praising Him for his protection and provisions!

Highlights

CONFERENCES: Conferences will be held during the weeks of the 2nd and 9th. Your child's teacher will have sign up sheets posted for you to pick a time to come in and talk with her for 15 minutes. We look forward to this time to get to know you and your family better. Bring any questions and concerns that you have so we can discuss them and work out solutions together. The 4's and 5's will have progress reports that coincide with our curriculum standards. The 2's and 3's will have them available for parents to see at the spring conferences. Classes will be held with substitutes filling in for the teacher.

BUTTER BRAIDS: Thanks to all of you who bought ButterBraids this year! This is our most successful fundraiser. The money earned will be put back into our program to benefit the children. Enjoy these yummy pastries with family and friends for the holidays! Butter Braids will be delivered at 9am on Monday, Nov. 9. Please be here at that time to pick up your order as they should not be out of the freezer for very long. After 10:00 or so they remaining ones will be stored in the freezer in our kitchen freezer. Space is limited, however so please try to be here early. Thanks for Jennifer Peterson for coordinating this fund raiser for us!

OPENINGS: We still have a couple of opening in our 4's and 5's classes for this school year. Please pass the word on to your friends and neighbors so we can be at full capacity!

OUTDOOR PLAY: We will be playing outdoors if the temperature or wind chill is 15 degrees or warmer, so please dress your child accordingly. It is a good idea for you to send along warm outdoor clothes even if the temperature in the morning is too cold for those classes to go outside. It may warm up enough to get outside at noon (for the lunch bunch kids). You may check the temperature and wind chill yourself by calling WCCO at 612-370-0611 or online at wcco.com. We will check between 15-30 minutes before a class begins.

WEBSITE: Tina Hoversten and her dad are faithfully working on revamping our website. If you have not looked at it recently, it's well worth your while (www.sonshinecorner.org)!! Click on the events tab to find a link to current pictures (from the apple farm) along with the latest news about the school. If you see a picture that you like, you'll be able to order them directly through Shutterfly. They're also working on online registration for next year's classes! More information will be coming soon.

STATEMENTS: Your statements for November will be coming in your child's backpack. No need to put in an envelope or attach the statement to your check. If you would put your child's name in the memo it would be helpful. The checks can go right into the tuition box on Cheryl's desk.

VOLUNTEERS: Thanks to so many of you who signed up to volunteer in various capacities this year! We will plug you in at various times this school year as needed. Please let your child's teacher know if you'd like to do something special in the classroom. She'd love to have you!

HANDWASHING: Our nurse consultant has recommended to us that another way to help keep the colds and flu down this fall and winter is to ask parents to make sure that upon arrival at school, your child's hands are washed before they go into the classroom, and before going home. The children that begin the day outdoors will wash them as soon as they come inside for the day. Thank you for your cooperation!

EXTENDED CARE: Extended Care still has some openings on MWF all day. Don't forget to use your coupon! Miss Cori and Miss Lynn have planned a full curriculum, so it's a learning time as well as play and social time. If your child is enrolled in a TTH class they are welcome to come MWF. Call Cheryl to reserve your child's spot.

STAFF OPENING: Miss Jami (TTH aide and EC) is going to have a baby at the end of February! While we are excited for her and her family, we are sad to have to say goodbye to her as a staff member. We will be looking for a replacement(s) to fill her position(s) so if you know of anyone interested, have them call Cheryl. The morning is a floating aide, and the afternoon is a head teacher-qualified position.

FIREFIGHTERS: The Plymouth Firefighters will be visiting each classroom at various times this month.

CAMERA: SSC is in need of a new digital camera. If you have one at home that you're not using and would be willing to donate to our school, please call Cheryl. Thanks!

Dates to Remember :

November 2-12: Conferences

November 9: ButterBraids are delivered.
Pick up at 9am sharp!

November 11: Picture Retakes from 9:30-11:00. Sign up sheet will be posted by the office door.

November 26-27: Thanksgiving break



REMINDER

Parent Seminar

"Sibling Rivalry: the
Strife of Family Life"

*With Cheryl Eliason
From "Family Tools"*

Thursday evening

October 29 from 7-8:30

Room C103

Childcare provided

Call 763-473-9656 to reserve spot

Notes from the Teachers:

Miss Cori (Tot's Class) says: Hello Tot families. Fall marches on, and we are continuing to have fun with fall themes. Harvest time leads us to learn about fruits and vegetables and healthy eating. We'll of course learn about Thanksgiving and the importance of thanking God. We will also remember to be thankful for our families. We will talk about our families and the different roles of our family members. November 5th and November 12th, we will have parent-teacher conferences. There will be sign up sheets posted at school so you may sign up for a 15 minute time slot. This will be an informal time to chat about your child's preschool experience and answer any questions you may have. While conferences are taking place in a designated room, class will be in session as usual with Miss Lynette. I wish you a happy and healthy fall!

Miss Sharon (3's Class) says: There's a lot of fun going on in the 3s room! The children are playing together nicely and are starting to be friends. It's fun watching this happen! Though the weather is changing, we want to continue enjoying our playground. Please send warm clothing, preferably in its own bag so backpacks can be used for "art" and papers. Let's work together to convince your child he/she can get ready to go outside! In November our themes will be migrating birds, cowboys and horses, and Thanksgiving. Our Bible stories will be about Daniel and about Thankfulness. On the 5th and 12th, we will have a short parent/teacher conference; be sure to bring comments and questions to help me get to know your child better.

Miss Linda(3's Class) Says: The month of October went by quickly. The highlight was out trip to Minnetonka Apple Orchard. The bus ride was for many children their first trip. This November we will emphasize being Thankful to God. We will study bird migrations, cowboys, horses, Thanksgiving Day and harvest. I love Cowboy Day. It includes pretending we are herding cattle, riding horses, roping cattle, a campfire and sleeping under the stars. Our class had our parent /teacher conferences on Wednesdays , Nov. 4th and Nov. 11th. WE will look at the children's work-sheets . Please sign up for your own time slot and bring your comments. I look forward to our meeting time.

Miss Lisa (4's Class) says: What a special month we had in our classroom. Lots of learning and fun! The trip to Fall Harvest Farm even with all the RAIN was certainly a highlight; collecting eggs in the hen house, feeding the goats and seeing the new baby goats was pretty special. We had fun looking at the inside of a pumpkin at the science table and guessing what "harvest thing" would sink and float in the sensory tub. The children liked tasting and eating the pumpkins and a few even asked for seconds! As we look towards November, we will continue working on our letter and number recognition, writing our first names and practicing our fine motor skills at the art table. We will start our month talking about hibernation and getting ready for winter. Our nutrition unit will give us a chance to talk about how healthy foods and exercise keep us growing and healthy. We will learn about the first Thanksgiving and talk about our many blessings and thanking God for all the He provides for us. Our letters for the month will be N and T. Our spiritual theme will be Thankfulness. Parent/Teacher conferences will be on Thursday, Nov. 5th. The children will have their regular class with a substitute. I will post a sign-up sheet for you to select a convenient time.

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Miss Mary (4's Class) says: Just like the windy days of October, our month flew by quickly. Some of the highlights were Farmer Kurt's Fall Harvest Farm field trip, Grandparents Day, touching the mushy insides of pumpkins, and making our own butter! We learned how to "Stop, drop, and roll!" on fire safety day, and observed the changing colors of God's beautiful world on our nature walk. Most importantly, we continued to learn about Jesus' love by being good friends to each other. In November, we will begin the month talking about good nutrition, followed by hibernation and getting ready for winter. As Thanksgiving approaches we will learn about the Pilgrims and Native Americans, and thank God for all of our blessings. Letters of the month will be "N" and "T". I look forward to meeting each of you at parent/teacher conferences this month. A sign-up sheet will be posted outside of the classroom for you to select a convenient time. The children will have their regular class time with Miss Lisa while I meet with you. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Miss Lynn (4's Class) says: We have had an **Outstanding October**...your children have demonstrated some great obedience in our classroom, which was our spiritual theme for the month. I appreciate the hard work the children are doing at home, and so do they; 2 kids came to class with big smiles, sharing that they can now write their names in upper and lower case letters, 1 month ago, they could not even recognize their names, that is so exciting! We had a lot of wet fun at Farmers Kurt's, the children had an opportunity to pick apples and feed them to the cows, along with holding baby chicks and going on a muddy hayride through the cornfields. Back at school, the kids had fun scooping our pumpkin guts, washing, cooking and tasting pumpkin seeds right out of the pumpkin from Farmer Kurt's fields. We will continue learning our phone number, which the Fire Fighters encouraged, if you could also practice this at home, it would be appreciated. Also make sure your family has a central meeting place, outside your home. During the month of November, we will study the letters N and T, please remember sharing is on Friday's. We will talk about Nutrition, hibernation and getting ready for Winter. We will celebrate a Thanksgiving meal together, and talk about the many blessings which we are thankful. I look forward to talking with you at conferences November 2 or 9. The children will have their regular class with Miss Lisa and Miss Sarah. One child in our class came back to school, after missing a few day's and asked if we prayed for him while he was sick, how cool is that....these children already know the power of prayer.

Miss Joy (5's Class) says: We have been enjoying the fall weather at school, exploring the falling leaves and discussing Minnesota waterfowl. We went to Baker Park Near Wilderness Settlement for our field trip and saw many skulls and pelts from many animals around here. Grandparents' Day was lots of fun as we visited and played with our "Grandperson" for the day. Our virtue of obedience has led us to learning the 10 Commandments and how important rules are. In November we will be studying Native Americans. We will learn some of the ways in which they lived and the important customs, traditions, and food they brought to us. We will tie this into Thanksgiving and celebrate all we are thankful for. We will have a visit from the fire department to help us remember what we learned about fire safety. I will also be having conferences with parents and look forward to spending time talking about your wonderful children!