



November Newsletter

Miss Dulce



Dear Parents,

Our All Saints Day Celebration was wonderful! The children were very excited to sing their songs for you, and I think they did a great job!

We will be talking about what it means to give Thanks, and ways in which we can show our gratitude.

Thankfulness is often a difficult concept for children, particularly in our society, when so many things are taken for granted. Our homes, our state in life, food, our things... We will talk about how fortunate we are, and think of ways we can help those who are not.

The children are also beginning to tell lots of stories in class. We are learning about the importance of using descriptive language, and detail. The most impactful and lasting learning happens when the children are active constructors of their own knowledge.

We continue journaling on a daily basis, and the children are demonstrating an understanding that their spoken words are translated and transcribed via dictation and illustration. We have been reading all kinds of books in class. While these are simple books, the predictive, repetitive text helps the children increase their phonemic awareness, gain knowledge about text orientation, beginning punctuation and helps build confidence as emergent readers. The books we read often serve as a prompt for our journaling.

Please watch for sign-up sheet for our Thanksgiving Feast. We are asking the families in each class to bring a specific dish to share at the Thanksgiving luncheon. Our class is asked to bring a casserole size pan of mashed potatoes or sweet potatoes. We will need a head count of people attending.

We are also collecting new or gently used stuffed animals. There will also be (soon) an Angel Giving Tree in the preschool office with all donations going to "Maggie's Place". www.MaggiesPlace.org

Thank you!

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We are entering a time of year when there are a lot of illnesses going around. I would like a parent volunteer to help sanitize tables, chairs and classroom materials. Please consider spending 15 minutes after class on Thursdays. Please remind your children to use their "germ catcher" (the inside bend of the elbow) when coughing and sneezing, using a tissue to blow their nose, and to sing "ABC's" while they wash their hands.

I need help wiping the outside cubbies down on Mondays. They get filthy after the gardeners are here on Thursday.

Important dates to Remember:

EVERY THURSDAY is Noon Dismissal -
Staff professional learning

Wed 1st Family Mass, All Saints Day, Holy Day of Obligation. Celebration and Luncheon begin at 11:00

*Thurs 9th No school. P/T Conferences

*Fri 10th No School - Veteran's Day

*Tues 21st 11:00 Thanksgiving Feast -
Noon Dismissal

*Wed 22nd & Thurs 23rd & Fri 24th -
No School - Thanksgiving Break

Friendly Reminders:

Please Please Please try to be on time to school. I know that sometimes being late is inevitable, and occasionally is OK. But, when children are tardy, they miss our morning meeting. This is the time when we discuss and plan for our day. Not only do they miss this and can feel lost, but it is also disruptive to the rest of the class.

