



First Step Newsletter

SPECIAL NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Thank you to the room mothers and to all of you for your donations for the Harvest Party. The children had lots of fun!

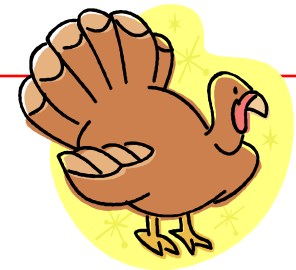
I also want to thank all of you for your support with our cookie dough/Butter Braid fundraiser. These funds help us with repair cost or new things for the school. We can never thank you enough.

Just a reminder we follow District 20 for snow days. If they have a delay or cancelation, we will be closed. Check your TV or radio before heading out on a snowy day!

Thanksgiving vacation is coming up. There will be no school from November 23rd through the 27th. This is a wonderful time to spend with our loved ones.

God bless you and your family always, Geanina

1 Thessalonians 5:18 "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."



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Reminders:

- ☺ Watch for sign up sheets for Class Thanksgiving feast
- ☺ Community Helpers will be coming! Ask your child who was in their class each day.
- ☺ Class Thanksgiving Feast Nov. 19 & 20
- ☺ No School during the week of Thanksgiving November 23rd through the 27th
- ☺ Please try to bring your children in on time!
- ☺ Jackets in case of cooler weather, hats, snow boots, and gloves

Tools for Communication

Children do not think like adults, they don't act like adults and they don't have the same priorities as adults. Many parents forget these facts when they are frustrated by the challenges in communication with their children. Most children don't listen because parents talk too much, and don't get into their child's world to understand their developmental process.

Young children do not understand cause and effect, or higher order thinking, or ethics, which may not develop until age ten. Children have a need to experiment and explore, and find out what they can and can't do.

Punishment-a typical reaction to a child's challenging behavior-leads to a sense of guilt and shame resulting in power struggles with the parent. Parents need to understand that when they are frustrated by their child's behavior, they need to first understand what the perspective and motivation of the child is by listening and asking questions.

Reference: The Conflict Center

November themes and alphabet letters

THEMES:

- Nov. 2 - 13 : Community Helpers
- Nov. 16-20: Thanksgiving
- Nov. 30-Dec 4: Nursery Rhymes

LETTERS:

- 11/2: B
- 11/9: N
- 11/ 16: N
- 11/30: H

BIBLE VERSE:

- Nov. 2-13: 2 Corinthians 9:7
"God loves a Cheerful giver."
- Nov. 16-Dec. 4: 1 Thessalonians 5:18
" In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."



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Little Monkeys 2

ALL STARS CLASSROOM NEWS

Thank you for all the goodies and helping to make our Harvest Parties so much fun! We look forward to our Thanksgiving Feast on Nov. 19th and 20th.

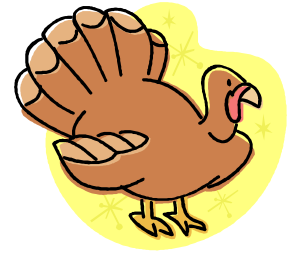
During the first two weeks of November we will have many community service people coming to visit and talk to the kids about what they do! Ask them to tell you who they saw that day.

Our first snow of the season was a good reminder to always pack gloves (preferably waterproof ones) and hats in the backpacks! Wearing snow boots and bringing tennis shoes works great too! The snow stays around quite awhile as our playground is shaded. Along with the winter and snow, just a reminder we follow District 20 for snow days. If they have a delay or cancellation, we will be closed. Check your TV or radio before heading out on a snowy day!

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The kids are having fun with show and tell on Thurs and Friday. Please continue to send items that go with the letter or theme. It's a special time and they really enjoying sharing personal things.

We will be closed the week of Thanksgiving, and hope you will all enjoy the week off with your families!
Blessings,
Ms. Barbie and Ms. Kara



LITTLE MONKEYS CLASSROOM NEWS

Thank you so much for all of the parent volunteers we have had this month. We appreciate all the donations. Thank you room parent for organizing the Harvest Party and clean up. We can never thank you enough for taking cutting projects home.

We are truly excited with the homework response that we have had this far. Also, for helping your child memorize the Bible Verses, they all get so excited when they know it. Remember homework is always available if you wanted.

We are going to be learning about Community Helpers the first two weeks in November. We are expecting different people to come and talk to the children about how they help our community.

On snowy days please have you child bring water proof gloves or mittens, snow boots and if possible snow pants. When it snows we get a lot of snow on the play ground. Along with the winter and snow, just a reminder we follow District 20 for snow days. If they have a delay or cancellation, we will be closed. Check your TV or radio before heading out on a snowy day!

Soon we will be sending home the words of the songs for the children to practice for our Christmas concert. Please help your child learn the words.

God Bless you all,
Ms. Tammy and Ms. Geanina

