



November 2009



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1 Harvest Ovds	2 Tuition Due	3 Children's Chapel	4 Children's Chapel	5	6	7 November Godly Play Stories:
8 The color Brown	9 Book Fair	10 No School Conferences Book Fair	11 No School Veteran's Day	12 Book Fair	13 Book Fair	14 Moses' Birth
15 Food and Nutrition	16	17 Pick up a ginger- bread today!	18 Pick up a ginger- bread today!	19	20	21 Samuel
Hibernation						
22 Native Americans	23	24	25 No School... Thanksgiving Break	26 Thanksgiving 	27	28 Jesus Feeds 5,000 with the Little Boy Who Shares
29 The Letters H, G, Z	30					David the Shepherd
Going to the Farm						



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From the Director...

"Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I assure you that whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." Then he took them in his arms, placed his hands on each of them, and blessed them.
Mark 10: 14-15

In this passage, Jesus speaks of a young child's ability to trust, show sincerity, and rely on others. These receptive qualities can be the starting point for parents as they discover ways to help their child develop a strong faith foundation. Early childhood is the best time to establish family routines that will teach children that trusting God and loving God can be woven into all that we do. With daily faith conversations, talking about Jesus and talking through situations becomes a natural part of the day and not something reserved for Sundays only.

Find time each day to spend a few moments with your child; discuss what was good and bad about the day, read a short Bible story, and say a prayer. This will open up a natural dialogue about the events of the day and how these events relate to God's will for us, and also give you the opportunity help your child see things from a different perspective.

Your child engages in several activities at Little Blessings that can be used as a starting point for at home discussions. Every week children hear a new Godly Play story. Talk about these stories and ask simple questions such as, "What was your favorite part of the story?" or "Which part of the story do you think is most important?" When it is time to bring home the Bible Bag, there is a great opportunity for your child to select a special story, read it together, and then talk about it. Another idea is to incorporate the shell blessing into your child's bedtime routine. At preschool we dip our finger in a small amount of water and make the sign of the cross on another child's hand or forehead as we say, "You are a child of God." This ritual is a simple but powerful reminder that we are all a part of God's family.

...Ms. Stephanie



Registration for 2010/2011 preschool year begins
December 2 for current and former Little Blessings
families, and Alleluia! members. Packets will be sent home
in your child's cubbie.

Join Us for Fall Conferences and the Scholastic Book Fair!

We are looking forward to seeing you during our fall conferences. Conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 10. Sign up sheets will be posted outside of your child's classroom. If you are not available at pick up time, please email your child's teacher to obtain a conference time. During conferences we will be discussing preschool adjustment, specific observations that the teachers have been completing, and samples of the children's work. It is best for this to be an adults-only time with your child's teacher.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Gathering Area just outside of the Worship Space. This is a wonderful time to do some early Christmas shopping, add to your child's library, or check out your teacher's "wish list." Proceeds from the book fair will be used to purchase books and classroom equipment. The Book Fair will be open from 8:30 am to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, November 10. It will also be open the entire week of November 9 during preschool hours.

A Thanksgiving Prayer...

*O Father in Heaven,
Give us this day our daily
bread,
and grant that we who are
filled with good things from
your open hand,
may never close
our hearts to the
hungry, the home-
less, and the poor.
In your name we
pray...Amen*



November Concerts at Alleluia!

In celebration of National Adoption Awareness Month, Christian songwriter/artist **Nate Huss** will perform and share his personal adoption story. This will be Sunday, November 15 at 10:15 am during the Contemporary Service and at 11:30 am during the Experiential Service.

Robbie Seay will perform at 6:30pm in the Underground at Alleluia! on Thursday, November 12th. Tickets for this concert are \$12.00, available in the Exclamations Bookstore.



Little Blessings Shares the Christmas Story

Prepare your heart and mind for the true meaning of Christmas as you watch your Little Blessing reenact the Christmas story. Pageants will be held on December 13 and 14. See the schedule below for your child's specific pageant time. Tickets will be sent home in your child's cubbie on November 23 and 24. **All guests are admitted with a ticket, and each family is admitted with one box (or more!) of granola bars.** Granola bars will be donated to Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry for the school nutrition program.

Sunday 2:00pm 2am106 2am100 2am154 4am144 4am224
Sunday 3:30pm 3pm100 3pm154 3pm201
Sunday 5:00pm 3am100 3am154 3am265 3am201
Sunday 6:30pm 2am265 2am201 5am226 5am146
Monday 4:00pm 3am106 3am267 4am108 4am246
Monday 5:30pm Kpm224 4pm144 4pm246 2pm100



*Each family will
receive 5 tickets!*

Please Note...

- Let your child's teacher know if you are willing to sew one of our peace quilts. Quilts will be raffled in May as a fundraiser to benefit children. **Thank you!!**
- December Children's Chapel will be held on December 15 and 16.
- Pajama Days are December 17 and 18
- Gingerbread cut-outs for our Christmas toy drive will be available (outside of your child's classroom) beginning November 18.



Ms. Tracy's Kindergarten Corner

Here is what is going on in our NEW Kindergarten program:

We love our weekly Big Book stories, and are learning sight words from them! We write in our journals everyday, and we are learning about upper and lower case letters, complete sentences, and punctuation. In Math, we are making patterns and learning how to use and read a ruler. Just about everything in the room has been measured and recorded! Our Hundreds Chart is used as we count by 5's and 10's, find numbers, and recognize patterns. Pumpkin math day included, a sink or float activity, weighing, estimating the circumference, counting seeds, and carving our pumpkin. Learning is FUN!