

Mrs. Tropf's Newsletter

November 15, 2012

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

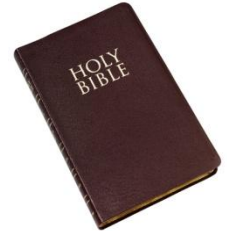
As we pause to reflect on our blessings this week I want to tell you how much I appreciate each of you. Your prayers, encouragement, and support mean more than you can imagine. Thank you for entrusting your most precious possession to me. It is a real privilege to work with you in the training of your little one. I trust that this Thanksgiving will be much more than just a holiday. May it be a reminder of God's faithfulness to your family and His love for each one of you.

TOMORROW IS OUR THANKSGIVING FEAST AND IT IS ALSO A HALF DAY OF SCHOOL, WITH DISMISSAL AT NOON. REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR CHILD DRESSED AS A PILGRIM OR A NATIVE AMERICAN. WE WILL HAVE SPECIAL ACTIVITIES IN THE CLASSROOM BEGINNING AROUND 9:00. A BIG THANKS IN ADVANCE GOES TO MRS. SEILER AND HER COMMITTEE FOR PLANNING THE PARTY AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE CLASS. WE APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S HARD WORK!!!

Because we will only be in school on Monday next week I will not be sending home a newsletter or any new sight words for the ring. Please be sure to send the sight word purse back in the BEE folder on Monday, November 26, so I can add some new words.

Our Bible lessons after Thanksgiving break will focus on peaceful ways of solving our problems. The children will learn that hurting others and using kicking or hitting is wrong and is not the way to settle arguments or solve problems. They will hear the sad story of Cain and Abel from Genesis 4 and learn the meaning of the word violence. This lesson will reinforce my classroom rule: We solve problems with our words, not our hands! The memory verse will be **Romans 13:10: "Love does no harm to its neighbor."** The children must be ready to recite the verse to me by Thursday. I hope your heart is blessed as you listen to your child recite Psalm 100 at the dinner table on Thanksgiving Day. The children did a terrific job

memorizing it in class. What a joy to watch little ones hide God's Word in their hearts!



In phonics this week your child met Miss P and Miss S. Next Monday they will meet Miss V, who has a Vegetable Vest. After Thanksgiving break the class will meet Miss E (Exercise Energy). Please do NOT reveal these identities to your kindergartner! If you have older children who have done the Letter People with me in previous years, ask them not to tell the order of the Letter People visitors. Part of the fun with Letter People is the element of surprise and discovering which Letter Person is hiding in our room. After the break we will also be listening to short a and short e in the middle of words, a tricky concept at this point in time. It takes time and practice for the ear and brain to work together to hear medial sounds. Most of our auditory training to this point has been identifying initial/beginning sounds in words. Continue to regularly review the Letter People and their characteristics with your child. Can he correctly name the capital and lowercase letters and tell you the sounds of the letters? Short, consistent drills will aid retention of this information.

For your convenience, here is a list of the Letter People we will have met by the end of November:

Mr. M—Munching Mouth	Miss T---Tall Teeth
Miss F—Funny Feet	Mr. H---Happy Hair
Mr. N---Noisy Nose	Miss A---AAA-Choo!!!
Mr. B---Beautiful Buttons	Mr. Z—Zipping Zippers
Miss P—Pointy Patches	Miss S—Super Socks
Miss V--Vegetable Vest	Miss E—Exercise Energy

In math we will finish the chapter on patterns to 100 and take a test on the chapter. We will come back to the hundreds chart later in the year and your child will have to fill in a blank chart by writing all the numbers from 1 to 100 with very few reversals. Have your child practice counting by ones to 100 while you are riding in the car to church, the grocery store, appointments, etc. and let him master the oral counting first. Then move on to the written chart.

Congratulations to two students receiving the November Principal Pal Award: Sophia Knierim is receiving the award for Generosity and Joshua Herrera is receiving the award for Creativity. They will be treated to a pizza lunch with Mrs. Gioiella on November 30. Congrats, Sophie and Josh!!!



When we return from our Thanksgiving vacation our next Kindergarten Star of the Week will be Grace Fortney.

Although it is technically still autumn, many days recently have felt like winter and the children have been outside on the playground for recess. They go outside everyday for recess if the temperature is above 20 degrees. Please be sure your child is adequately dressed for cold weather and send in those gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves for recess. Girls may bring pants to wear under their jumpers during recess on the playground. Help your child learn to zip and button his coat. Thanks for your attention to this request as we prepare for the cold weather ahead.

Keep those Box Tops coming in for our next contest. Thanks to all who have been donating thus far.

Thank you also for giving to our community service project to help feed homeless and needy people at the Cherry Street Mission. Jesus said in Matthew 25:40 "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Thank you for helping to feed hungry bodies with food and souls with the good news of God's love this Thanksgiving season.

I trust all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration with family and friends. Enjoy the long vacation next week with your kindergartner and may God's abundant blessings be yours. Don't forget to have an attitude of gratitude!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING !!!!!!!!!!!

In the bond of His love,
Mrs. Trof

P.S. There IS school on Monday, November 19, so please send your child to school that day!!!

