

PARENT NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER, 2017



Well, we know that winter is approaching very quickly. So, we are trying to enjoy the nice days that we have right now. We have had a wonderful fall so far though, with such beautiful weather and gorgeous blue skies. Thanksgiving and Christmas will come soon, so we will really be busy around the preschool.

The children enjoyed their fall field trips to Kurtz's pumpkin patch, Metea Park, and Salomon Farms, as well as the fall walks in the woods at preschool. Thank you to the parents who drove for field trips. Without your help, we would not be able to offer these enriching experiences for the children. Thank you, too, to those moms willing to help out with child care so that other moms can drive. The system of taking turns driving and offering child care has worked very well in the past.

We are also very grateful to the Northeast Allen County Fire and EMS for sending firefighters to the school to talk to the children about fire safety and to show them their equipment and a fire truck. The firefighters are very dedicated and make a point of coming every year, so that all of our students will hear the important messages of fire safety. We hope you will encourage them to share with you some of the important things they learned about fire safety. A special thank you to Firefighters Mike and Ben who led the sessions, they did a terrific job!

STUDENT DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Everyone makes mistakes and we are the first to admit when we do. 😊 Please correct the following errors in the student directory. On page 3, Mrs. Gerad's name is spelled Mrs. Gerard and on page 5 Avya Miller's father's name is Ryan not Josh. Thank you!



STUDENT INFORMATION CHANGES

If there have been any changes in address, phone numbers, doctor's names, and /or numbers, please stop by the preschool office to give that information to us so that we can keep your information up to date.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

We have scheduled Parent/Teacher Conferences for all classes, except Mrs. Lawson's class, on Friday, November 10. **On the day of your child's conference there will be no school for your child.** However, if you need to bring any children with you that day, there will be child care available in the church nursery. If you have not told the preschool office yet that you will need childcare on that day, please do so ASAP. We feel very strongly that open communication between parents and teachers is always beneficial to our students. By working together, parents and teachers can then try to make the school experience a positive one for the child. The conferences are very important, even though this is only preschool. You will find out how your child is progressing and you can also share information with the teacher about your child. We hope you can all plan to attend.

PRESCHOOL RECOGNITION SUNDAY

On November 12, our preschool has been asked to sing for the 9:00 am church service here at Leo UM Church. Mrs. Hines, our music teacher, is very excited and has begun teaching 2 songs to all the classes for that special day. Please mark the date on your calendar. Have your child meet in the gym by 8:45 am that morning. Mrs. Hines, Mrs. Huebner, me and several other staff members will be there to greet your child. This is our chance to give back to the church which supports and prays for the preschool everyday. Also, to support Mrs. Hines and the great job she does with our music program here at Leo Preschool. ☺

CARNIVAL FUND RAISER

We had a great turn out for the carnival, and everyone seemed to have a good time. We want to send out a very big thank you to all of the parents who helped in so many ways: procuring silent auction items and door prizes; making things for the bake sale; helping set up; helping clean-up; helping with games and also by coming with your children! Thank you to the preschool staff, their family members, and the church maintenance staff who help set everything up, worked that day, and helped clean up. Also, thank you to

Dude Walker of K105 and his son, Carter, for being the MC that day. Thank you so much for your attendance! Attached to this newsletter is a list of all area businesses that graciously donated to the Silent Auction or Door Prize drawing. Please shop at these businesses and say thank you for supporting our preschool! ☺

LUNCH BUNCH

Our Lunch Bunch Program has started on Wednesdays and is in full swing. The children are enjoying themselves and have made some new friends within the preschool. ☺ You can sign up just a Wednesday at a time, a month at a time, a few months at a time, or for the whole year to keep your space. If you would not like to commit yourself to a certain month, you may call the preschool office on the Tuesday before to see if there is an opening on that Wednesday. We still have some openings, so if you would like to sign your child up, just call the preschool office at 260-627-2934.



ITEMS NEEDED IN CLASSROOMS

Please save the following items for our classrooms and Art Room:

- Clean Styrofoam meat trays
- Clean milk jug lids
- Clean baby food plastic containers with lids

SERVICES/INFORMATIONAL BOARD

Just a reminder, that there is a bulletin board in the hallway by the preschool office where preschool families and staff are able to use as a services board. If you do childcare in your home/sell something that might interest others/ have a small business selling things like Mary Kay/ Avon/ carpet cleaning/ give piano lessons/ photographer/ etc., then a card may be placed on the board for others to see. **All cards or info must go through Mrs. Bearman first.** It is just another way of family helping family! ☺

JEANS DAYS

Each month our staff wears jeans on Spirit Day. When they do, they contribute to that month's designated charitable recipient. We keep a jar on the office counter for that collection, along with a notice stating which charity the month's collection will go to. Anyone who wishes to contribute to any of these collections may certainly do so. November's recipient will be Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.



TUITION REMINDER

December's tuition payment will be due on November 2 or 3. Please remember to always put your student's name and class on the check. Thank you! ☺

OUTSIDE PLAY

Remember, that we do take the children outside every day that we possibly can. So please, for their comfort, make sure they come dressed appropriately, including hats, gloves, warm coats, etc. If your child has not mastered putting on his/her own coat, please practice with him/her. As they grow so quickly, they change coats often and with each new coat may come different challenges, so keep practicing at home and we will keep practicing at school. Also, if your child chooses to wear boots to school, please send in their shoes so they can change into them when they get to their classroom. Their feet get very hot in their boots and it is very hard to run and play in them.



THANKSGIVING FEASTS

Our first big parent event will be the feast which will be on Tuesday, November 21. The children will be entertaining you with some songs in the sanctuary with Mrs. Hines, after which you will join them in the gym for a meal that they helped prepare. This is a very special day for them, so please plan to have someone attend with them. **We allow one or two adults per child for the meal, but anyone can come to the musical program**

before hand. You will drop your child off, as usual through the drop-off carline, and then go into the sanctuary. The session will be shorter than usual. **So, you will be able to take your child with you early that day including Mrs. Kennedy's Kind Prep class.** Even though it is a scheduled full day for them, they will not have school that afternoon. More info will be sent home at a later date.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to all of the parents that sent in candy or set up a trunk for 'Trunk or Treat' here at the Leo UM Church. Thank you also for all of you that brought your children to the 'Trunk or Treat'. It is so wonderful to see all the support from all of you. The children thank you as well as I do. Blessings to you all!

Thanks again,

Rhonda Huebner

Children's Ministries Director at Leo United Methodist Church

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO IN OUR SPECIALITY CLASSES

GYM CLASS: The children are learning to move a lot in class. We have been learning a new yoga pose each class and will soon be able to do a full yoga class and learn to breathe to allow ourselves to be calm during high stress times like the holidays. Ask your child to teach you their yoga poses. It can be a great experience! Keep sending your child with gym shoes and hair pulled back. Thank You!

Mrs. Schott

MUSIC CLASS: We will be busy this month preparing for our Harvest Feast Program by singing lots of songs about the fall season, the first Thanksgiving, and being thankful! Many of our songs include hand motions such as clapping, flapping, stomping, and even the sign language for saying "Thank You." We also have been invited to sing for our church at the 9:00 am service on Sunday, November 12th. We will sing "God is so Good" and "There's a Feast" to our very appreciative congregation here at Leo United Methodist Church! Later this month, we look forward to showing you what we have been doing in our music classes at our Harvest Day Program, as we celebrate this season of being thankful to God for all that He has given us.

Thank you!

Mrs. Hines

CHAPEL TIME WITH PASTOR DAVE AND MRS. BEARMAN

In October, we talked about October's character trait 'Responsibility'. Pastor Dave talked about being responsible for all the gifts that God has given us. That we should not take things for granted. We learned a new song called "I've got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy down

in my Heart, down in my Heart to stay.” What great listeners and singers we have at our preschool! ☺

NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

November 1 – Picture Retakes @ 9:00 – 9:20 am

November 2 – School Spirit Day – wear school shirt to school

November 2 & 3 – December Tuition due

November 3 – Mrs. Lawson’s class will have their Parent/Teacher Conferences only

November 7 – Chapel w/ Mrs. Bearman & Pastor Dave

November 9 – Kind Prep Nursing Home field trip to The Cedars

November 10 – Parent/ Teacher Conferences for all classes

No student attendance that day.

November 12 – Preschool Sunday - preschool students will sing @ 9:00 am church service @ Leo UM Church

November 21 – THANKSGIVING FEAST at school for **ALL classes**

November 22, 23, 24 – NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

November 28 – Special Readers at preschool

I hope that all of you will have a very blessed and enjoyable Thanksgiving. Relax and enjoy your families! I want to give thanks for the outstanding, dedicated staff with which we are blessed to have teaching/working at our preschool, and for the wonderful children and their families, who are like our “families”. **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!**



God’s Blessings,
Lori Bearman, Director