



## Lighthouse News

### We are Thankful for Our Lighthouse Families!

As the holiday season comes closer, we have lots of fun activities planned for the children. Many of our classes will perform their Christmas songs for the Christmas program in December, so you may hear them begin to practice this month! *OUR CENTER IS CLOSED ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND AND FRIDAY 23RD FOR THANKSGIVING.* Please remember that an absentee credit can be applied to your account if your child is full time and misses the full week of Thanksgiving.

Orange County Public Schools are closed from November 19th through November 23rd. This means there is no VPK during that time. Classrooms 8, 9 and 17, our after school classes, please remember the tuition for the week of Thanksgiving will be \$140 if your child is with us all three days.

For our VPK classes, the full week's tuition will be the normal \$165 for those that are enrolled in our wrap-around program. Please see the front office with any questions you may have.

Our 12th Annual Fall Festival was a great success, once again! **A BIG THANK YOU,** to all that came out and helped. Those that volunteered, you put that special touch on our day! Thank you to People of Faith for sharing this awesome day with us!

It was a fun-filled day! With our annual Book Fair, face painting, games, balloons, bounce houses, delicious food from Uno's and so much more. We want to thank G's Fun Time for the bounce houses, Jeremiah's Ice, Uno's Pizza, Smiles Face Painting for providing lots of fun for the kids! We also want to thank Oakes Animal Hospital, Wheel Works, Southwest Aquatics, Sea World & Aquatica and anyone else who donated to our silent auction baskets. We could not have done it without you!

We collected over 1500 lbs. of canned goods, clothes and more for New Beginnings - Food Pantry. Thank you to the awesome volunteers who helped deliver and unload all of the donations. We raised over \$1500.00, that will be used for new equipment and supplies for the center. Awesome Job! You should all feel proud- I know that I do.

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's Fall Fest,

Deanna Gustafson



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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- 11/19–11/23 - OCPS closed / no VPK
- 11/22-11/23 - Childrens Lighthouse Closed for Thanksgiving



# PLEASE READ

## Flu Season is Here...

Flu season has just started and we here at Childrens Lighthouse have already seen many sick children coming into the center, just to be sent back home to recover. We had several staff members in turn become ill as well. As you all know we have Sick Policies in place to maintain the safety and health of all that are here at Childrens Lighthouse Learning Center.

### **What Should Parents do to Avoid the Temptation of "Drop and Run" Care?**

No loving parent *wants* to impose a sick child on anyone. But while it is easy to recognize that most ill child simply want to be in bed sleeping or perhaps on the couch laying around and watching cartoons, it is not always so easy from a working parent perspective. Parents must keep the perspective as to how they would feel if another family brought a child with a contagious disease and exposed their child, or if a neighbor let the kids play together only hours after being diagnosed with a contagious illness. That having been said, there are things parents can do now to minimize the feeling of "not having a choice" about what to do when a child is sick.

### **Determine What the Workplace Rules are Concerning a Sick Child**

Having a conversation with your boss is key to a smooth cold and flu season. Adults should find out this information before a need arises. Spouses should compare notes as to flexibility and arrangements. Some companies even offer working parents options surrounding sick child care or provide the option of working from home or other such flexible arrangements.

### **Research Any Sick Care Options for Kids & Develop a Family Sick Plan**

In some larger communities, local hospitals and certain Daycare centers have sick care. The irony of it, however, is that in many cases advance notice is required, and parents would love to "know" in advance when their child might become ill. The key is knowing too whether a sick child simply needs recovery time or whether needs medical attention or is highly infectious and contagious. Sometimes, all a sick child needs is lots of rest and fluids and will be back bouncing around in no time. In other situations, the recovery may be lengthier or involve treatment or visits to the doctor. Have your own "**in case of illness**" procedure prepared. Once you know your office's policies, you and your partner can decide what works best in your home. Consider taking turns staying home or each working a half day (one parent works in the morning, while the other goes into the office in the afternoon). For single parents, this is more challenging. Find out if nearby neighbor, family and friends can help if your child's needs last minute care.

### **Keep Us Informed About Your Child's Health**

If possible, contact the center if your child will be out and indicate the reason. We can then be on the lookout for others with this illness to help other parents know as well. ***You'd hope other parents extend the same courtesy.*** After all, typically your child contracted his illness from someone else or in some contagious environment.

### **Know that Kids Will Get Sick**

If parents will just follow the rule of "**DOING UNTO OTHERS**" then the spread of colds, strep, flu, pinkeye, and the host of other ailments can at least be minimized. Before long, everyone will be back in a happy and health routine.

## Infants - Rooms 1, 2, & 3

**Theme: Storybook Classics**

**Baby sign: Sad, Cry**

**Shape: Rectangle**

**Song: My Little Red Wagon**

**Color: Brown**

**Nursery Rhyme: Little Miss Muffett**

November's theme is Storybook Classics. Classic children's books such as Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? and



The Very Hungry Caterpillar will be our focus for this month. When you begin reading with your child, don't read the words. Point out familiar things first. Talk about the things that you see.

Reading pictures is an important pre-reading skill. In time, your child will recognize that the meaning is in the words and the pictures illustrate the meaning. Enjoy setting aside that special time every day to cuddle and reconnect emotionally with your child

Please be sure that all of your bottles, lids and bottle dividers are fully labeled with your child's first and last names. Because many items look alike, please make sure that all items including pacifiers (which must be attached to a clip), blankets, diapers and diaper bags are labeled with at least your child's first name and last initial.

Please remember to update your child's monthly feeding chart by the first day of

each month, this will keep us updated.

Thank you all very much and we hope you have a blessed month!

Ms. Bibi, Ms. Carmen, Ms. Danielle, Miss Tiffani & Ms. Jessica

*Enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend with your family and friends!*

**WE ARE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING ON NOVEMBER 22ND AND 23RD!**



Character Development for this month: **Gratitude**  
*"Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus"* 1 Thessalonians 5:18

## Toddlers - Room 12

**Theme: Storybook Characters**

**Baby sign: Sad, Cry**

**Shape: Rectangle**

**Song: Old McDonald had a Farm**

**Color: Brown**

**Nursery Rhyme: This Little Piggy**

Welcome to November! This month the children will be learning all about story book characters and storybook classics. They will be learning all about different types of storybooks, such as Goldilocks and the Three bears and more.



We will also be learning about the color brown and the shape rectangle.

Please be aware of some safety concerns: Open toed shoes cannot be worn to school. Please check your child's cubby to see if there is anything that needs to be taken home or replaced (extra clothing that may be too small).

Please check your child's folder each day for art projects and important paperwork. We would also like to ask all parents to please make sure all items that come from home are clearly and fully labeled, this is to avoid items getting lost. **WE ARE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING ON NOVEMBER 22ND & 23RD.**

Thank you for all of your help, and if you ever have any questions, please feel free to ask us!

Ms. Sarah

## 2's - Rooms 4, 5 & 13

Dear Parents,

Our C.A.R.E.S. theme for this month is Native Americans, forest animals, Thanksgiving, leaves & trees and corn. Some of our activities this month are exploring our fall sensory tub, playing with our "Thanksgiving Bakery" prop box, matching forest animals and more. We have practiced counting up to 10 and are learning to sort objects. We are learning letters F, I and G this month.

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Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Thank you for all of your help, and if you ever have any questions, please feel free to ask us!

Miss Dianemarie, Ms. Ratisha, Ms. Jasmin, Ms. Jonna'e, Ms. Janice & Miss Kaydee



**"NOVEMBER 19 - 23 - OCPS CLOSED/NO VPK"**

## 3's - Rooms 14, 15 & 16

Dear Parents,

Our monthly C.A.R.E.S. theme is Thanksgiving, Native Americans, forest animals, leaves, trees & corn. Some activities we will do this month are explore our fall sensory tub, sort fall items by color, play with our "Thanksgiving Bakery" prop box and more.



During class time, we have practiced counting, learned about patterns and this month, we will talk about letters F, I and G.

You may notice that your child's coloring is improving, as we practice our fine motor skills each day.

Thank you for all of your help, and if you ever have any questions, please feel free to ask us! **We are closed for Thanksgiving on November 22nd & 23rd.** If you plan on using an absentee credit for that week, November 19-23, your child must miss the entire week. Please see the front office for details.

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Ms. Charkell, Miss Katelyn, Ms. Rosie, Ms. Tonya, Miss Amy & Miss Simone

## 4's & VPK - Rooms 6, 7, 8 & 10



Dear Parents,

Our monthly C.A.R.E.S. theme is Thanksgiving, Native Americans, forest animals, leaves, trees & corn. Some activities we will do this month are matching forest animals to their tracks, explore our book box “Brown Bear, Brown Bear”, learn what it means to hibernate, discover who Andy Warhol was and more. This month, we are working on the “on” sight word family and the word family “-ub”.



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Thank you for all of your help, and if you ever have any questions, please feel free to ask us!

Miss Jenna, Ms. Sheryl, Ms. Shantel, Miss Amanda J., Ms. Jennay, Ms. Kelly, Ms. Kris & Ms. Sereda

## SCHOOLERS - ROOMS 8, 9 & 17

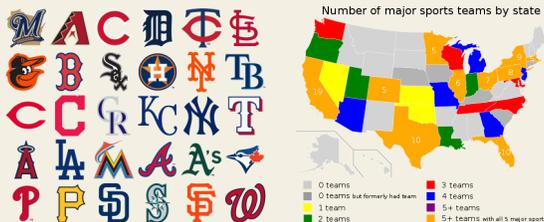
Dear Parents,

We will be studying a topic that many children already know a lot about-sports! Keeping that in mind, we will try to build on the children’s prior knowledge as we explore the many ways that sports connect to reading, writing, science, language arts, social studies, physical education and other areas of the curriculum. This month, we will be mapping the

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Sincerely,

Ms. Indira, Miss Amanda J. & Miss Erica



locations of major league teams, measuring world records, learning about sports personalities and more.

Let's Celebrate!

November

Happy Birthday!



**STAFF**

*Ms. Sheryl - 9 yrs.*

*Ms. Shantel - 1 yr.*

*Ms. Katelyn- 1 yr.*



*Ms. Ratisha - 11/5*

*Miss Tiffani G. - 11/5*

*Ms. Sarah - 11/30*

- LIAM C. 11/2 ~ 4 YRS. OLD
- LANDON T. 11/2 ~ 1 YR. OLD
- HENLEE E. 11/3 ~ 3 YRS. OLD
- LEAH E. 11/7 ~ 4 YRS. OLD
- KENDALL Y. 11/9 ~ 4 YRS. OLD
- ALEXIS W. 11/11 ~ 4 YRS. OLD
- LISBETH P. 11/12 ~ 4 YRS. OLD
- DEREK S. 11/13 ~ 4 YRS. OLD
- ETHAN I. 11/14 ~ 2 YRS. OLD
- MILES S. 11/14~2 YRS. OLD
- KAITLYN L. 11/15~5 YRS. OLD
- ANGELA C. 11/16~1 YR. OLD
- MOISES O. 11/17~5 YRS. OLD
- MADISON H. 11/17~10 YRS. OLD
- BRYCEN H. 11/18~2 YRS. OLD
- ETHAN G. 11/20~9 YRS. OLD
- AMELIA M. 11/23~2 YRS. OLD
- LANDON F. 11/24~4 YRS. OLD
- DYLAN M. 11/28~1 YR. OLD



# PEOPLE OF FAITH NEWS

Families of the Lighthouse.

I wanted to share with you our sermon series for November. It is titled "Saints R Us".

The first Sunday begins with "All Saints Sunday" as we remember our loved ones who died from the past year and their names are read in worship.

Here is the topic line-up for the month:

**November 4<sup>th</sup>** - "What is a saint?"

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** - "What does a saint do?"

**November 18<sup>th</sup>** - "Am I a saint too?"

**November 25** - "Christ the King Sunday" - the last Sunday of the church year before the season of Advent begins.

Come and join us at 9:45 a.m. We are family friendly and also cater to the spiritual needs of children. We have a "Children's Message" as well as J.A.M. ("Jesus and Me"), which is a short time of learning more about Jesus with story and craft.

*We celebrate the Lord's Supper every Sunday, and use bread and wine, but also have juice and gluten-free wafers available. Children can receive a blessing. Everyone is welcome to the meal!*

**If you do not have a church home, consider checking us out either on Sunday mornings or on our website at [PeopleofFaith.org](http://PeopleofFaith.org).**

We would love to meet you!

God bless,

Pastor Rick



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