



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 28TH AND FRIDAY 29TH 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 25th through November 29th. This means there is no VPK during that time. Classrooms 9 and 17, our after school classes, please remember to add \$15 per day that your child will be present.

For our VPK classes, the full week's tuition will be the normal \$175 for those that are enrolled in our wrap-around program. Please see the front office with any questions you may have.

Our 13th 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 and the Roadhouse for sharing this awesome day with us!

It was a fun-filled day! With our annual Book Fair, face painting, games, balloons, train ride, delicious food from Uno's and so much more. We want to thank G's Fun Time for the train, Jeremiah's Ice, Uno's Pizza, Smiles Face Painting for providing lots of fun for the kids! We also want to thank everyone who donated to our silent auction baskets. We want to thank West Orange High School NHS and Mr. Smith for the amazing volunteers that joined us and made the day a blast! 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

- 11/25-11/29 - OCPS closed / no VPK
- 11/28-11/29 - Closed for Thanksgiving

FLU SEASON IS HERE...



PLEASE READ: IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Flu season has just started and we here at Children's 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 you all know we have Sick Policies in place to maintain the safety and health of all that are here at Children's 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 children 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 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. Sam, Ms. Danielle, Miss Giselle & Ms. Michele

Enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend with your family and friends!

WE ARE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING ON NOVEMBER 28TH AND 29TH!



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 11

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 28TH & 29TH**

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

Ms. Doris & Miss Kiera

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!

Ms. Janada, Ms. Allison, Ms. Lola, Miss Mith, Ms. Katrina & Ms. Awilda



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 28th & 29th.** If you plan on using an absentee credit for that week, November 25-29, your child must miss the entire week. Please see the front office for details.

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Miss Rebecca, Miss Becca, Miss Eddwina & Ms. Amy

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".



Orange County Schools are closed November 25-29, so there is no VPK that week for families who are VPK only. The cost for our wrap around students for our VPK classes, rooms 6-8, for that week is the normal \$175. If you would like to use an absentee credit for that week, your child must be absent Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. **OUR CENTER IS CLOSED ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH & 29TH.**

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. Tonya, Ms. Kelly, Ms. Sereda, Ms. Kris & Miss Daijah

SCHOOLERS - ROOMS 9 & 17

Dear Parents,

Our questers are continuing their hard work on their monthly challenges. Many of the students have collected cog badges! We appreciate your patience as we made this transition to our xStream curriculum. OCPS are closed November 25-29. **OUR CENTER IS CLOSED ON THE 28TH & 29TH FOR THANKSGIVING.** If your child will be with us the 25th through the 27th, there will be an in-service fee of \$15. for each day, making the total for the week \$125. Please see the front office for details.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sereda & Miss Erica

Let's Celebrate!

November

Happy Birthday

LIAM C. 11/2 ~ 5 YRS. OLD

LANDON T. 11/2 ~ 2 YRS. OLD

HENLEE E. 11/3 ~ 4 YRS. OLD

NORAH D. 11/5~1 YR. OLD

SIENNA B. 11/9~1 YR. OLD

KENDALL Y. 11/9 ~ 5 YRS. OLD

ALEXIS W. 11/11 ~ 5 YRS. OLD

LISBETH P. 11/12 ~ 5 YRS. OLD

DEREK S. 11/13 ~ 5 YRS. OLD

ETHAN I. 11/14 ~ 3 YRS. OLD

MILES S. 11/14~3 YRS. OLD

MADISON H. 11/17~11 YRS. OLD

BRYCEN H. 11/18~3 YRS. OLD

LUCIUS P. 11/19~7 YRS. OLD

ETHAN G. 11/20~10 YRS. OLD

NATALIE & EMILY D. 11/22~5 YRS. OLD

AMELIA M. 11/23~3 YRS. OLD

LANDON F. 11/24~5 YRS. OLD

NOAH K. 11/26~4 YRS. OLD

JACKSON R. 11/27~2 YRS. OLD

DYLAN M. 11/28~2 YRS. OLD



STAFF

Ms. Sheryl - 9 yrs.



Ms. Quilda 11 -12

Ms. Lola 11 -13

Miss Eddwina 11 -17

PEOPLE OF FAITH NEWS

Families of the Lighthouse!!!

I have an offer...you can't refuse (yea... you really can).

I am going to offer First Communion classes for your kids (and you as well)!

I will instruct your kids and you (the parents) with an "understandable" understanding of Holy Communion (in our church ANYONE can receive communion - we also like to offer instruction as well). In this meal, you will learn about what Holy Communion - what it means, why we do it, why we offer it EVERY Sunday, and what a truly amazing GIFT it truly is.

(p.s. - This is the ELCA Lutheran understanding - since we are an ELCA Lutheran Church. ELCA = Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - check out the website.)

So here is the schedule:

+ Pre K = Saturday morning the 16th of November from 10 - 11:30 with snacks.

+ 1 - 3 Grades = Saturday morning the 23rd of November from 10 - 11:30 with snacks.

We will then "officially" have all of our kids/"communicants" receive their First Communion on Sunday November 24 (aka "Christ the King" Sunday) at 9:45am.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center table right down from the worship space (directions: when you enter Children's Lighthouse make a left, then go down the hallway and make another left and there is the desk - by the double glass doors).

Check out our website at PeopleofFaith.org.

If you have any questions, call me, text me or email me: PastorRick@PeopleofFaith.com or #559-300-2179.

God bless,

Pastor Rick



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