



## PreK 4s

### November 2018

Week of November 5

#### On the Farm

- # 1-10 Game with Fall images/clothespins
- Color word game

#### Music:

- Babies on the Farm
- Are you listening to the animals?
- God in Heaven made a farm...
- New Snack song

#### Stories:

- Click Clack Moo. Cows that Type (our read aloud)
- Baa, Moo, What Will We Do?
- COWS
- A Calf Grows Up
- Preschool Devotion Book: "What I need"

#### Special Projects:

- I am Thankful Feather
- Tractor with "dirt tracks"

#### Alphabet Activities:

- Letter O: Ollie Octopus, printing O & sharing, too

#### Activities:

- #5
- play dough with farm cookie cutters/rollers
- side sensory: corn husking
- farm animals, farm vehicles and barns
- farm puppets, flannel stories & color forms
- light table with square objects
- weights and balances at the science table
- big sensory: corn, farm vehicles
- new dramatic play: grocery store
- maker table: farm stampers with ink pads
- white boards and name practice
- zig zags, waves and more with scissors
- farm table puzzles and big floor farm puzzle
- classroom library with farm books
- fine motor bead game, # magnets and more

Week of November 12 & 19

#### Thank You, God

- Turkey Trot game
- Turkey numbers game

#### Music:

- Mr. Turkey (Tune: Frere Jacque)
- A Turkey is a Funny Bird
- 5 Fat Turkeys
- Praise Him
- Christmas Songs

#### Stories:

- The Man Who Said Thank You (Bible Read Aloud)
- Thanks for Thanksgiving (our read aloud)
- Thank You Prayer Book
- Celebrating Thanksgiving (past/present)
- Thanksgiving is for Giving Thanks
- The Littlest Pilgrim

#### Special Projects:

- Turkey Placemat (for our feast)
- Farm Scene
- Cooking Day for our feast: applesauce, cornbread muffins & butter making
- Mama Square
- Milking a cow

#### Alphabet Activities:

- Letter G: Gordy Gorilla, printing G & sharing time

#### Activities:

- #6
- corn and farm animals in sensory
- dramatic play: grocery store
- side sensory: feathers, cotton and poms w/turkeys
- weights and balances at science with new items
- light table with turkey creations
- lincoln logs (pilgrim homes)
- how to set the Thanksgiving table and more

# Other News in Preschool

## Thank You

Thank you to our parent helpers on Halloween. It was so much fun. The children had a wonderful time and were exhausted by the end of our morning together. Thank you for sending your child in an adorable outfit on Halloween.

## All Saints Day

Do you see a little halo shining brightly at your home? We celebrated All Saints Day on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. The children learned all about St. Joseph, sang a song “God Chose Me and God Chose You”, created a bead-cross necklace, listened to the story My Favorite Saints and practiced being a Saint. 😊

## Kindergarten Screening

Kindergarten Screening is completed through the district you reside in and is currently mandatory for all children. Be sure to make an appointment for the screening earlier rather than waiting until your child is closer to the Kindergarten year. It is a very valuable tool for both St. Joseph’s teachers and your family. Feel free to ask if you have any questions. Hint: the screening dates are sometimes six weeks out—so call early to get your child’s appointment. Thank you so much.

## Down on the Farm

The children are enjoying a thematic unit about farms, with a special focus on cows. There were sounds of tractors, cows, pigs and other farm animals this week. The children learned about farm machines, dairy farms, interesting cow facts and coming up this week each child will experience “milking” a cow. The preschool farmers created a farm tractor and had a blast driving their farm machine into “mud”. The Read Aloud book is Click Clack Moo Cows That Type. It is a delightful story about the animals going on strike at the farm.

## November Concepts

Letters: H, O, G & Alphabet song      Counting 1-12      Shape: Square (review circle)      Color: Brown  
Numeral Recognition: 1-6      Skill: Scissors practice

## Past Letters: L, F, A, T, P

It is so important to spend quality time with your little one reviewing the concepts taught at Preschool. A little bit of review each day—can have very positive results.

\*\*Scissors practice, numbers and name writing is always a good idea to do at home, too.

## Snacks

Thank you for your efforts to send a healthy and nutritional snack to Preschool. Pre-washed and cut fruit is always a hit and appreciated. Reminder: send 15 cups (5 oz is the best for little hands) and napkins. 😊  
During the month of November, the PreK4s will be asked to bring a beverage as part of snack. In December and January, the Terrific Threes and PreK4/5s will be bringing the beverage. Thank you.

## Dramatic Play Fun

The children are thrilled with our new dramatic play theme. They are having a great time in our Preschool grocery store and playing the different roles of a grocery employee, as well as being a valued customer. “Clean up on aisle 4!

## Thanksgiving Feast

The PreK 4s will be celebrating Thanksgiving on Monday, November 19. We will play a few turkey games including bingo, listen to the story [Thanksgiving is for Giving Thanks](#), visit the chapel to say a thanksgiving prayer and share a feast together. The children will be preparing the food and creating a placemat a few days before the feast. It is a beautiful day to celebrate all God has given us, including our new friends and school.

## Reminders & Suggestions

- \*Are you virtue trained? All volunteers must be virtue trained.
- \*Label all winter clothing—hat, coat, mittens, etc. Hint: mittens are so much easier for the children at this age level as they work on being independent to get dressed to go outside.
- \*Try to have your little one use the bathroom before arriving at Preschool.
- \*It is helpful to have a bag (Ziploc works well) of extra clothes in your child's blue school bag.
- \*It helps immensely to have the sleeves of coats, sweaters, jackets, sweatshirts **not inside out** after arriving to school. It is difficult for the children to get on clothing that is inside out efficiently when we get ready to go outside. Thanks.
- \*As we enter cold weather days it is a good idea to have an **extra bag for winter gear**. The blue school bag is not quite big enough to have school papers/projects in it, as well as snow pants and all the gear. I have found it helpful for the children and staff to have a separate bag for winter outerwear. A recycle or fabric type shopping bags work well.

## Mark Your Calendar

- \*Lifetouch Retake -Photo Day is on Tuesday, November 27 from 9:00 to close to 11:00. If you are interested in retakes, please go directly to the church Great Room *during this time frame*. Bring your old photo package with you.
- \*The Preschool Christmas Program will be on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the church.

## Being Grateful

It is a beautiful time of the year to express a sincere appreciation for all you do for us at Preschool.  
Thank you!

*With heartfelt gratitude,*  
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