

November 2011

Dear Parents,

Now that we are headed back on Eastern Standard Time, as of November 6th, the days get dark earlier, and fall is in full swing. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 8 and Wednesday, November 9. There will be no school for the students on that day, and we would appreciate it if you could make childcare arrangements to devote your attention to the conference. Please allow time either before or after your teacher conference to see Nancy for the results of the ASQ, and the Bracken for the Pre-K students. A Scholastic Book Fair will be set up in Room 118 during the week of Parent/Teacher conferences (Tuesday through Friday noon) for you to browse and begin your Christmas shopping. Other family members are welcome to shop, too.

We would like to help the Church's Food Pantry prepare for holiday food baskets. Please bring in boxed potatoes or rice, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, soup, canned fruit or vegetables throughout the holiday season.

Our **Thanksgiving Family Feasts** will be held Nov. 21st and 22nd. The children come at the regular time and families are invited to the feast. Room 114 (Miss Chris and Miss Pam) will celebrate on Monday. Room 116 (Miss Angie and Miss Gayle) will celebrate on Tuesday with Room 112 (Miss Carolyn and Miss Diane). The Monday morning class will need to clean up their plates and serving dishes to allow room for the afternoon class. The afternoon class will come at 12:30 on Monday with their guests and food to the gym. We are hoping for a great turnout and are asking everyone to bring a large covered dish or dessert. Sunshine Preschool will provide the turkey and beverages. The program will begin at 11:00 a.m. (12:35 for the afternoon) - please have the covered dishes here before 11:00 a.m. for the morning classes and at 12:30 p.m. for the afternoon classes. If you bring a lot of family members, just bring more food. Volunteers to help set up and clean up will be most welcome. There will not be school on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday (11/23-25).

Thank you to everyone who ordered Scholastic Books! New Scholastic order forms are available and will be due Nov. 14th. You may also order on-line using the code GYKLZ at scholastic.com/bookclubs when you sign up.

We will be repeating our fundraiser of Little Caesar's pizza kits and cookie dough tubs. Our goal is \$750, if everyone would sell just 5 items. The information will be going home November 18. The orders and money will be due on Tuesday, December 6. We will need several parents to help unload the truck and sort orders at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14. All orders (regardless of class day) will need to be picked up between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

We appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation as we had to make adjustments to the class schedules in October. We are also looking at a new fund raiser this month, Christmas ornaments imprinted with the school logo. We will offer personalization (name and/or year) as well. More information will be available in a few weeks. We greatly appreciate all donations, both snacks and supplies, helping to keep school expenses reasonable.

Looking ahead to December, we are planning something a little different for the Christmas program. The Christmas Story will be told through pictures taken of the Pre-K classes in costume while in Chapel, rather than dressing the part for the night of the program. All students will be on stage for songs in regular clothing during the program on Tuesday, December 20 at 7pm.

Feature Teacher – Angie Day began teaching at Sunshine Children's Center ten years ago. She is teaching in the Pre-Kindergarten Class in Room 116 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings and serves as Assistant Director on Monday, afternoons. Angie earned her Child Development Associate credential five years ago and renewed it two years ago. She also enjoys doing crafts, going shopping, driving her son to golf tournaments and marching band competitions, and her birthday is January 26. Angie is married to Brian and they have a son, Kyle, a former student, now in ninth grade.

Lastly, just a few reminders.

Visit the restroom before entering the classroom.

- Please label jackets and coats. We go outside as long as the weather is above 40° F.
- Double check both sides of your child's papers for names and information.
- Children must be free of fever for at least 24 hours, without taking any fever-reducing medication, before returning to school.
- The school and church are collecting Campbell's Soup UPC Labels to purchase classroom and sport items. Please remove paper labels from your favorite Campbell's products and place them in the box on the hall desk or stick them on the convenient sheet sent home at the beginning of the year. More sheets are available under the Soup Receptacle on the hallway desk.

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