

Parent Newsletter

Valley Springs
Christian
Preschool

"Give thanks to
the Lord for He
is good."

Psalm 107:1



Pre-Kindergarten Program

November 2022

We have so much to be thankful for! **Our theme for November is "We Are Thankful"**. This month, we will spend time discussing what things we are most thankful for. We will also practice our polite manners, saying "thank you" to others when they are kind to us.

During our Pre-Reading time we will continue to learn the letter names and sounds of Ll and Tt. We will also learn fall poems, rhymes, and songs. We will continue to learn book awareness by "reading" during book time, listening to stories, and making books during small group time. During our Math learning time we will practice counting, and identifying the numbers "3" and "4". We will learn positions; above, behind, below etc., and qualities of size, weight, and shape. We will be classifying and sorting by these qualities as well. Our shape this month is the triangle.

We will continue to focus on Harvest Time as we discuss healthy food and where it comes from, the food pyramid and exercising to stay healthy. In November, we will be hearing a bible story from Exodus. We will learn how God provided for his people in the wilderness with the miracle of "manna." At the end of the month we will also talk about Native Americans and Pilgrims and how the Pilgrims came to America in search of a place where they could praise God the way they liked.

On **Thursday, November 17th**, the Parents are invited to join us at 11:30 am in the classroom for a **Thanksgiving singing performance**. We are so excited to share this special time with you to celebrate all we have to be thankful for!

When we return from Thanksgiving, we're jumping right into all of our Christmas themes. We are always excited for this special time of year celebrating Jesus's birth.

Opportunities to Give

We have two great opportunities to teach our children to give to those less fortunate than ourselves this month.

The first opportunity is to participate in our community service project; **Valley Springs Food Drive**. We will be collecting non-perishable food in the month of November to be distributed to families who may need help in the community. We will be sorting, counting and classifying the food, before filling up the Food Pantry.

The second opportunity is to participate in **Operation Christmas Child**. This program is an outreach of Samaritan's Purse. It is a fun and meaningful project that your whole family can participate in. The children fill a shoebox full of toys, school supplies, hygiene items, etc. to send to a child in a war-torn or impoverished country. Look for handouts on the sign in table. Boxes are due by **Thursday, November 17th**. Each shoebox requires a \$10 donation to cover shipping and handling.



November Activities

- Tues. 11/1 **Leaves, Leaves, Leaves**
- Wed. 11/2 **Going on a Leaf Hunt**
Letter "L"
- Thurs. 11/3 **Nursery Rhyme Day**
"Little Boy Blue"
- Mon. 11/7 **Harvest Time/Healthy Eating**
Food Pyramid
- Tues. 11/8 **Families/Traditions**
Journal #3
- Wed. 11/9 **Thank You Veterans**
Thank you for our Freedom
- Thurs. 11/10 **Chapel Day**
"God Feeds His People"
(wear your RED School Shirt)
- Mon. 11/14 **Pilgrims/The Mayflower Voyage**
Thankful to be Free
Journal #4
- Tues. 11/15 **Native American's/Pilgrims**
First Thanksgiving Story
- Wed. 11/16 **The Night Before Thanksgiving**
Letter Tt
- Thurs. 11/17 **We are Thankful**
Please join us for a special
Thanksgiving singing Performance
at 11:30 am in the classroom
- Mon 11/21 - Fri. 11/25 Thanksgiving Break**
- Mon. 11/28 **Welcome Back**
What did you do for Thanksgiving Holiday
- Tues. 11/29 **Advent: Getting Ready for Christmas**
- Wed. 11/30 **"The best thing about Christmas"**
The 12 Names of Jesus



No November Birthdays

Thank You!

A huge **thank you** to all of our wonderful parents!
Thank you for being so careful to make sure your children come to school healthy, and stay home when they are feeling sick. **Thank you** for having your children come to school rested and ready to learn!

Just a reminder. . .

Please be sure to sign your child in each morning when you drop them off and sign them out each afternoon when you pick them up. Our sign-in pages are considered legal documents by California Community Care Licensing, and would be used in an emergency situation.

For Family Time...

November Bible Story: "God Feeds His People" Exodus 16:1-31

Bible Words: "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good." Psalm 107:1

Bible Song: (Sung to the tune of "London Bridge is Falling Down")

I will thank God every day, every day, every day.

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He's so good! (thumbs up)

Family Activities: Thankfulness is a hard concept for preschoolers to understand. During family prayer time thank God for family, food, home, friends, and the blessings of the day. Practice saying "thank you" for tangible things as well as when others are kind to you. Model thankfulness at home. Start a Thanksgiving Journal with your family. Record the blessings God has given to your family this year. Have each family member share something specific that they are thankful for. Keep the journal from year to year. You will have a treasure of family blessings to pass on to your children. Take a thankful walk. Thank God for all that you see and hear on your walk. Be aware of teachable moments with your child. Children can teach us a lot about glorifying and praising God.

