

Genesis Early Childhood Program News

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Developmental Milestones

From the Directors Mary Davis and Melanie Gehrt:

We are focusing on the social and emotional developmental domain more intentionally this year. The end goal for kindergarten readiness is for a child to be able to regulate their emotions and bodies, use words instead of physical means to resolve conflict, and be assertive enough to know when to ask for help. Below are some of the developmental milestones.

Most 18 month olds can:

- Play simple pretend, like feeding a doll
- Hand things to others as play
- May be afraid of strangers
- Points to show others something interesting.

Most 2 year olds can:

- Gets excited when with other children
- Shows more independence and more defiance
- Plays mainly beside other children (parallel play)

Most 3 year olds can:

- Take turns in games
- Shows concern to a crying friend
- Understands "mine", "hers", or "his"
- Separates easily from Mom and Dad
- Dresses and undresses self

Most 4 year olds can:

- Enjoy doing new things
- Is more creative with make-believe play
- Would rather play with other children than alone
- Cooperates with other children (cooperative play)
- Often can't tell what is real and what is make believe

Most 5 year olds can:

- Sometimes demanding and sometimes cooperative
- Can tell what is real and what is make believe
- Is aware of gender
- More likely agree with rules
- Wants to please friends and desires to be liked

Upcoming Events

Why Do My Kids Do That? On Nov. 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the RAC Auditorium, a panel of early childhood professionals will be on hand to answer all of your questions. Please make plans to attend, as valuable information for preschoolers of all ages will be presented.

Thanksgiving Holidays: There will be no classes the week of **Nov. 19-23**. Classes will resume Monday, Nov. 26. Have a blessed holiday!

Our **Pumpkin Party** will be at 1:15 pm **Wednesday, Nov. 14 or Thursday, Nov. 15** in the classrooms. Parents and siblings are welcome. The menu for the party will be all things pumpkin such as pumpkin mini muffins, ice cream, cookies, seeds, pies, etc. Look for an email to be sent with specific requests for your help through Sign Up Genius. VIRTUS is not necessary for donating pumpkin items.

Holiday Donations Needed: We will be collecting food items in November for CAM (Cypress Assistance Ministries) to help those less fortunate in our community during the holidays. Each age group will be assigned an item to keep the distribution equal.

Candle Orders will be delivered before Thanksgiving. Thank you for the GREAT response! This year we raised \$4677! We would like to give special thanks to our top sellers and donators:

River and Rowan Tuminski	\$710
Rosemary and Henry Barker	\$704
Alexander and Serafina Morales	\$452

WOW! Thanks for your awesome support! Also, we would like to give a shout out to those who contributed to the Busy Parent Donations. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an additional \$958!

It's Not Just Play!

CURRICULUM CORNER

As part of fostering spiritual development, we teach several different prayers throughout the year. Our day begins with the prayer Jesus taught us, the "Our Father." Before lunch and snack we sing "God our Father" or pray "Bless us Oh Lord," which is the traditional Catholic prayer before meals. Ms. Andrea leads the kids in the Good Morning Prayer in the Bible enrichment classes. If you are not already, please consider praying the prayers at home with your children.

Our Father

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Good Morning Prayer

Good morning dear Jesus, this day is for you. We ask that you bless all that we think. (point to head) We ask that you bless all that we say. (point to mouth) We ask that you bless all that we do. (lift hands in praise) Amen.

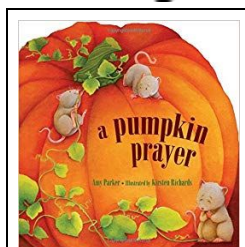
Prayer before Meals

Bless us Oh Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive, from thy bounty, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

God our Father, God our Father, we give thanks, we give thanks, for our many blessings, for our many blessings, Amen, Amen.



Read Along With Us!



4 YEAR OLDS

This month the 4 year olds will continue to refine their fine motor and cognitive skills through tearing paper leaves, painting turkey tracks, counting pumpkin seeds and writing their names. We will build large motor skills outside on the playground while climbing, running, skipping, galloping, digging, raking, and riding tricycles and scooters. We will sequence the Thanksgiving story and "become" pilgrims.

3 YEAR OLDS

The 3 year olds are going to be very busy this month. We will be fringing paper with scissors and continuing to identify our own names. We will be painting with Legos, golf balls and trains to strengthen our fine motor skills. We will be introducing the concept of being thankful and creating thankful trees.

2 YEAR OLDS

Our 2 year olds are so thankful for our families, friends and our school! We will be working our little fingers and hands as we practice sorting, matching and lacing. We will paint pumpkin pies that really smell like a pumpkin pie, and we will be working on name recognition.

18 MONTH OLDS

Now that our 18 month olds are confident at school, we will continue to work on gross motor skills on the balance beam and the tricycles. Also, we will start building our core muscles with vertical drawing and painting on easels.

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

BIBLE: We will start the month of November celebrating the saints. We will also talk about why we pray and about the different types of prayer. We will end the month learning about Angels and start to prepare for Christmas during Advent.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT: This month in music and movement we will be learning and singing about being thankful for the different people in our lives, turkeys and falling leaves! We will be working on our gross motor movement by jumping, crawling, marching, wiggling our turkey feathers and "sneaking" on our tiptoes.

SCIENCE: In Science this month, students will participate in experiments using various manipulatives in order to gain an understanding of push vs. pull and force.

If you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call 832-678-5432.