



## Preschool Peek

### November 2020

Week of November 16

#### **Thank You, God**

- Where is Turkey? (positional words)
- Turkey colors (matching)

#### **Music:**

- Hello, Mr. Turkey
- A Turkey is a Funny Bird
- Smells Like Thanksgiving
- If You're Thankful and You Know It

#### **Stories:**

- The Grumpy Morning with CD (our read aloud)
- Squares Are Everywhere
- 1 Little, 2 Little, 3 Little Pilgrims
- Thank You Thanksgiving

#### **Special Projects:**

- Thanksgiving Placemat (for our feast)
- Square Shape Collage
- Turkey with yarn painting

#### **Alphabet Activities:**

- Letter G: green glitter

#### **Activities:**

- rubber farm animals
- play dough with cutters/rollers
- farm animals, farm vehicles and barns
- colander and pipe cleaners
- weights and balances at the science table
- new dramatic play: grocery store
- prayer table
- farm table puzzles
- number magnets and board
- magna doodle "writing"
- farm animals, vehicles and barns
- geo-blocks
- plastic key sorting

Week of November 23

#### **Happy Thanksgiving**

- Where is Turkey? (positional words)
- Turkey colors (matching)

#### **Music:**

- Hello, Mr. Turkey
- A Turkey is a Funny Bird
- Smells Like Thanksgiving
- If You're Thankful and You Know It

#### **Stories:**

- Let's Celebrate Thanksgiving
- Count My Blessings

#### **Special Projects:**

- Special Turkey Snack
- Turkey Bead Necklace

#### **Alphabet Activities:**

- ABC song

#### **Activities:**

- farm vehicles, animals and barns
- dramatic play: grocery store
- weights and balances at science
- rubber fruit sorting
- lincoln logs and other blocks (pilgrim homes)
- mini cards and matching shapes
- classroom library
- prayer table
- and more...

#### **Hello Mr. Turkey Chant**

Hello Mr. Turkey, how are you? (clap, clap)  
Hello, Mr. Turkey, how are you? (clap, clap)  
With a wobble, wobble, wobble  
And a gobble, gobble, gobble,  
Hello Mr. Turkey, how are you? (clap, clap)

# Other News in Preschool

## 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. The target age is 3 - 4 years. Hint: the screening dates are sometimes six weeks out—so call early to get your child's appointment. Thank you so much.

## Letter of the Week

Our letter of the week has been very fun. The preschoolers have met F: Francy Fish, H: Honey Horse, T: Timothy Tiger, C: Catina Cat and P: Peewee Penguin. Coming this week: G: Gordy Gorilla.

**Reminder:** Look at the monthly calendar for the letter each week. Continue to save the letter projects that come home each week. **Thank you for getting excited about your child's learning at Preschool.** 😊

## November Concepts

Letters: G & Alphabet song    Counting 1-10    Shape: Square (review circle)    Color: Brown

## Snacks

Thank you for your efforts to send a healthy and nutritional snack to Preschool. Pre-washed, pre-cut, pre-packaged container of fruit is now accepted. Please look at the Terrific 3s calendar for the snacks that cannot be consumed with this age group. 😊

## Dramatic Play is Fun!

I hope you will hear about our new dramatic play area this coming week. Our dramatic play area has magically changed from Fall Camping to a Preschool Grocery Store. The children are going to have a great time learning and playing the different roles of a grocery employee, as well as being a valued customer.

“Clean up on aisle 4!”

## Thanksgiving Feast

The Terrific Threes will be celebrating Thanksgiving on **Tuesday, November 24**. We will play a few turkey games, enjoy a special Thanksgiving story and finally share a feast together. The children will be creating their own turkey snack with fruit and other ingredients. The children will use their special Thanksgiving placemat on our feast day, too. It is a time to celebrate all God has given us, including our new friends and school.

## Mark Your Calendar: Photo Retake Day

\*Lifetouch Photo Day is on Monday, November 23. If your child did not have his/her photo taken in October, then this would be an excellent opportunity to make sure your child's photo is in our class composite and the yearbook. I am glad there is another chance to have all of my little friend's photo taken this year. If you wish to have a re-take of the photo, then please bring back the original photo package. Thank you.

## Reminders & Suggestions

\*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 getting dressed to go outside.

\*Try to have your little one use the bathroom before leaving for Preschool each day.

\*It is helpful to have a bag (Ziploc works well) of extra clothes in your child's backpack.

\*The Preschool doors will be open beginning at 8:50 am. Please do your best to arrive before 9 am.

## Showing Support

Thank you, thank you, for everything you have done this year to show your support. You have the most generous hearts. Thank you for taking the time to visit with me for phone conferences, for provided the necessary supplies, for the signup genius donations and more. You are all so wonderful.

*I would like to share with you two additional ways to show support to the greater community outside the walls of our classroom.*

### **\*\*Thanksgiving Food Drive:** *"Do a good deed; help a neighbor in need!"*

St. Joseph's eighth grade class is sponsoring a canned goods/non-perishable food collection to support the work of Neighbors, Inc. Our collection will be **Monday, November 16 - Friday, November 20**. Please consider helping people in need of food in our area by donating food items during the collection. Thank you for your generosity. **We will have a box near the Preschool doors, so you can drop off your donations in the box.** Help us to surpass our All School total of food collected last year--- over 1,000 lbs.!

**\*\*A School Family:** *"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."* Mother Teresa Dan and Katie Capiz, along with their four adorable and handsome boys, are another way that you can show support. Katie was recently diagnosed with a Glioblastoma tumor. All of the Capiz boys have enjoyed time in our Preschool environment and the older three boys are now enjoying life in our K-8 school. Currently, the youngest little one, Finn, is in Ms. Kirsten's Terrific Threes class. Here is Katie's Caring Bridge site where you can learn ways to show support.

Visit online

Site Link: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/katiecapiz>

Site Name: katiecapiz

## Being Grateful

The Thanksgiving season will be approaching soon. It is important for you to know how grateful our staff is to have you and your family part of our school. We are truly grateful.

Happy Thanksgiving!

*With heartfelt gratitude,*

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