

Colts Neck Reformed Church Nursery School Newsletter

From The Director's Desk

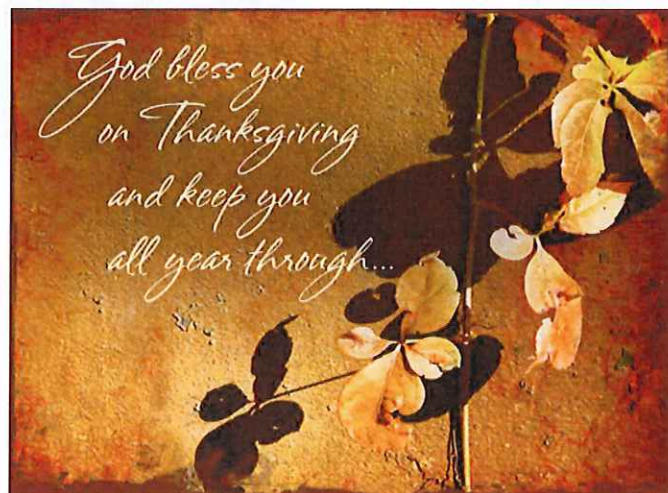
Thanksgiving is a big word but the concept is simple enough to teach your preschooler. Your preschooler may not understand what it means to walk around with a grateful heart but these are the years to instill this attitude. Being grateful can be hard in a world where everything is handed to you. Your child most likely has a drawer full of clothes, a coat when it is cold outside, boots for the snow, a bed to sleep in and food to eat. It is only natural that your child will begin to expect these things and not realize how thankful he should be for them. Being grateful is a lesson even hard for adults sometimes.

Teaching Gratitude

The best step in teaching gratitude is feeling and displaying gratitude. Does your child see you grumbling that you don't have a bigger TV or a nicer car? Does your child see you fake smile as you accept a gift you do not like? Do you allow yourself to be weighed down by uncertainty, a heavy heart, or fear of the future? Children pick up on subtle emotions and actions we often do not give them credit for. They take in our attitude and learn how to process the world through our lens. If we complain about waiting in the doctor's office for too long our child will miss the lesson on being grateful for medical care and only focus on how long he has to wait. A sense of entitlement sets in and soon he will even expect you to give him what he wants. So walk around grateful. Grateful for the day, the time, your child and family. Serve gratefully, give gratefully, and in every situation see that silver lining that only glows under the light of grateful eyes. Not only will your heart change but so will your child's.

From all of us at the Colts Neck Reformed Church Nursery School
we wish you Joy...
Happiness...
Health...

Happy Thanksgiving



Many Blessings

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Important Dates

- ☺ 11/19 ALL 3's invited to class for picture day
- ☺ 11/19 playgroup & 3's picture day
- ☺ 11/20 playgroup and 4's picture day
- ☺ 11/20 All 3's Thanksgiving Feast families invited
- ☺ 11/20 4's Thanksgiving Feast
- ☺ 11/22 & 23 NO SCHOOL
- ☺ Happy Thanksgiving
- ☺ 11/26 & 27 Picture preview days



Tuesdays
9:30

News from Mrs. Mayrose & Mazzucca's 4 year old Classroom

Students began our week learning about different types of squirrels. We learned they use their bushy tails to keep them warm & to balance and they live in their own nests called dreys. We even spied a few up in the trees headed out to the playground. Mrs. Deshpande was our special guest this week who came in to teach about the holiday of Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights and students made their own lanterns. We also learned about owls. We discussed how and what they hunt, how they use their big eyes to see at night and how their feathers equip them for silent flight. Students loved doing the owl pellet dissection. Owls usually swallow their food whole, digest the edible parts, and then expel the indigestible parts through their mouth as a pellet. It might sound gross, but kids loved it & we found so many bones that we were able to identify! We ended our week talking about thanksgiving and being grateful and doing kind things for others. Students made kindness rocks to add to our community rock garden and we read the book How Full is Your Bucket? For Kids. This story teaches about spreading kindness by doing good deeds for others. Geography students landed in Mexico this week. They learned the Mexican hat dance and danced around sombreros, made maracas and read the book Too Many Tamales by Gary Soto & Ed Martinez. We look forward to our feast and picture day next Tuesday.



News From Mrs. Tucker's 3 Year Old Classroom

We're looking forward to feasting together next week. We will not be serving banana juice or any of the other more interesting options the children suggested for a thanksgiving feast though! Our songs and prayers are coming together well. Like the Wampanoag people, we will be wearing headbands that we patterned. And please take a look at the wreath that we are putting together. We dyed leaves in seasonal colors and have written things we are thankful for on them. We read a silly story about an old woman who swallowed a pie. Ask your children if they remember any of the other things she swallowed and what happened to her at the end of the story

News From Mrs. Scher's Transitional

Welcome back!!! It was great to see everyone back at school. This week we focused on the letter Xx and continued to learn about Thanksgiving, Native Americans, and Pilgrims. We learned about the outfits, homes, and foods eaten by the Native Americans and Pilgrims and then compared them to ours. We also learned about the parts of a turkey, wrote about if we had a pet turkey, and read Five Little Turkeys. We also focused on measurement while comparing lengths, ordinal numbers, and sorting. We had fun exploring feathers as well! In Geography we started our unit on Mexico by locating Mexico on the map, decorating maracas, and learning the Mexican hat dance.

News From Mrs. Willis' Playgroup

We continued learning about turkeys with the song "5 little Turkeys: We created turkey feathers to decorate our door and reinforce color recognition. The playgroup never misses an opportunity to finger paint. This week we painted colorful fall leaves. Don't forget we have picture day next week both Monday & Tuesday. We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces next week!

