

CLDS Chatter

From the Director's Desk

Dear Day School Families,
 What a wonderful Thanksgiving Feast! I was so happy to see so many parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. It is such a fun event! I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holiday. It was such a great time to reconnect with family and slow down for a little bit before the Christmas season began.

Christmas is coming quick! We have a lot going on at school this month. . .

We will be collecting toys for Any Baby Can now through December 19th. We ask that any gift be unwrapped and for a child from birth through 16 years. Thank you all for supporting such a great organization. The Pre-K classes will have a **Birth Party for Baby Jesus on December 5th**. We will have cake and sing Happy Birthday. We will read a couple of Christmas stories.

December 5th we will also celebrate **St. Nicholas Day**. The children will take their shoes off before music and get a treat in their shoes.

December 10th Magic Theater is coming!! They will be putting on a performance of "Pirates Holiday". It will begin at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. It is always a great show.

On **December 12th** we will be **closing the school at 12:00 pm** for the annual staff/board Christmas luncheon. There will

be no extended day or afternoon for the Pre-K classes. Please make arrangements for your children to be picked up by noon that day.

December 13th is Happy Tails 1st Christmas show at 11 am! Everyone is welcome to attend!

December 19th is our school wide Pajama Party! Everyone is welcome to come to school in their pajamas. The 2's will celebrate in their room with a fun Christmas snack. The 3's Program will hold their annual Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall. Our Pre-K Program will have a Christmas Cookie decorating Party in their classrooms upstairs. We, as a staff, always look forward to seeing all the cute PJs and wearing ours as well.

Our Christmas Program will be Thursday, December 20th at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Sanctuary. All 5-day 3's, Pre-K, and Tuesday/Thursday 2's can arrive at normal drop-off times that morning. Monday/Wednesday/Friday 2's and 3's should arrive at 9:30 a.m. The M/W/F 2's will meet in Ms. Ford's room and the M/W/F 3's will meet in the small Chapel. Please drop off your children and proceed to the Sanctuary. The center aisle will be roped off for the children's pews and there will be a reserved family pew that was won at the Fall Fest. After the service, the children will return to their classrooms.

You may pick them up there and join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments. This will conclude the school day. There will be no extended care or afternoon Pre-K class.

I have been so very blessed this year. I thank you all for your continued support of Christ Lutheran Day School and our mission to provide the best early childhood education for the children. I work with an amazing team of teachers and I am supported by an amazing School Board and Christ Lutheran Church. I am allowed to work every day doing what I am most passionate about, early childhood education. Thank you again for allowing me to be a part of this community. I wish you all a wonderful Christmas Season and a blessed New Year. We will see you on January 7th, 2019!

For the Children,

Dana Ferraro

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Christ Lutheran Day School

December 1, 2018



Special Dates

- ☉ Tuesday, 12/04, 12-1:00 p.m., Conscious Discipline Lunch & Learn
- ☉ Wednesday, 12/05, 10:30 a.m. Pre-K Baby Jesus' Birthday Party
- ☉ Monday, 12/10, 10:00 a.m. Magik Theatre's Pirates Holiday
- ☉ Wednesday, 12/12, Staff/Board Luncheon, School closes at noon
- ☉ Thursday, 12/13, 11:00 a.m. Happy Tails Holiday Show
- ☉ Monday, 12/17, 3's Christmas Party
- ☉ Wednesday, 12/19, Pre-K Pajama Cookie Party
- ☉ Thursday, 12/20, 10:00 a.m., Christmas Program, School closes at noon
- ☉ Friday, 12/21, through Wednesday, 01/06, Christmas Break

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December Birthdays



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2	3 Riley Boyd	4	5 Ms. Viera Ms. Ainslee	6	7	8 Mrs. Harris
9	10 Finn Sampson	11	12	13	14 Russell Kingman	15
16	17	18	19	20 Lela Kingman	21	22
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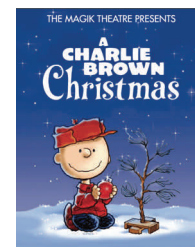
What's Happening in San Antonio...



Holiday Block Party at Quarry Village
Thursday, Dec. 13 from 6-9 pm



A Charlie Brown Christmas Live on Stage!
Tobin Center for the Performing Arts in the
HEB Performance Hall
Dec. 22, 1:00 and 4:00 pm



A Charlie Brown Christmas
presented by the Magik
Theatre
Charline McCombs Em-
pire Theatre
Dec. 20—24

FALL FEST 2018 UPDATE

Thank you for making our FALL FEST, A Night in the Big Apple such a huge success! After expenses, we had one of our best fundraisers ever with about \$41,000 raised! We cannot thank you enough for all of your generous offerings of your time, donations, and financial support. Chair Margaret Pape and co-chair Elaine Vornsand, along with Silent Auction Chairs Sybil Westmoreland and Virginia Powell. Thank you to Christy Hinchey, Stacy Hoyt and Emily McMurray for your time working on the class baskets, to Paige Naugher and Laura Badders for the fabulous class keepsakes, and to Becky DeFosset, Heather Craig, Laura Joffe, and Shelby Steed for decorating and making everything look so wonderful. Thank you to all of the amazing committee members for putting in countless hours to organize the event and help with this successful evening.

We would like to thank **EVERYONE** who volunteered to serve on committees from last spring until now. It's the little things like soliciting and picking up Silent Auction donations, cutting raffle tickets, creating the class art projects, collecting class gift basket items, setting up tables and decorating, and writing Thank You notes that we could never do without everyone's help!

This celebration was a huge undertaking, and we appreciate all that you did for FALL FEST 2018. Thank you, thank you!!

We are looking forward to continuing our celebration with the children at our KIDS' FEST Fundraiser Dinner and Carnival in April 2019!

Last month in our classrooms...

2's Program

Ms. Crowley's Class

During the month of December we were very busy. We had many new things in our room. First, Santa and his entire entourage flew down. A Nativity was out for the children to play with, the dress up center had Santa hats, elf hats and reindeer ears to wear, and the most popular item was the Christmas tree for the children to decorate and un-decorate. One of our art projects was squish paintings. The children really enjoyed dropping paint onto their paper and then squishing it. Then, we slowly opened it for the big reveal. Our next big project was creating our special surprises for their Christmas presents. They had a lot of fun painting their ornaments. The last task we have to complete is the Christmas program. Jingle Bells will be heard daily in our room. It is still our favorite song.



Mrs. Lerette's Class

It seems as if November came and went with a blink of an eye. We enjoyed seeing so many of you at the school's Thanksgiving feast. Speaking of Thanksgiving, what better a topic to learn about in November than food?! We began our unit discussing fruits and vegetables. Children were able to practice letter recognition by "feeding the alphabet" to our dragon (hand puppet) as we learned the ABC's of fruit and veggies from the book *Eating the Alphabet*. The children were also delighted to take part in carving our class jack-o-lantern. Our unit went on to discuss dairy the following week. In order to show how dairy foods are made from milk, we made our very own ice cream- in a bag! We have included the recipe so that you all may try this fun and easy recipe at home. We ended our unit with the story *Turkey Trouble*, about a turkey who outsmarted his way off the dinner menu. We will finish November up by discussing forest animals as we compare and contrast animal tracks, shapes, and size.



3's Program

Mrs. Lurette's Class

It seems as if November came and went with a blink of an eye. We enjoyed seeing so many of you at the school's Thanksgiving feast. Speaking of Thanksgiving, what better a topic to learn about in November than food?! We began our unit discussing fruits and vegetables. Children were able to practice letter recognition by "feeding the alphabet" to our dragon (hand puppet) as we learned the ABC's of fruit and veggies from the book *Eating the Alphabet*. The children were also delighted to paint and take home their own mini pumpkins. Our unit went on to discuss dairy and grains the following week. In order to show how dairy foods are made from milk, we made our very own ice cream- in a bag! We mixed grains (oatmeal, rice, cereal, and flour) in with our paint that week for a fun sensory experience to create textured paintings. We ended our unit with the story *Turkey Trouble*, about a turkey who outsmarted his way off the dinner menu, and by creating paper plate turkeys. We will finish November up by discussing forest animals as we compare and contrast animal tracks, shapes, and size.



Pre-K Program

Mrs. Morgan's Class

It was a wonderful sight to see so many family members at our annual Turkey Tango and Thanksgiving Feast! I know it was a bit crowded, but it was a joy to gather as a school community to give thanks. I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and break. Your children came to school on Monday with big smiles on their faces, and it seemed like they were ready to get back into their school routine.

Our class have been chapel helpers the whole month of November. This means that individuals from our class have helped to carry the Bible, the cross, and the banner in to chapel each day. On Wednesdays, our class had the opportunity to help tell the Bible story to the rest of the children. Your children did a wonderful job! The last story we told was about the prophet Micah, who told the people of Bethlehem that the Messiah would be born there and would rule with fairness and peace.

Speaking of Bethlehem, our class has started getting ready for Christmas. We have begun talking about and reading stories about the true meaning of Christmas. One of our Pre-K traditions, is the children will author and illustrate a Nativity Book as a Pre-K community. Each child will get their own copy to bring home and keep. On **Wednesday, December 5th**, the Pre-K classes will come together to celebrate **Baby Jesus' birthday** a bit early. We will sing Happy Birthday, eat some birthday cake, and gather with Ms. Ferraro for a couple of stories by the Christmas tree. Each child is encouraged to bring an unwrapped gift that we will donate to Any Baby Can. We are hoping to instill a spirit of giving in our children.

We read the first of many gingerbread stories this week as well. Your children decorated their own gingerbread cookies and we did some dictation with a writing prompt. They are on display in our hall. Have a great weekend!



Ms. Ford's Music and Motor Skills

November was a short month because of our Thanksgiving holiday, but we had plenty of time to enjoy music and movement. Our songs and activities included pumpkins, popcorn, and of course, TURKEYS!

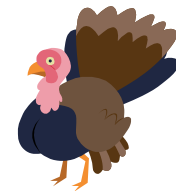
We started our pumpkins out as little seeds as we sang and acted out "Plant a Seed." It was fun trying not to get tricked into singing during the parts we were not supposed to sing, as we eliminated words as the song progressed. We loved singing "I've Got a Pumpkin" and making scary faces to scare Mrs. Ford at the end of the song, YIKES! We explored rhythm instruments as we listened and moved to "Harvest Dance," "Gimme a Smile," and "Paw, Paw Patch." It seemed natural to include ball play in our pumpkin activities since both are round and can "roll." We played with large tumble balls, hop balls, small soccer balls, basketballs, and the physioroll. We got to throw, catch, kick, roll, and practice our dribbling skills.

"You put the oil in the pot, and you let it get hot. You put the popcorn in and you start to grin. Sizzle, sizzle, sizzle, sizzle, sizzle, sizzle...POP!" We love popcorn week in music. We sang, moved, and danced to "Shake Your Sillies Out" and to "Shake, Shake." I brought out the parachute and we pretended it was the pot as we popped balls off of it to simulate popping corn, while we said the "Popcorn Chant." What fun to watch those yellow balls fly off the chute, then run to gather them back into the basket to do it again! After several times of "making popcorn," I had the children pretend to be popcorn by hav-

ing them lie in a small circle. I played "How to Make Popcorn," covered them with the parachute. As they sizzled, rumbled, and popped to the song, the faster and bigger they popped, the larger and taller the parachute grew. It looked like the popcorn bags in the microwave or the old school jiffy pop pans popping on the stove top. They loved it!!! Another fun activity we did was our "Kitchen Band." We used an assortment of metal pans, plastic bowls, scrubbers, metal and plastic spoons, paint brushes, baster brushers, colanders, scrub brushes, solo cups, etc. I had the children choose items to make their unique sounds. We then played our "instruments" to "The Big Bad Kitchen Band." It was fun using various combinations of these common housewares to try a different way to make music. Popcorn motor skills included jumping on trampolines, hopping on hop balls, and Rodes. We loved playing in a wading pool ball pit that we pretended was a popcorn popper!

Gobble, gobble, gobble! There were a lot of turkeys strutting in the music and motor skills room this month. We all flapped our wings, strutted, and gobbled to various turkey songs and games. Our favorite again this year was the "Turkey Tango" which has become a popular tradition at our Thanksgiving Feast. All classes also learned to sing and sign "Thank You," a beautiful song of thanks that we traditionally sing before we share our feast with family and friends. We also learned a cute chant called "Turkey Went for a Walk" and sang "Turkey in the Brown Straw." I put out instrument centers with various

drums, shakers, rain sticks, and bells. We loved choosing which instruments we wanted to play as we listened to "OBWISANA," "Stick Tune," and "The Earth is Our Mother." I also placed ribbon streamers and a mirror out for those who wished to dance to the music. It was beautiful to watch the children dance as their friends played drums and rhythm instruments for them. Great teamwork!!!



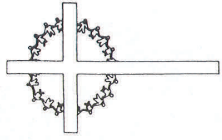
December will be a busy month for us as we prepare for our Christmas Program. However, we do plan to squeeze in some fun. We will act out The Gingerbread Man, travel on The Polar Express, and play reindeer games. We look forward to singing our program songs for our families and friends and sharing in the celebration of Jesus' birthday. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the program, and I hope you enjoy a joyful holiday season.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!


Planning ahead for 2019...

School begins on Monday, January 7.



December 2018

Mrs. Wellendorf's
Pre-K

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 <i>The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold</i> <i>Luke 1:5-25</i> Georgia Conger (1/2)	4 <i>Mary Visits Elizabeth—SSB p. 194</i> Riley Boyd	5 <i>Saint Nicholas Day</i> <i>No story in Bible</i> Vieve Holshouser (1/2)	6 <i>Mary's Song</i> <i>Luke 1:46-56</i>	7 <i>Song Chapel</i>	8
9	10 <i>Zechariah</i> <i>SSB p. 208</i> Hallie Stouffer (1/2) Finn Sampson	11 <i>Jesus in Born</i> <i>SSB p. 212</i>	12 <i>Santa Lucia</i> <i>No story in Bible</i> Anna Borgman (1/2)	13 <i>The Light of the Whole World</i> <i>JSB p. 184</i> Annabel Peterson (1/2)	14 <i>Song Chapel</i>	15
16	17 <i>Wisemen</i> <i>SSB p. 218</i>	18 <i>Simeon & Anna</i> <i>SSB p. 226</i> Lela Kingman	19 <i>Las Posadas</i> <i>No story in Bible</i>	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
 <h1 style="font-size: 4em;">Christmas Break</h1> 