



Best Beginnings Preschool Family Newsletter November 2018



The month of November is here already. Everyone had a wonderful time at the Pumpkin Carving Nights and classroom Halloween parties. It was fun to see all the children dressed in their costumes. The staff and I thank all of you for your help and contributions to make Pumpkin Carving Night and Halloween parties successful. As we wind down from the Halloween festivities we ease into a month filled with thoughts of thankfulness, a field trip for the PreK 4's classes, class feasts and Thanksgiving. November is a time to reflect on all we have to be thankful for and spend time with family and friends. Happy Thanksgiving!

~Kerry

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL/PARKING



Upcoming Dates

- 11/12 Veteran's Day
No School
- 11/14-11/16
PreK 4's Pioneer Field
Trip (see your class
calendar for more details)
- 11/22 -23
Thanksgiving Break
No School
- 12/12 - 13
Sing-a-longs/Christmas
Story (more info. to come)
- 12/24 - 1/4 Winter Break
No School

We are very fortunate to be in a building that is safe and secure. We still ask that parents, grandparents, nannies, or anyone dropping off a student walk their child all the way to their class at the beginning of the school day. For the safety of your child please make sure he/she finds his/her way into their physical classroom. Even though your child may know the way to their room and are comfortable doing so on their own we require you to take your child to their classroom. If you have someone who is new to the drop off procedures here at school, please be sure they understand the policy. Our priority is the safety of our students.

Once your child has been released to you please watch them

carefully in the Fellowship Hall, out on the playground and in the parking lot. A reminder that the Fellowship Hall is part of the Church. Best Beginnings does use the Fellowship Hall for arrival/dismissal as well as a variety of school events. On occasion there may be items in the hall that do not belong to Best Beginnings. We ask you to please be very respectful of everything in the hall. Church members and Best Beginnings staff work hard to create displays for church members and/or school families.

For those of you who park in the south parking lot (located by the playground), the two handicap parking spots are reserved for those with a handicap parking permit. Please be respectful of these spaces and use them accordingly.

Need to reach us?

School Office

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School Email

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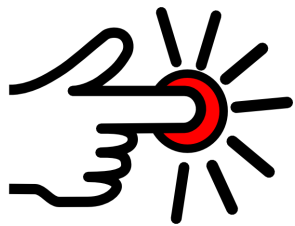
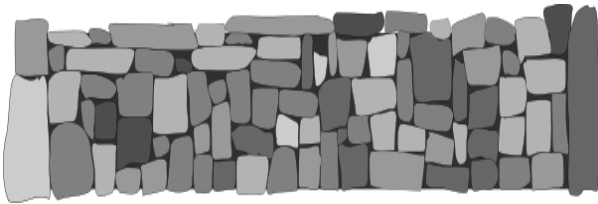
School Website

www.bestbeginningspreschool.com



STEPPING STONE WALL BY THE PLAYGROUND

Parents, please do not allow your children to climb on the stone. Some of the bricks aren't as stable as they once were. We understand that with just one child to help, you can hold your child's hand while they walk along it. Unfortunately, my teachers simply don't have enough hands to do this safely with 10-17 children during school time. If they think it is ok after school, then they will try it when they come off the playground as well. Thanks for helping us keep the kiddos safe.



SCHOOL DOORBELL

If you arrive at school after 9:15 for morning classes or 12:25 for afternoon classes and the doors are locked, please ring the doorbell. There is a doorbell located next to the south blonde door. This is the only doorbell for the school. The south blonde door is located near the Family Restroom.



HOLIDAYS



The diversity of our little school has opened many doors for all of us to learn from one another and to share the unique and special celebrations that take place around the world. We invite families to share any customs or holidays that they celebrate throughout the year with the children in their child's class. Christmas is a month-long celebration in this country and though we know not everyone celebrates this holiday, we invite you to share in its message of hope and joy.

On Dec. 12/13 families are invited to the Sanctuary to enjoy Christmas Caroling by the children, followed by Father Jim's very interactive story of the Nativity.

- Dec. 12 Wed. – 9:15 – 10:00
MW/MWF 3's class (Lori, Corrine)
MWF PreK 4's class (Joi)
- Dec. 13 Thurs. – 9:15 – 10:00
TTH/TTHF 3's (Lori, Corrine)
TTHF PreK 4's class (Stephanie)
- Dec. 13 Thurs. – 12:15 – 1:00
TWTTHF PreK 4's class (Karen)
TK class (Marjorie)
MTTHF pm PreK 4's (Joi)



TEACHER FEATURE

The staff shares what they are thankful for and/or their favorite thing about Thanksgiving.

Andrea - Wonderful food and Family gathering together.

Corrine - I love spending quality family time together and homemade pumpkin pie!

Francy - My favorite thing about Thanksgiving are the traditions our family has enjoyed for years... the Thanksgiving day parade, traditional recipes, reminiscing, a walk, and sharing what we are thankful for.

Janelle - My favorite thing on Thanksgiving is finding a fun 5k run/walk that our family all does together before heading home to cook and enjoy food. I am thankful for my happy, healthy children and family.

Joi - My favorite part of thanksgiving is making all of my southern childhood favorites for my family that we don't get out here like corn pudding and sweet potato pie.

Karen - I am thankful for my family. My favorite thing about Thanksgiving is having all of my children home for the weekend

Kerry - I am thankful for my family and the amazing group of women I have the privilege of working with each day. My favorite thing about Thanksgiving is having my family and my sister's family altogether for a couple days.

Lori - My favorite part of Thanksgiving is cooking dinner while watching the Macy's parade and having the house full of family!

Magda - My favorite thing about Thanksgiving is making dinner together with my daughters and husband. And the board games we play while waiting for the turkey :-)

I am thankful the most for my family here and back in Poland and for our close friends who are always there for us.

Marjorie - My favorite thing about Thanksgiving this year will be having my son in college come home for some family time....and watching a good Hallmark holiday movie.

Monika - My favorite thing on Thanksgiving Day is that we spend most of the day together with close friends. Since we don't have family around, it makes us feel less lonely. I'm thankful for my family and friends, that they are mostly in good health and I'm thankful for the peaceful life we have.

Patty - I am thankful for my family, my friends, football and leftovers.

Paula - I am most thankful for my family, my husband, daughters and grandchildren. My favorite thing about thanksgiving is stuffing with gravy and the AKC dog show.

Siobhan - I am thankful for my family and all my American friends who have embraced us and welcomed us into their lives with open arms.

Stephanie - One of my favorite things about Thanksgiving...watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. I'm thankful for family and friends, including my husband and three daughters.

PARENT CORNER THOUGHTS

The children have been in school for 7 weeks and the teachers are getting a sense of the children's school personalities, their strengths and areas that they individually or as a class are struggling.

Periodically I add a Parent Corner Attachment to the newsletter. The purpose of this is to give parents some insight to various issues surrounding the raising of children.

Over the past few years, for reasons we don't fully understand, we along with other professionals, have seen an over-all decrease in certain skills. Specifically, we have seen a decline in fine motor skills, focus, patience and self-help skills.

If we want our children to be successful in school and life, schools and parents need to work in tandem to help children master skills. Right now, children spend most of their time at home. In our classrooms we address developing skills daily in many ways. However, a few hours a week is insufficient to master a skill if it isn't also continually worked on at home.

This month's Parent Corner attachment speaks to the developing skills we expect to see in children between the ages of 3-5. There is so much for them to learn, their brains and bodies are changing every day. Hopefully this attachment will shed some light on how important the school and home partnership is, in helping children master developing skills.

Monthly Happenings from Church of the Holy Cross

Green Elephant

Plant Swap

November 3rd @ 10am

Rain or shine, Pacific Northwest gardeners gather to exchange and share plants, seeds, cuttings and gardenalia with all.

Most of the deals are sealed by 11:30 am. Arrive at 10 am for the best selection.

Tailgating Encouraged. The format for the trade is like a tailgate party. Traders exchange expert gardening information as well as plant materials.

Free Stuff. Many gardeners generously share plants from the abundance of their gardens—An excellent way to begin your garden.

What if I have nothing to trade? Cookies and chocolate work like money at the Green Elephant!

