

Best Beginnings Preschool Family Newsletter November 2019



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! ~ $\mathcal{K}erry$

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL/PARKING



Upcoming Dates

- 11/11 Veteran's Day
 No School
- 11/12 & 11/13
 PreK 4's Pioneer Field
 Trip (see your class calendar for more details)
- 11/28 & 11/29
 Thanksgiving Break
 No School
- 12/11 & 12/12

 Sing-a-longs/Christmas
 Story (more info. to come)
- 12/23 1/3 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 Parish Hall, out on the playground and in the parking lot. A reminder that the Parish Hall is part of the Church. Best Beginnings does use the Parish 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.



STEPPING STONE WALL BY THE PLAYGROUND

Parents, please help us by not allowing 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.





Giving Tree Church of the Holy Cross

Holy Cross invites Best Beginnings families to take part in the Giving Tree. On November 24th a tree will be placed in the Parish Hall by the YWCA. The tree will have tags with wishes and/or needs from children and families. Look for more information near the tree when it arrives.



HOLIDAYS



The diversity of our little school has opened many doors for all of us to learn from one another and 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. We will be sharing many holidays with the students throughout the month of December. Most of these holidays share the same message of hope, joy and light.

On Dec. 11th & 12th 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. 11 Wed. 9:00 9:45
 MW/MWF 3's class (Lori, Corrine)
 MWF PreK 4's class (Francy)
- Dec. 12 Thurs. 9:00 9:45
 TTH/TTHF 3's (Lori, Corrine)
 TTHF PreK 4's class (Stephanie)
- Dec. 12 Thurs. 12:15 1:00
 TWTHF PreK 4's class (Karen)
 TK class (Marjorie)
 MTTHF pm PreK 4's (Janelle)

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TEACHER FEATURE

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

Andrea - I am thankful for wonderful food and family gathering together.

Corrine - I am thankful for warm hugs from my family, sunny fall days, fuzzy blankets and baking cookies with my daughters.

Francy - I am thankful that both of my college-aged kids will be home, after being away for many months, to help make a family dinner on Thanksgiving. I am also thankful for my extended family near and far and their continued health and happiness.

Janelle - I am thankful for my happy, healthy family and our sweet horses and dog. I love Thanksgiving leftovers and extra time with my kids.

Jill - I am thankful for my family and all our friends who are like family. My favorite thing about Thanks-giving is spending a whole day with the people I love eating yummy food and relaxing.

Karen - I am thankful for my wonderful husband, my three amazing children, and my two dogs. My favorite thing about Thanksgiving is spending time with my family.

Kerry - I am thankful for my wonderful family and the amazing staff here at school. My favorite thing about Thanksgiving is being with my family, cooking a delicious meal together, and snuggling up to watch movies.

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

Magda - I am most thankful for my daughters, husband, my family back in Poland and our friends. My favorite part of Thanksgiving is spending time with my family, playing board games and cooking together.

Mazjorie - I am thankful for health, family, and a wonderful school to work at. My favorite part of Thanksgiving is hosting family from far away and watching holiday movies.

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 family, friends, and fun times during the holiday season.

Paula - I am thankful for my family and my five healthy grandchildren. On Thanksgiving Day I like to watch the dog show and eat stuffing and gravy!

Batah - I am thankful for my home and my family. My favorite thing about Thanksgiving is watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in our pj's and making Thanksgiving dinner at home after the parade.

Siobhan – I'm thankful for my family who bring me so much joy and happiness. My favorite thing about Thanksgiving, unlike Christmas where there lots of pressure, Thanksgiving is actually about spending time with people you care about and appreciating them.

Stephanie - My favorite things about Thanksgiving are watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade, eating turkey, and mashed potatoes with gravy. I'm thankful for my husband, my three daughters, and friends.

