



What's in Store for PK4 & More
Mrs. DeMarsh

October 28–November 1, 2024

This week we will learn all about the letter Q and how it always works together with the letter U. We will learn all about the number 7. This month, we will be learning all about the square, the ABB pattern, and the colors blue and brown. This week will be a short week but we will be very busy learning! We will also continue with our Heggerty phonemic awareness.

In Jesus Time we will hear the story of Naaman. He was soldier and became very sick. It took a young servant girl's belief in the Lord to help heal him. God healed Naaman! God sent Jesus to save us from our sins. He helped show us how to love one another, even when it is not easy.

& MORE... This week during workshops, we will write in our journals about what we are thankful for. We will complete ALL of our centers in one day this week. During center time, we will work play a fall leaf roll and cover game, create our letter Q alphabet book page, paint with Q-tips, and create a Q-tip dinosaur. For group art, we will make a duck that says quack. We will also read *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs*.

IN THE AFTERNOON this week...During fine motor time, we will play with play-doh and hammer plastic nails into pumpkins. We will complete literacy units on *Five Little Pumpkins* and *The Crayons Trick or Treat*. For pumpkins, we will create pumpkin puppets to retell the story, design our own pumpkins, and create a 2 day project, pumpkins on a gate flap book craft. For crayons, we will draw and write our favorite part and cut, color, and create our very own crayon dressed up for trick-or-treating.

THIS Thursday, 10/31 is a half day. Dismissal will be at 11 am. Extended Care IS NOT available this day! **No School** for 'big school' P/T conferences this Friday, 11/1. Enjoy your long weekend!

Picture Retakes will take place THIS Tuesday, October 29th. **THIS IS THE ONLY DAY FOR RETAKES!** They will be in our preschool building.

Grandparents/VIPS Day is coming up THIS Thursday, October 31st. Invitations have been sent out. PLEASE make sure your grandparents/vips RSVP for this day! We will make this a special day for students and guests, with visit from Randall Oaks Traveling Zoo! At 11 am, our day will be completed and preschoolers may leave. This is a half day for the big school as well. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding this event. Extended Care IS NOT AVAILABLE THIS HALF DAY!

FEAST...Our annual Thanksgiving feast is coming 11/18. This is a teacher/aide and student only event. A reminder for your donation item will go home soon. Feel free to bring in your donation items anytime between now and 11/15. We will be in session regular times this day. Food will be prepared ahead of time. Students will join us for some fun Thanksgiving themed crafts, games, and all things 'thankful.' This will be a wonderful day!

Fall progress reports will be sent home this week. In regards to these early evaluations, **please** remember that the spectrum of preschool performance is huge and progress is not always made at a steady rate. Do not be too concerned if your child has areas that need improvement. However, practice in any skill is encouraged. If you have any questions regarding your child's evaluation, please feel free to call or email me. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.☺ **Also, please sign and return the envelope.** The papers inside are yours to keep but please return the envelopes for additional progress reports during the year.

Fine Motor Skills are an essential part of preschool learning! At home, let your child explore and grow independently. Opening doors, putting on clothes and shoes, using utensils at meal times, cutting and gluing, playing with play-doh, pinch gripping pencils and crayons...these are all ways to help your child strengthen their fine motor skills, which will aid in their classroom success.☺ The more we practice, the stronger these skills become! **For additional at home practice...**There are multiple optional homework pages sent home and on our class webpage. If your child turns them in, they will receive a prize from our prize box☺ The more preschoolers practice, the stronger their skills will become!

REMINDER...Mrs. DeMarsh will be out of town beginning this week, October 30th and 31st and November 4th. Mrs. Bartelt will take on teaching duties in my absence and Ms. Cathy (from EC) will join our class as our aide during these days. I thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during my absence.

Weather is Changing... As the weather is changing in our area, PLEASE be aware that our class has an early morning recess time. As long as weather and time permits, we will be going outside. Please make sure your child has a coat or sweater/sweatshirt of some kind to wear outside. If the temperature warms up by our play time, we can always 'shed' that extra layer.☺

Upcoming dates... Picture retakes are 10/29. Grandparents/VIP and Animal Assembly Day is 10/31. Dismissal at 11 am on 10/31. No Preschool 11/1 for big school P/T conferences. Preschool sings at the 10:30 am service on 11/17. PK4 feast is Monday, 11/18. Thanksgiving Break is 11/25-11/29. **Worship opportunities** here at Immanuel are an amazing way to strengthen the Christian education. Our Saturday evening service begins at 5 pm and our Sunday morning services are held at 8 am and 10:30 am.

As Always...Let's keep our lines of communication open! Please feel free to come to me at any time with questions or concerns. We are all here for your child!