



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

November 18-22, 2024

This week, we will review all of our letters and various preschool skills we have learned up until this point. This week, we will also begin some testing for progress reports, which will be given to you and discussed at our parent/teacher conferences at the beginning of January.

& MORE...We will begin working on Christmas themed activities. During workshop time this week, we will journal write a letter to Santa and work with ordering Christmas trees by size. We will make a jingle bell necklace and a Christmas tree paper plate craft. During center time, we will make a Christmas tree out of scraps, paint Christmas lightbulbs, build gingerbread men, and make snowflakes. We will read *The Perfect Christmas Pageant* and *Hurry! Hurry!*.

In Jesus Time we will talk about God hearing our prayers. We can take anything to God in prayer, anytime and anywhere. He will always hear us, and He knows what is best for us. Above all, we should give thanks for the greatest gift, Jesus! We will also have our preschool chapel this week with Mrs. Gnan on Wednesday at 9:30 am.

IN THE AFTERNOON this week...All things THANKSGIVING...During fine motor time, we will play with giant orbeez, in kinetic sand, and with play-doh. We will read *Turkey Goes to School*, *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Leaves*, and *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Turkey*. We will also learn some new 'turkey' songs and finger plays. At the conclusion of our week, check our informational book all about turkeys and our rice krispie turkey!

ME Person for the week is Paislee. We can't wait to learn all about her!

Happy 5th Birthday to Elliot! She celebrate on November 29th!

No School next week, 11/25-12/1 for Thanksgiving Break. Classes resume Monday, 12/2. PLEASE NOTE: Monday, 12/2 is a half day for all students. Preschool pick up will begin at 11 am. Extended care IS available. Please make sure to make your reservation for EC so we can be properly staffed.

Dickens in Dundee is an annual city celebration. Friday and Saturday, 12/6-7, come out to Graffelman Park to see our class' decorated tree. ILS and Preschool will have special themed trees. Preschoolers created special handprint manger ornaments. You can vote for your favorite tree!

PTL Movie Night is this Friday, November 22nd. Join us for a fun filled movie night complete with pizza, sacks, and the movie *Willy Wonka*. Forms and payment can be turned into Mrs. DeMarsh.

Thanksgiving Feast is THIS Monday, November 18th. This is a teacher/aide and student only event. We will be in session regular times this day. Food will be prepared ahead of time. Students will enjoy some fun Thanksgiving themed crafts, games, and all things 'thankful.' We will be enjoying a delicious feast so no lunches are needed this day. This will be a wonderful day!

Christmas Program...Our program is Sunday, 12/8 at 2 pm in the church. We will have 2 special practice days for all preschoolers on Thursday and Friday, 12/5-6. More information will be made available soon regarding these practices days and our program.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be coming up after Christmas break. These conferences will be in our preschool building. A note will go home soon regarding these conference dates and times. Please return the sheet with your time preferences by **Thursday, 12/19**. I will do my best in scheduling. If none of my times work for you, please let me know and we can work something else out.© I ask that you please be understanding when it comes to scheduling, as I am scheduling many conferences.

PLEASE sign and return the progress report envelope ASAP. The papers inside are yours to keep but please the envelopes are used for additional progress reports during the year.

Christmas Season is coming up soon! Our party will be held on Friday, December 20th from 8:30-10 am. At the conclusion of the party, our school day will be done for ALL students. Family members are welcome to join us for this celebration! **Christmas Book Exchange Information** will be coming soon. Please read through this note carefully! Students will pick names during class. The limit is \$5. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please let me know.©

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...Preschool sings at the 10:30 am service on 11/17. PK4 feast is Monday, 11/18. Thanksgiving Break is 11/25-11/29. Early Dismissal 12/2 at 11 am (**THIS IS NEW**), Extended Care will be available this day. All PK Christmas Program practices 12/5-12/6. Christmas Program is 12/8 at 2 pm in church. Christmas Party is 12/20, from 8:30-10 (at 10 our day will be complete)

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. There are also special Thanksgiving worship times available over break. Thanksgiving Eve at 7 pm and Thanksgiving morning at 9.

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!

Blessings to you and your family this Thanksgiving season! Enjoy the time with family and friends and remember to give thanks EVERYDAY for your many blessings!