



What's in Store for PK4 & More

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October 13-17, 2025

This week we will learn all about the Letter D and the Number 5. We will continue working with our colors black and orange, our shape the triangle, and our AAB pattern. Have you seen your child's letter recognition books? Have your child read to you all about our letter of the week!

& More... This week during science workshop we will create our own dinosaur fossils and during literacy workshop we will create, draw, and name our very own dinosaur. During center time we will create shape dinosaurs, make our letter D alphabet book page with diamond stickers, play with dinosaurs in kinetic sand, and melt frozen dinosaur eggs. We will be making a pumpkin craft and a duck craft. We will continue with our Round 1 of Happy Talk.

IN THE AFTERNOON this week...During fine motor time, we will play a roll and trace letter game, play in kinetic sand, and create play-doh tacos and donuts. We will complete literacy units on *Dragons Love Tacos* (1 & 2) and *If You Give a Dog a Donut*. For dragons, we will map out the story, complete a comprehension, act out parts of the story, draw and tell about our favorite parts of the story, and create a taco and a fire breathing dragon (2-day project). For donuts, we will retell the story using pictures, draw and tell items the dog wanted, and create a puffy paint donut (2-day project).

In Jesus time, we will be learning about Samuel. God chose Samuel to speak His word to the people of Israel. Samuel helped the people remember to listen to God. God had a special plan for Samuel, just like He has a special plan for all of us. We should always spread the good news of God, making sure all those around us know of His love.

Happy 5th Birthday to Luke! He celebrates October 13th!

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

NO SCHOOL this Monday, October 13th in honor of Columbus Day.

Volunteers are always needed for our preschool lunch and recess! Check out the volunteer link at immanuel-ed.org. October has MANY openings for lunch/recess volunteers. If you are ever willing to do some cutting at home, there is always some available.

Grandparents/VIPS is coming up on Thursday, November 6th. Please fill out and return the green address sheet OR email me the address of these special people NO LATER than Wednesday, 10/15 so we can send them an invitation! Feel free to give them a 'heads up' on this special day! We will make this a special day for students and guests, with a 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 available, with a reservation!

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. ☺ **In preschool**, we are working on our writing grip and scissor skills. When we write we use the tripod or pinch grip. With this grip, we are able to control our coloring and writing movements. We also carefully color, filling in and staying in the lines. When we cut, we are always safe because scissors are sharp. We move the paper with one hand and cut with the other, using an 'open/shut' movement. These are some very important skills in preschool. The more we practice, the stronger these skills become!

Fall progress reports will go home near the end of October. 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. ☺

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!

Trunk or Treat will take place next Sunday, October 19th in the big school parking lot from 12-2 pm. Come join us for some trick-or-treating fun! Preschool will have a "Wild" themed trunk!

Families in Faith takes place every Sunday, by the preschool classrooms. This is for children grades PK-5th grade beginning at 9:30 am. This is a great opportunity to be involved for children to take a journey through the Bible! Sign up at Immanuel-ed.org/kids.

Show and Tell is EVERY Tuesday & Thursday. If we are working on a weekly letter or theme, encourage your child to bring in an object that begins with the letter or is related to our theme.

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... No School 10/13 in honor of Columbus Day. Trunk-or-treat is Sunday, 10/19 from 12-2. Picture retakes are 10/28. Early dismissal 10/31 for faculty inservice. Grandparents'/VIPs day coming 11/6 with early dismissal at 11 am and No School 11/7 for big school conferences. PK4 Thanksgiving feast is Monday, 11/17. Thanksgiving Break is 11/24-11/30.

Communication is essential! If at any time you have ANY questions or concerns, please let me know. My email is ademarsh@immanuel-ed.org, cell is 847-975-2079, and school phone is 847-428-1010 ext. 237. If your child is ever absent, please first call the main office (847-428-1010) and let me know, via email or school extension. Thank you for sharing your little ones with us!

Worship opportunities here at Immanuel...Saturday evening service begins at 5 pm and our Sunday morning services are held at 8 am and 10:30 am.