

Faith Lutheran Preschool Scoop

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Important Dates

- **October 27 and 28 Fall Parties at 11:00** parent encouraged to attend
- **Sunday, November 6 Faith Lutheran Fall Festival**
- **Thanksgiving Break November 21-25**

At Faith Lutheran Church...

FALL FESTIVAL!

Join us for a Fall Festival of Fun at the church on November 6th. There will be food and fun, games and moonwalks. It will be a great time to be with your family and friends at Faith:

Sunday, November 6

10:30 AM **Worship** — Dress casually

11:30 AM Lunch is served

12:00 PM Festival Fun

During the fall festival, we'll be doing hay rides (thought you might like to know that in case any fall party hay rides are rained out).

Thanksgiving Eve Bonfire...

Join us for our annual Thanksgiving Eve Bonfire on Wednesday, November 23, at 6:00 pm.

Dress for the weather! The whole family is invited to enjoy food by the fire. There will also be a short devotion focusing on God's blessings in our lives. Please join us for the fun.



November 23, 2010 — Wednesday

6:00 PM **Chili Dinner outside (bring lawn chairs and warm clothes)**

7:00 PM Devotion around the fire

Your Child and Sleep....

I just read an interesting article which explained that the time you put your child to bed on Saturday determines how rested they will be on Monday. This made sense to me. I don't know how many times I've wondered why the kids were struggling when I put them to bed at a good time the night before. But thinking back, two nights prior would have been a late night.

Preschoolers still need a lot of sleep. Two year olds need 13 hours (combined between bedtime and naps), threes need 12 hours, and fours need 11 hours. Not only do they need this sleep to function well in the days ahead, but their bodies must have enough sleep to support their growth. Growth hormone is released by their body throughout the day, but the most intense release happens during sleep.

To help with bedtime, consistency is the key. When your child gets in the habit of going to sleep at the same time each night, it is comforting to them. They know what to expect at what time. A possible routine is to have dinner, play time, a warm bath, reading time and then a set time for bed (with a 10 minute notice). Let them know that they have to take care of all of their things before getting into bed, such as bathroom, brushing teeth and giving hugs. If your child needs reassurance, remind them to not get out of bed, but you will come back to check on them in 10 minutes. If you are not sure about your child's sleep pattern, ask your pediatrician.

November is a great time to help others.

This month we'll have an opportunity to talk about and practice helping others. We'd like to do two things this month. First, you will see a jar on my desk for collecting anything from loose change to bills of any denomination. This will get turned into a Kroger gift card to help the next family that calls me needing food. The other thing we'd like to do is collect boxes/bags of cereal for the local food pantry. Feel free to participate in either or both. Cereal can get dropped off by my desk whenever it's convenient for you this month.

0 Give Thanks

This month conjures up many feelings of thankfulness. One of the things we're thankful for at Faith Lutheran Preschool is you. We have been blessed with such a wonderful group of children and parents who are dedicated to their child's well being. We thank God that we've been given the opportunity to work with you and get to know your children.

Scholastic Book Order

The next book order will be available when you come back from Thanksgiving break. I will need all orders by December 6th to ensure that we get the orders back before Christmas. The newspaper like catalogs of books will be available in stapled packets on my desk in the clear information holder.



*Tuition is due on
the 30th of every
month except May
(well, okay, and
February...).*



Important Reminders

Thanksgiving Break is November 21-25. I hope you enjoy your week off!

Please keep in mind that we do have children with severe nut allergies. When we do

food events at the preschool, we would really appreciate it if you helped us keep the children safe by not bringing items made with any kind of nut or processed in a plant that also processes nuts. If

you are in question about an item to share, please speak with your child's teacher.

If you change any of your contact numbers, please remember to tell us. When your child needs you, we want to be able to get a hold of you as quickly as possible.

Happy Birthday to you!!!

2 Year old class
no one this time

3 Year old classes

11/7: Savannah
11/9: Jordan



4 Year old classes

11/10: Ethan

If you send in birthday treats, please send in peanut/nut free treats. We cannot use them otherwise.

Don't forget to send in jackets. It doesn't warm up enough by recess to go without. Thank you!

Looking Ahead at Faith Lutheran Preschool

Registration for the 2012-13 school year for existing students and their siblings takes place in January. This gives you first chance at reserving your spot before we open the remaining spots to the community on February 1. I am available to give you a tour of the class for which you would be registering and let you know about that class's special features. Our program is designed to be a cumulative experience so that when your child finishes the four year old program, he or she is well prepared for kindergarten.

To the parents in the three-year-old classes, although you have the free option through Georgia Pre-K, our program is worth considering because our students have received rave reviews from kindergarten teachers on the high quality of education they receive in our program. We teach everything that the state covers and so much more in an environment that can't be beat with a low staff to student ratio! In 2011, the state made several undesirable changes to their program. They changed the student to staff ratio from 20 to 2 to 22 to 2. They cut their calendar by 20 days and gave their teachers a 10% pay cut. Faith's four-year-old program has an 18-2 staff ratio, and we have successfully given our staff a pay increase each year we've been in operation. I ran into several people this summer that told me they wished they would have stayed at Faith. Please talk around and find out more if you are thinking about making the switch as I don't want you to have regrets.

Your registration packet will be in your child's bag when you return from Christmas break. It will need to be returned before February in order to secure your spot.



Focus on Two's

with Mrs. Tiffany and Mrs. Kerri

From Mrs. Tiffany:

October was a great month for our students. Everyone seems to be adjusting well, and the children are really getting to know each other. I love that they are learning each other's names and asking about their friends when they are not in class that day.

One of my favorite activities that we did this past month was exploring which items sink or float. I filled a clear bowl with water and gave the children a chance to drop in different items. We used cars, wooden blocks, and various other small toys from the classroom. The children were just fascinated with this. Not only did I feel that they really understood the difference between sinking and floating, but I was impressed at how well they took turns. After doing the activity for a few minutes, they were also making accurate guesses about which items would sink or float. We may have a group of future scientists!

November also brings a lot of fun. We will be learning about brown and yellow. We will be using play dough, streamer dancing, colorsopes, painting, and some other fun activities to teach these colors. We

will be making a Thanksgiving placemat from your child's hand

that I hope you will really like.

We will use this placemat in our Thanksgiving feast in our classroom 15. I will be asking for a few food donations and one or two parents to help with this. Look for a signup sheet outside my door.



From Mrs. Kerri:

We are enjoying our outside time so much with all the beautiful weather we have been having. As the temperatures begin to slowly drop, please remember jackets. We will continue to go out as much as possible even in the winter months.

This month we will explore the colors yellow and brown with color scopes, dancing with streamers, and art projects. We will be doing a small Thanksgiving feast in our classroom on Thursday, November 17th. Our tables will be set with placemats we will make, and we will be sampling a traditional Thanksgiving menu. I will need a few food items for this event and will have a sign-up sheet soon. I would appreciate one or two parent volunteers. Let me know if you are interested.

Themes, Bible Lessons and Projects

Bible Lessons:

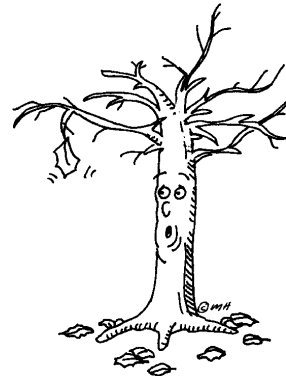
God Gives the 10 Commandments
God Speaks to Samuel
God Helps David Kill Goliath
God Rescues Three Men

We are Learning About:

Colors- Yellow/Brown
Opposite: Day/Night and Hard/Soft
Thanksgiving

Exciting Projects and Learning Experiences to Anticipate:

- Feather painting
 - Lincoln Penny Pendant
 - Thanksgiving Dinner
 - Advent Wreath
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Songs and fingerplays we've been learning this year...

Spiders crawling up, up, up
Spiders crawling down
Spiders crawling everywhere
Crawling all around
Spiders crawling on your head
Spiders crawling on your nose
Spiders crawling on your chest
And way down to your toes
Spiders crawling up, up, up
Spiders crawling down
Spiders crawling everywhere
Crawling all around

The itsy bitsy spider went up
the water spout.
Down came the rain, and
washed the spider out.
Out came the sun, and dried
up all the rain
And the itsy bitsy spider went
up the spout again.



Focus on Three's

with Mrs. Joan

Hi Parents,

There is a chill in the air! Thank you all for bringing in your winter clothes for your child. We will be going outside as much as possible during the fall and winter months. It is great to see the kids bundled up and running around having fun! Remember to have a jacket for your child daily.

We are continuing in our letter books with one letter per week. We review each letter before we move on to the next one. The letter, number, shape and color of the week is on the daily report for you to see. We work on incorporating visual, hands on, and listening skills to reach the different senses.

This month we will be learning about Thanksgiving and what special things we are thankful for.

Just as a reminder, your child must be fever free (without medication) for 24 hours before coming to school. This keeps us all just a little healthier!

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Joan

Week 1 (Nov. 7)

Bible Theme: God Chooses Moses

Topic: Zoo Animals

Letter: T Number: 5 Shape: oval

Color: green

Show and Tell: favorite stuffed animal or toy

Week 2 (Nov. 14)

Bible Theme: God Leads His People through the

Red Sea

Topic: Thanksgiving

Letter: U Number: 6 Shape: Oval

Color: green

Show and Tell: something you are thankful for

Week 3 (Nov. 21)

Thanksgiving Break

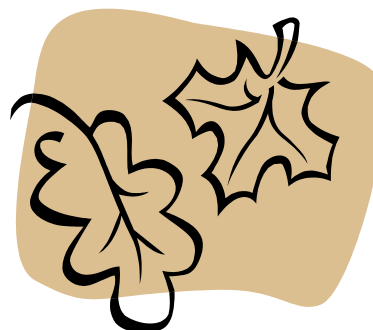
Week 4 (Nov. 28)

Bible Theme: God Gives Food to His People

Topic: Old MacDonald Had a Farm

Letter: C Number: 6 Shape: Octagon Color: red

Show and Tell – Car, truck, tractor, farm animal
toy or book.





Focus on Fours

With Mrs. Kristine

We are working with a short month because of our Thanksgiving break, November 21-24. We will continue to cover many new items as well as keep up with our review of items already introduced. Please continue to work with your child on teaching the four clues: age, birthday, address and phone number. Thank you for remembering their folders everyday and keeping up with their memory verse memorization. We have a great class because of all the support from you parents!!!

The week of October 31, we will read, eat cinnamon rolls, play duck, duck, hen, create our own bakery, take a visit to the farm (inside our classroom); and work on the letter Nn. **Please bring in a hat to share and keep at school all week for various activities during this week.** The week of November 7, we will be dancing to Shoo Fly, reading There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly by Simms Taback, and acting out our story with puppets. We will be reviewing insects (flies & mosquitoes) and comparing them to pill bugs, having roly poly relay races, and working on letter Mm.

The week of November 14, we will be singing "Five Fat Turkeys Are We," reading The Bears Find Thanksgiving by John Barrett, having fun with feathers, and working on letter review of all letters introduced so far- F, E, D, P, B, R, N and M. Please send in a bag of leaves marked with their name on it for Thursday's show and tell. We would really appreciate two parent volunteers this week: one to make our snack/rice crispy turkeys for Thursday and another to come in class at her convenience to take dictated stories from each child.

The week of November 28, we will be emphasizing the story of the first Thanksgiving. Please bring in any Indian articles you would like to share with the class this week. We will read Thanksgiving Story by Alice Dalgiesh and recreating a Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday. Please see our sign up sheet for these goodies, small individual portions if possible; we have 13 in our class. Thank you.

Themes of the Week, Bible Stories and Show and Tell

Show and Tell is on Thursdays and can be something from the theme of the week, the Bible story, or an item that begins with the letter of the week.

October 31-November 3	"The Little Red Hen & Caps For Sale" & Letter Nn
Bible story:	"God's People Enter the Promised Land"
November 7-10:	"Flies, Mosquito's & Pill Bugs " & Letter Mm
Bible story:	"Rahab and the Spies"
November 14-17:	"Turkeys & Thanksgiving" & Letter review
Bible story:	"The Day the Sun kept Shining"
November 21-24:	No school
November 28-December 1:	"Indians & Thanksgiving" & Letter Hh
Bible story:	"Samson"