

Messiah Lutheran Preschool Newsletter

November 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

Th 11/1—Tu 11/14 Germantown Help Food Drive

Su 11/4 Daylight Savings Time Ends — set clocks back 1 hour



M 11/12 PROFESIONAL DAY — NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Mid-November Evaluations sent home

Th 11/22 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY — NO SCHOOL

F 11/23 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY — NO SCHOOL

M 11/26 — F 11/30 Resource Center visits Preschool lobby

Save the date! December

W 12/19 Christmas Program for MWF morning classes

Th 12/20 Christmas Program for TT3 morning classes
and afternoon classes

F 12/21 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BREAK BEGINS — NO SCHOOL



We will be collecting non-perishable food items for Germantown HELP November 1—14. Germantown HELP provides emergency food to our neighbors in need.

Emergency Preparedness Evacuation Drill

We are planning the required semiannual Emergency Preparedness Evacuation Drill for November. We will be walking to one of our designated emergency evacuation sites.

In mid-November, each family will receive a written evaluation from their child's teacher of their child's progress. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held for all later in January.



These evaluations are designed with the entire curriculum in mind, so not all of the topics or skills have been addressed at this time. We still have a lot to do between now and May! Each developmental area will be rated as "Proficient", "In Progress" or "Developing" to provide you with information on your child's progress to date. Please note that early in the school year, many children are Developing or In Progress with the objectives for each age group.

Scholastic Book Orders for November are due Wednesday, November 7th. MLPS earns points and FREE books for every order. Books and games for all children (through high school!) are available through Scholastic.

SIGN UP at www.scholastic.com/bookclubs. On the parent page, register by clicking the "Don't have a user name or password?" link. When prompted, enter the one-time Class Activation Code: H8FYT. This unique code ensures that your order is sent to the preschool.



MORE BOOKS!

The Messiah Lutheran Resource Center (MLRC) will be returning to the preschool entrance area for the week of 11/26—11/30. Christian books and gifts for all ages as well as Fair Trade handicrafts and foods are available for purchase (cash or check) at cost. The MLRC is a ministry and service of Messiah Lutheran Church.

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good...



Chapel themes for November are: Joseph, Baby Moses, Joshua and David & Goliath.

Psalm 118: 1a

Fruit of the Spirit is PEACE and the Character Trait is FRIENDSHIP.



Family Connections

Family Connections is a part of the MLPS monthly newsletter to provide helpful information to you and your child. Please read the helpful information provided in the various links below.



- **Helping your child by saying No**

To Raise Better Kids, Say No (New York Times 5/17/17) <http://tinyurl.com/SayNo01>

Ten Ways to Say “No” Without Saying No (Parents Magazine, 2012)

<http://tinyurl.com/SayNo02>

How and Why to Tell Your Kids No (Simple Dollar 1/23/17) <http://tinyurl.com/SayNo03>

- **6 Little Behavior Problems You Shouldn’t Ignore** at <http://tinyurl.com/6Behaviors>

- **Center for Disease Control and Prevention Flu Information for Parents** at

Flu Information for Parents of Young Children <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/parents/index.htm>

You can find a lot of reliable and up-to-date information at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm>

- **Handwashing** at <http://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/>

Keeping hands clean through improved hand hygiene is one of the most important steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others.



- **Preschool Nutrition** at <https://fnic.nal.usda.gov/lifecycle-nutrition/preschool-nutrition>

This is a collection of many articles related to nutrition and preschool age children including cooking, eating healthy and trying new foods.

- **Thankfulness** at <http://www.bibleinfo.com/en/topics/thankfulness>

Bible-based reminders of how and when and for what we are to be thankful

10 Prayers of Thanksgiving and Praise at <http://tinyurl.com/10PrayersThanksgiving>

Thanksgiving Coloring Pages at <http://akidsheart.com/holidays/thanks/thcolor.htm>

Make November a Month of Thankfulness at <http://tinyurl.com/MonthofThanks>

How To Raise Thankful Kids at <http://tinyurl.com/RaiseThankfulKids>



- **Peace, November Fruit of the Spirit**

PBS recommended books about peace at <http://tinyurl.com/Peace01>

Brief article about the Bible and peace for kids at <http://tinyurl.com/Peace02>

8 Great Songs about Peace at <http://tinyurl.com/Peace03>

How to Teach Peace to Preschoolers at <http://tinyurl.com/Peace04>



Please let the MLPS staff know if you have additional topics of interest.

- ◆ Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 AM Sunday, November 4. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour.
- ◆ Please follow the traffic flow for our parking lot. Thank you for NOT parking at the curb.
- ◆ Please help your child learn about responsibility by arriving on time — 9:00 AM for morning classes and 12:30 PM for afternoon classes. You are your child's most important role model!
- ◆ If possible, please phone if you will be late picking up your child. Please see your Parent Handbook (page 10) for information on late pick-up fees.



- ◆ Please dress your child for the weather. We go outdoors unless it is raining or bitterly cold.
- ◆ If you have an extra set of clothes in your child's bag, please make sure that the clothes in your child's bag are appropriate for our colder autumn weather.

- ◆ Tuition payments are due the 1st of every month. Payments made after the 5th of the month are considered late and subject to a \$20 late fee.
- ◆ As we enter flu season, please take care to follow preventive measures — there are several helpful links on page 3 of this newsletter and an informative display board in our lobby. Children must be fever-free for 24 hours without medication in order to attend school. Thank you for your help in preventing the spread of illnesses!
- ◆ Please be sure to consult your preschool calendar for school closings and holidays. Remember, our calendar is **NOT** identical to the public school calendar.
- ◆ We currently have a few openings in the Tuesday and Thursday morning three-year-old program. If you know of a family that is looking for a Christian preschool, please direct them to our website (<http://www.messiahlutherangermantown.org/preschool/>) for more information or have them email (mlpsoffice@gmail.com) or phone (301 972-5428) to schedule a visit.



Afternoon classes are scheduled to bring in snack items for November. **Cheezits, graham crackers,**



pretzels, crackers, Cheerios, Rice Chex and Cinnamon Toast Crunch are in shorter supply this month. Thank you for your generosity and support.



Blessings,

*Messiah Lutheran
Preschool Staff*