

Wee Folk in November

We extend a big **“thank you”** for our enjoyable Pumpkin Day celebrations this week. All of your creative costumes were wonderful! The children enjoyed seeing each other in costume, parading, and singing together. Thank you for your participation in this traditional fun fall event!

“This month is November, we give thanks to God,” is our new calendar song. It will serve as an introduction to our Thanksgiving unit, in which we will highlight the importance of family and friends in our lives; giving thanks for our many blessings; and sharing with others. The children will have many opportunities to express their feelings of thankfulness, as we take time to reflect on what is really most important to us.

Our featured unit this month will find us focusing on the **Season of Friendship**. As we look back on the way the Native Americans befriended the Pilgrims in Plymouth Colony, we will learn about the important role that corn played in their lives and practice the “Five Kernels” blessing. We will read the story of *The Littlest Pilgrim* and learn to play an Indian game of “sticks and beans.” And after reading *Porcupine’s Pie*, we will make our own Friendship Pies, filled with kindness and sprinkled with words of love and friendship! Other project work this month will include making a prayer plate – featuring the words from the song, *Morning Prayer*; bubble-wrap painted Indian corn; cute turkey decorations; and a Thanksgiving story bracelet.

At music time, we will learn songs about turkeys, Pilgrims, and the First Thanksgiving; and we will sing and dance Indian-style to our favorite song, “Hi-Ya-Ha!”

Just before the Thanksgiving holiday, we will make a Friendship Snack Mix to enjoy together. After popping a bowl full of popcorn, each of us will add other crunchy items to the mix! We will enjoy munching our snack while watching the DVD of *The Mayflower Voyagers*.

Mr. Anthony, from **The Shepherd Studio**, will be on hand to take individual and group photos on November 14 & 15 in the church library. Please complete the form that will be provided if you would like your child to participate. His work is excellent and never disappoints!

Parent-Teacher Conferences for first year students who are not eligible for kindergarten next fall will be offered to those who would like to meet either in-person or over the phone on November 21 & 22. There will be a sign-up list for you to choose a time that works for your schedule. Classes are not in session on these days, and Mrs. Thomsen will be available to care for your children while we meet at school.

Wee Folk will be closed on November 23 & 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. When we return on Monday, November 27, we will jump right into our Christmas preparations!

One more **“thank you”** to those of you who supported our **Winter Wonderland** fundraiser! The orders are expected to arrive in about three weeks. Your generosity will help us provide some of the “extras” for the children that tuition alone doesn’t cover.

May God richly bless you and your family through this season of thanks-giving! And please know how thankful we are for all of you in our Wee Folk family of friends!

Love & blessings,

Kathy Moyer