

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with their families; how blessed we all are! We began the month with the theme, "We all have feelings" which then took us into "The first Thanksgiving" and "The Gingerbread Boy." We spent time focusing on what we are thankful for. The children were very excited to play the parts of Native Americans and Pilgrims in our St. Andrew Thanksgiving feast! We all enjoyed conversation and good food with our peers. Thank you, parents, for donating items to help make our feast a success!

At Jesus time we focused on some of the Bible stories that made a connection to our unit on feelings and emotions. The story, "The Lost Sheep" reminded us that Jesus loves and guides us even when we may be feeling lost. We also heard the story, "The Ten Lepers" in which Jesus miraculously healed all ten men, but only one returned to give God thanks. A reminder of how blessed we are and to thank Jesus every day. We also began the story of Jesus' birth and how his mother, Mary received the blessed news. The children are very excited to continue the story of our Saviors birth!

I am so proud of the accomplishments the students have demonstrated since they began in September! They are developing positive relationships and friendships and learning how to play more constructively with their peers. They have become more engaged and attentive at structured circle times, learning to respect personal space and meeting circle/group time expectations. In other areas of development, the children have been working on writing their names and learning the letters in their names and the names of their peers. They continue to work on developing fine motor skills and dexterity with a variety of materials i.e., pencils, markers, scissors, paint brushes, tongs/tweezers etc. I encourage you to provide plenty of opportunity at home to strengthen this skill. Finally, the class continues to work on strengthening their literacy, math, and science skills through stories, games, science experiments, cooking, circle times, music and play.

Important dates:

All school Christmas program: December 14th at 6:30 (in the church).

Christmas break: December 17-January 1st

Classes resume on January 2nd

Thank you for your snack donations to our preschool program and your food donations to the Full Shelf Food Pantry this month!

Merry Christmas!



Mrs. Gross