

ST. EDMUND'S NURSERY SCHOOL

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the children and never let your confidence in them be easily

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November is a month of Thanksgiving for our family and friends. As the color of nature changes - we change our theme from "Ourselves" to "Our Family." We will study the beauty of Thanksgiving and how we are grateful and thankful for all the blessings we have in our homes, neighborhood, church and this great nation. We will also learn about the wonderful heritage and traditions of the Native Americans. SENS Board and Staff wish you a very happy Thanksgiving! We are so thankful for each and every family who give so freely of their time and talents to make SENS an awesome school.

BROWN #3 SQUARE CONCEPT: New and Old
CHRISTIAN QUALITY: Thankfulness
BIBLE VERSE: Always Give Thanks- Col. 3:15

IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER:

Now through Dec. 16 th -	We will be collecting gift cards for HillSides – Please give these to Darlene at drop off
Monday, Oct. 31-	Halloween Parade for the MWF, 5 Day and Pre-K classes at 9:15 on the playground
Tuesday, Nov. 1 -	Restaurant Day – Pitfire Pizza in Pasadena 12:00 – 10:00 pm - 15% of proceeds go back to SENS!
Tuesday, Nov. 1 -	Chapel with Fr. George - T/TH and Pre-K Children- 10:10 am
Wednesday, Nov. 2 -	Chapel with Fr. George - MWF and 5 Day Children- 10:10 am
Thursday, Nov. 3 -	Spirit Days – Wear your SENS t-shirts!
Friday, Nov. 4-	Spirit Days – Wear your SENS t-shirts!
Wednesday & Thursday, Nov. 9 &10 -	Disaster drills at 10:00 am
Wednesday, Nov. 9 -	Integrated Learning Services Parent Meeting – High Point School 6:30-8:00 pm
Friday, Nov. 11 -	Veteran's Day Holiday – <u>No School</u>
Tuesday, Nov. 15 -	Puppet Show: Little Bear's Thanksgiving 11:20/Music Room T/Th and Pre-K Children
Wednesday, Nov. 16 -	Puppet Show: Little Bear's Thanksgiving 11:20/Music Room MWF and 5 Day
Monday, Nov. 21 -	Thanksgiving Celebration and Pow Wow- 11:00, Fellow's Hall - <u>MWF and 5 Day Children</u>
Tuesday, Nov. 22 -	Thanksgiving Celebration and Pow Wow- 11:00, Fellow's Hall - <u>T/TH and Pre-K Children</u>
Tuesday, Nov. 22 -	Scrip Orders Due!
Wed. - Fri., Nov. 23 - 25 -	Thanksgiving Holiday - <u>No School</u>
Monday, Nov. 28 -	Elk's Eye Screening – Permission slip needed, MWF Classes
Tuesday, Nov. 29 -	Elk's Eye Screening – Permission slip needed, T/Th Classes
Wednesday, Nov. 30 -	Elk's Eye Screening – Permission slip needed, 5 Day & Pre-K classes
Wednesday, Nov. 30 -	Pre-K Conferences (Information to come)
Thursday, Dec. 1 -	5 Day Conferences (Information to come)
Friday, Dec.2 -	Old 4's Conferences (Information to come)
Friday, Dec. 9 -	Scrip Orders Due!
Friday, May 5 -	Parent Party – Save the Date

Newsworthy Items:

1. Remember to keep your children at home when not feeling well or symptoms persist. Please call the school, 792-7742, to let us know why your child is absent so that we may monitor communicable diseases.
2. As we approach cooler weather, please do not send your children with umbrellas on rainy days. We will keep your children dry and the umbrellas can sometimes become more of a distraction.

Thank You:

- The **FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL** was amazing! We had a great turnout and everyone had an awesome time! A big thank you to **Melissa Heuer and Sarah Rome** for creating and organizing such a great afternoon for our children and their families! The dinner was excellent and everything was so much fun for our children. It is also especially fun to see our alumni and “recent graduates” return for a visit! Thank you to all those many hands that helped put this event together, wrapping baked goods, setting up, cleaning up and everything else that went into this afternoon! This was a huge undertaking and we all greatly appreciate their effort. Thank you! A special thank you **Diana Ralph** for your willingness to chair this event next year and working closely with Melissa and Sarah to help you get ready!
- Thank you to **Tiff Liao and Bonnie Woo** for Chairing **Mrs. Nelson’s Book Fair**! So much work went into planning all the special activities and we all appreciated it! The children, and parents, looked so forward to the SM Fire Department visit and Belle’s visit. What a treat! Thank you to all those that volunteered to work this event. The families, children and Staff here at SENS so enjoyed browsing the fair and finding such wonderful assortments of books to choose from.

Picnic Reminders:

Monday, **Nov. 21 – NO PICNIC** due to the Thanksgiving Pow Wow celebrations

Parking Lot:

Thank you all for being extra cautious in the north parking lot in the morning. Please continue to observe the yellow feet along the west wall when standing in line with your child. Also, thank you for observing all reserved parking spots. Please continue to **exit the parking lot after dropping off your children through the south driveway. The alternate driveway is an entrance only.** Thank you for your continued cooperation and helping us to keep everyone safe!

Community Donations – Hillside / Door of Hope

We are all so fortunate to be a part of the SENS family and this wonderful community. It would be so nice to continue our support for a charitable organization during the holiday season and we are extending an opportunity to do so if you are interested. We would like to assist in the Hillside Emancipated Minor Program which helps young adults, 18 years of age, to make their way into society.

In addition, SENS Staff and Teachers are participating in the Door of Hope Christmas Giving Campaign. We sponsor families and provide gifts from their wish list. If you are interested in helping with this program please see Darlene or Angela.

Through our Scrip program you can easily purchase supermarket gift cards, CVS cards, Target or Walmart cards (any denomination is welcome) to be collected at the gate for donation to Hillside or Door of Hope.

Great opportunity to purchase Scrip and support SENS as well! We will be taking donations now through **Thursday, December 16th**.



November

THE HAPPIEST PEOPLE
DO NOT HAVE THE
BEST OF EVERYTHING.
THEY MAKE THE BEST OF
EVERYTHING THEY HAVE.

THANKFULNESS

November is the month to be THANKFUL. Thanksgiving makes us think about being Thankful, but the concept of Thankfulness is something we can instill in our children throughout the year. Much has been written on the importance and power of being Thankful and the link between Thankfulness and happiness. We hope you will take time this month to start a tradition of daily THANKFULNESS. Help your child talk about what they are Thankful for in their lives and how they define Thankfulness.

We hope these quotes and books will be something you can share with your children to talk about being Thankful and the traditions of Thanksgiving in our modern day lives.

“Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough”

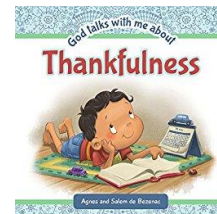
— **Oprah Winfrey**

“Thankfulness creates gratitude which generates contentment that causes peace.”

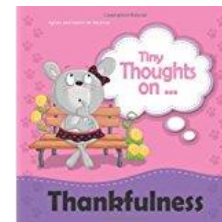
— **Todd Stocker**

The books below are available on Amazon.com.

God Talks With Me About Thankfulness - May 15, 2013
by Agnes de Bezenac and Salem de Bezenac



Tiny Thoughts on Thankfulness - Oct 3, 2013
by Agnes de Bezenac and Salem de Bezenac



A journal can be an amazing tool for children to “write” their thoughts and feelings even in preschool. We gave our son a notebook at the age of 3 and he carried it around for weeks. He would journal his thoughts before he could write words and it became a way for him to express his emotions and tell us about his day.



baby bookworms

RAISE A KID WHO LOVES TO READ

Easy ways to share the fun of books with your child from an early age.



Bond with your infant. Snuggling with your child while reading to her is one of the joys of being a parent, and it's a habit you should get into right from the start. While the sound of your voice is soothing to your infant, storytime also helps her learn to talk and connect pictures with words.

Babies love looking at other babies, so check out board books with pictures of infants or make your own by organizing baby photos of each member of your family in a tot-friendly binder (we like the Whoozit Photo Album, which has cloth pages and a plastic handle). As you leaf through it, talk

about the person in each image. Before you know it, your child will be “reading” the album with you.

Touch and go. Get your baby comfortable with books by having him turn pages, make sound effects, and point out—and later identify—objects that he recognizes.

Make it a family affair. Give storytime a boost by getting your other children involved. Whenever possible, have older siblings read to younger ones. Even if your older kid

can't sound out words by herself just yet, she'll still enjoy telling familiar tales to her baby sister or brother. You can also enlist far-flung grandparents to read a storybook to your little one via Skype or FaceTime.

Get toddlers hooked on books. Incorporate reading into your daily routine. Let your child bring waterproof books into the tub. Have her help you carry in the mail, then look at catalogs together. If you're cooking with kids, read recipes out loud. Encourage your active toddler to act out scenes from the story you're reading (“Can you

hop like a frog?”). You can even record her antics for future viewing.

Play reading games. Show your preschooler that words are everywhere. Point out street signs, the names on cereal boxes, labels on toy bins. When you read with him, let him take the lead, especially if it's a story he knows well. Or take turns “reading” to one another.

If your child's ready, help him write his own tale. Have him draw pictures in a blank book and dictate the story for you to write down.



INSPIRED IDEA

Need a break from board books? Go ahead and read your favorite book to your infant.