



ST. EDMUND'S NURSERY SCHOOL NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2015



“There is no app to replace your lap! Read to your child.”

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 Nov. 20 -	We will be collecting gift cards for Hillside – A collection basket will be at the gate
Monday, Nov. 2 -	Chapel with Fr. George - MWF and 5 Day Children- 10:10am
Tues., Nov. 3 & Wed., Nov. 4 -	SENS Restaurant Days – Dog Haus in Pasadena More info to come
Tuesday, Nov. 3 -	Chapel with Fr. George - T/TH and Pre-K Children- 10:10am
Wednesday, Nov. 4 -	ILS Parent Meeting – Barnhart School 6:30-8:00pm
Thursday & Friday, Nov. 5 & 6 -	Disaster drills at 10:00a.m. – Fr. George will join in
Wednesday, Nov. 11 -	Veteran’s Day Holiday – <u>No School</u>
Friday, Nov. 13 -	Scrip Orders Due!
Tuesday, Nov. 17 -	Puppet Show: Little Bear’s Thanksgiving 11:20/Music Room T/Th and Pre-K Children
Wednesday, Nov. 18 -	Puppet Show: Little Bear’s Thanksgiving 11:20/Music Room MWF and 5 Day
Monday, Nov. 23 -	Thanksgiving Celebration and Pow Wow- 11:00, Fellow’s Hall - <u>MWF and 5 Day Children</u>
Tuesday, Nov. 24 -	Thanksgiving Celebration and Pow Wow- 11:00, Fellow’s Hall - <u>T/TH and Pre-K Children</u>
Wed. - Fri., Nov. 25 - 27 -	Thanksgiving Holiday - <u>No School</u>
Tuesday Dec. 1 -	Pre-K Conferences (Information to come)
Wednesday, Dec. 2 -	Old 4’s Conferences (Information to come)
Thursday, Dec. 3 -	5 Day Conferences (Information to come)
Friday, April 29	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 **Michelle Alexander and Wendy Watson** 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 **Melissa Heuer** for your willingness to chair this event next year and working closely with Michelle and Wendy to help you get ready!
- Thank you to **Annelise Lin and Mandi Vener** for Chairing Mrs. Nelson’s Book Fair! 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.
- Thank you **Alyssa Kilpatrick** for setting up the **CPK Restaurant Day**. The food was delicious and we loved spending some time outside of school with all our SENS families and friends.

Picnic Reminders:

Monday, **Nov. 23rd** – **NO PICNIC** due to the Thanksgiving Pow Wow

Monday, Dec. 7 – Special Christmas Handprint Apron Picnic - Mrs. Westphal and Mrs. Doerning
\$15 Additional charge / Sign up soon, we are sure to sell out!

NO PEANUT BUTTER OR NUTS IN LUNCHESES, PLEASE!

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, 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 – Hillsides / 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 Hillsides 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 Hillsides or Door of Hope.

Great opportunity to purchase Scrip and support SENS as well! We will be taking donations now through Friday, November 20th

St. Edmund's Christian Quality For November



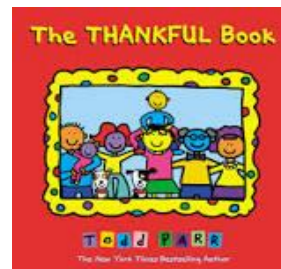
THANKFULNESS

'Thank you' is the best prayer that anyone could say. I say that one a lot. Thank you expresses extreme gratitude, humility, understanding. - Alice Walker

Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow. – Melody Beattie

Joy is the simplest form of gratitude. - Karl Barth

Recommended Reading for Children:



Bear Says Thanks – by Karma Wilson
Splat Says Thank You! – by Rob Scotton
The THANKFUL Book – by Todd Parr

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.