

# The WEEKDAY Times

Newsletter of Weekday Ministries Child Care Center

November 2009

WEEKDAY MINISTRIES CHILD CARE CENTER

MONDAY - FRIDAY

Open 6:30am to 6:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY thru FRIDAY

9:00am-4:30PM

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**We are closed Tuesday, Nov. 3 for Election Day!**

**Picture Day is Friday, Nov. 6** (All kids will be photographed. Photos will be sent home on approval. Keep them and pay or send them back with no obligation to buy.)

**Sarris Candies Fundraiser: Order forms and payment are due by Wednesday, Nov. 18**

**Our Center closes for Thanksgiving Nov. 26 & 27 and reopens Monday, Nov. 30. No PreK4 or T class on Nov. 30.**



**Happy Birthday** to Henry Polk (15<sup>th</sup> Older Toddlers); Samuel Bochkoris (16<sup>th</sup> PreK3); Ivy Ball 23<sup>rd</sup> PreK4); McKenzi Roche (27<sup>th</sup> Preschool & PreK4); Kihan Ironcloud (Preschool & PreK3). Teacher: Beth Brack ( 8<sup>th</sup> PreK classes)

**Bad Weather:** In case of power outages, snow or ice, flu we will notify you through WPXI-Channel 11. If you go to their website, you can sign up for email notification. That way, you will always know if we are delayed or open. Our center will be listed under **Mt. Lebanon Weekday Ministries**. Do it today!



**Don't forget Lunch Days!** There will be two lunch days in November. Dates and menus will be posted on the classroom doors.



### **INFANTS**

It's an exciting time for our babies. They're rolling and creeping all over. They're discovering so many new things. We welcome Liam Anderegg to our room. Jackie Perry

### **SUPERTOTS**

November themes include Thanksgiving and *God Gives Us Food*. Theme words to learn: turkey, feathers, gobble, cornucopia (what a mouth-full)! Theme colors are brown and red. Our shape is a square. Fruits and vegetables will be emphasized. We welcome a new friend Veronica! Alissa Matson

### **YOUNG TODDLERS**

Watch for our special turkeys! We will be celebrating Thanksgiving with art, stories and songs. We are looking forward to the Charlie Brown Thanksgiving movie. We will also be learning that God gives us food! Erin Piatt

### **OLDER TODDLERS**

The Older Toddlers will be introduced to the Thanksgiving holiday. They will be learning about Pilgrims, the Mayflower, Plymouth Rock and the delicious Thanksgiving feast. We are anxious to start our new theme and the colorful projects the teachers have planned. We want to wish James Brown the best as he heads to the Preschool Room and a shout out "Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday" to Henry Polk! Older Toddlers rock! Janice Zaborowski

### **PRESCHOOL PALS**

We are planning a special show & tell of our Halloween costumes. We will also talk about our favorite books in recognition of National Book Week. We are learning about Thanksgiving, Indians and Pilgrims. We will thank God for giving us food and will talk about what we are thankful for. Cathy Helbig

### **PRE-K PROGRAM**

The themes for this month are Nutrition, Manners and Thanksgiving. We will focus on the importance of eating healthy food, exercising and using good manners. We will learn about the first Thanksgiving and how our traditions began. Good table manners including setting a table properly will be explained. The PreK3 and 4 classes will be learning letters Tt, li and Uu and the numeral 2. The T class will be learning the letters Mm, Hh and also numeral 2. Monica Bochkoris

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

My mother-in-law, Katharine, is 93 years old. She still lives by herself in the same small house she victoriously paid off many years ago after her husband's death. She worked as a "beautician" in the same Ohio town for so many years that her blue-hair clientele all passed away leaving behind requests for her services at their funeral homes, trusting her to make them pretty for their viewings. Katharine has Alzheimer's, macular degeneration and loss of hearing which makes life difficult. She can no longer read her Bible or enjoy a good conversation like she used to.

Katharine is probably the richest person I have ever known. She is probably also the happiest. She sits for hours counting her blessings. She prays constantly. She never complains about what she is lacking, but is always telling people "thank you." If you ask her why she is so content, she will tell you that God has given her what she needs and that she is truly grateful.

This month, the children will be learning about Thanksgiving. They will be told that food comes from God's loving hand. The Pilgrims and Native Americans understood this concept so well they feasted for three days in celebration! They worked so hard to produce a harvest after many failures and many deaths. Yet, they credited their success to God. Giving God the honor made them truly grateful, contented people.

I asked staff and children what they were thankful to God for. Here are some of their responses.

(The absolute #1 response among staff): Family

Miss Alissa:	Opportunities to experience life through work and school
Miss Mollie:	Working with the children
Miss Robin:	Having a job to go to
Miss Janice:	The promise of a new start every morning
Miss Eve:	Health and national freedom
Miss Eileen:	grandchildren
Mrs. Bochkoris:	my two great co-workers
Miss Carol:	a new grand child

Denasia:	my birthday
Aubrey:	Grandma's house
Cassie:	Daddy's house
Marshall:	my brother
Kiera:	noodles
Alex S:	Dunkaroos
Alex D:	Mac & cheese
Leah:	Dad's foot being healed
Cameron:	grapes
Jack:	Grandma

<sup>16</sup>Be joyful always; <sup>17</sup>pray continually; <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

## Happy Thanksgiving!