



# NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER

## From the Director's Desk:

Fall is finally here! The autumn air is cool and crisp and the leaves that remain on the trees seem to have more color. How quickly time is flying by! October was quite a month for our preschoolers. The month consisted of learning about fall and the change of seasons. Everyone went from arriving in short sleeves and shorts, to jackets and sweaters. We were very busy this month carving our classroom pumpkins in school, reading many spooky Halloween stories, and doing Halloween arts and crafts.

For the month of November, we look forward to discussions about the harvest fruits and vegetables that will fill our plates on Thanksgiving Day and all of the many other gifts for which we are thankful. Your children are settling into a school routine so nicely. It's so wonderful to watch them get more and more acclimated to our school, their teachers, and to each other. They have really established great friendships. They display empathy and an understanding of how each of us are so different but yet so alike. They are learning many different things, but they are also understanding that each of them learns differently. School rules can be quite different from the rules we have at home, and the children are beginning to remember and apply these rules on a regular basis. Although rules in each class are worded differently, they all encompass respect and care for themselves, others, and our school family.

We are off to a great start in November. We are looking forward to the celebration of Thanksgiving and have begun discussing the many things we are thankful for. There will be Indians and Pilgrims to talk about and how they worked together to make the first Thanksgiving feast. The staff of Saint Gregory the Great Early Childhood Enrichment Program are thankful for the opportunity to get to know your children.

## Up and Coming Events

- 11/1: All Saint's Day
- 11/2: Superintendent's Conference Day - No School  
Staff Meeting: 8:30 a.m. Workshop: 10 to 12
- 11/3: School Resumes - Parent/PTA Zoom Meeting 7 p.m.
- 11/10: School Pictures - Dante Chester Studios
- 11/11: Veteran's Day - No School
- 11/12: School Resumes
- 11/17: "Crazy Hat Day"
- 11/23: Three's Thanksgiving Festival
- 11/24: Four's Thanksgiving Festival  
Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving Break  
All Classes at 11:30
- 11/25: Happy Thanksgiving
- 11/26: Thanksgiving Recess
- 11/29: School Resumes  
Reregistration for current families, Siblings and Alumni



## All Saint's Day

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Catholic Church, and other Christian churches honor everyone in heaven, those we know about and those we don't, because all of the souls in heaven are saints. To me the saints are not only shining images of Christian life, they're signs of hope by their lives and deeds. They show us that the love and power of God is present in history and that God's promise of salvation is indeed real, that heaven is our goal and God offers us the means to get there. At its heart, All Saint's Day is about life...Christian life on earth, eternal life in heaven.

## School Pictures

Dante Chester Studio will be coming to school to take class and individual pictures on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. The photographer will be here early to set up outdoors. You will be provided with an informational packet about the various photo options you may select.

## Cold Weather

Cold weather will be with us now until spring. We will try to get outside as many days as possible. After sitting through Circle Time and using small motor skills in activities and play, it is also important for our children to get outside to use their gross motor skills. The weather in the fall is quite changeable, with chilly early mornings and warmer afternoons. It is generally a good idea to send your child to school with a jacket for chilly weather. The jacket can always be removed if the weather warms up, but we cannot supply jackets to those that get cold. Please also remember to label jackets and check for them at the end of each day.

## Veteran's Day

Veteran's Day is a federal holiday that honors all military veterans who have served in the U.S military. It is observed annually in November. The first Veteran's Day was celebrated on October 25, 1971. Veteran's Day honors all those who have served our country in war or peace---dead or alive---although it's largely intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices.



## Illnesses at School

Due to COVID we only accept WELL Children into our daily program. For any student to return to school we need a Doctor's Diagnosis and a Positive PCR Test. Any child experiencing fever, vomiting, diarrhea, a cough, runny nose/nasal congestion, etc. should not be in school. Remember that many families are spending this time of year visiting friends and families. Taking along a sick child is no fun. In consideration of them and every other child in our preschool DO NOT SEND SICK CHILDREN INTO SCHOOL. If a child becomes ill during the time he/she is at preschool that child will be isolated and you will be called to pick them up.

## Flu/Influenza

- Flu is an upper respiratory infection and is spread by coughing, sneezing, or talking.
- Symptoms include, fever, headache, dry cough, sore throat, and achy muscles. Children may also have stomach problems.
- The flu vaccine is the best way to protect children and adults from the flu and is recommended for everyone 6 months of age or older.
- The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends the flu vaccine for children 6 months of age and older to help them stay healthy.
- There are two types of vaccines, a shot or nasal spray.
- The flu vaccines are safe and can be given with other vaccines. The chance of being harmed from the disease<sup>3</sup> is much greater than the chance of being harmed from the vaccination.



## Thanksgiving Vacation

Thanksgiving Vacation will be from Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:30 a.m. dismissal until Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be no p.m. classes on the 24<sup>th</sup>. School resumes on Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

## November Themes

All Saint's Day, Gratitude, Native Americans, Pilgrims, The Mayflower, Giving Thanks, Veteran's Day, the First Thanksgiving, fall, Harvest, Fruits/Vegetables, My Plate/Food Pyramid, Family/Friends.

## November Book List

- 10 Fat Turkeys
- I Know An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie,
- Nat the Great Talks Turkey
- The Thanksgiving Door

## Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a time for family and friends to share and celebrate our many blessings. We not only have material things to be thankful for, but most importantly we must appreciate the people who touch our lives every day. This is the beginning of many very busy days ahead. May we take a few moments to say "I love you" and let your children know how thankful you are for them.

