

OLGC Preschool

November 2023



Fall has arrived, and that means it's time to learn how to put on and zip our coats! The three year olds are learning the "flip trick" for putting on coats, while the 4's teachers are working with the children on buttoning, snapping and zipping. Please encourage your child to practice these skills at home. A self-sufficient child is a confident child!

Winter uniforms are now required. Winter uniforms consist of OLGC sweatpants and t-shirts, either short sleeved or long sleeved. OLGC sweatshirts may be worn in the classroom. Any non-uniform items must be hung up when the child arrives at school. Please put your child's **name** on all jackets and sweatshirts.

Picture make-up day is November 14th. If your child missed the original picture day in September, or if you would like to have the pictures retaken, please let us know.

Teachers will be conducting parent conferences on November 9th and 10th. They will discuss your child's adjustment to school as well as his/her development. Please keep in mind that this is not a meeting for the child to attend. We will provide childcare during the conferences here at the preschool for those who need it.

The preschoolers met their seventh grade "Prayer Partners" last month, and they worked together on a rosary craft. They also sat together in church to pray the World Mission Rosary. We look forward to having more fun opportunities to interact with the "big kids!"

Cold and flu season is approaching, and the children are learning to wipe their noses and "catch" their coughs and sneezes in their elbow. Another skill that we are working on is blowing the nose. We teach this by having the child close his mouth and try to "blow out a candle" by blowing through the nose. Please work on this at home!

During this month of gratitude, we would like to express our thanks to all the families who have generously provided snacks for the preschool staff. We really appreciate these treats! Thanks, too, for ordering Scholastic Books. We were able to add eighteen new books to our preschool library last month! And last, but not least, thank you for the donations of pumpkins for our Pumpkin Week. It was a huge success! After measuring, weighing, comparing, and exploring the pumpkins, we now have set up a "Pumpkin Patch" on the playground where the children can pretend to pick out and purchase pumpkins.

Important Dates

Week of Nov. 6th: Book Fair in the Media Center (stop by after conferences!)

Thursday and Friday, Nov. 9, 10: No school, parent/teacher conferences

Tuesday, Nov. 14: Picture make-up day

Wednesday, 11/22 - Friday, 11/24: No School, Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday, 11/27: No school, teacher workday

Being Thankful

“Gratitude” means being thankful and showing appreciation for things we have and for acts of kindness done on our behalf. Gratitude and kindness are social-emotional skills that can be taught and practiced, just like other skills.

Adults play a key role in modeling kindness and gratitude in their interactions with children and with other adults. Studies have shown that there is a strong link between kindness, gratitude, and joy. Grateful children are often happier and have improved psychological and physical health into adulthood. Teaching children to say “thank you” is the first step toward a lifetime of joy!

A Grace for November

God, we thank you for our food,
For rest, and home, and all things good,
For wind, and rain, and sun above,
But most of all, for those we love.

We wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving!

