OLGC Preschool



November 2026 News

Fall has arrived! After a warm start, there is now a chill in the air, and that can only mean one thing – 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. Self-sufficiency builds confidence!

Winter uniforms are now required. The winter uniform consists of the OLGC sweatpants and t-shirt (short sleeved or long sleeved). SKORTS are NOT part of the winter uniform. OLGC sweatshirts may be worn in the classroom. Any non-uniform items will be hung up when the child arrives at school. Please make sure to put your child's **name** on his/her sweatshirts.

We're pleased to announce some recent changes in our preschool staff. Mrs. Val Harnisch, former preschool co-director, has returned to take the helm in the Chipmunks class (aka the Cool Cats). Mr. James Bennett, one of our favorite Extended Day teacher and church pianist, is now working as an Assistant in the Chipmunk class along with Mrs. Stephanie Findlay. We're happy to have them on board in their new roles!

Please have your child use the bathroom at home right before you leave the house in the morning. It is difficult for teachers to take children to the bathroom during arrival time in the morning, as we have to maintain state mandated student/teacher ratios. Thank you!

Picture make-up day is November 10th. If your child missed the original picture day, or you would like to have the pictures retaken, please let me know so that we can add your child to the list.

If your child has been sent home in borrowed clothes, be sure to wash and return them as soon as possible. Our supply of loaner uniforms is dwindling!

During this month of gratitude, we'd like to express our thanks to all the families who generously provided pumpkins for our Pumpkin Week. It was a huge success! After exploring, measuring, weighing and comparing the pumpkins, we set up a Pumpkin Patch on the playground where the children pretended to pick out and purchase pumpkins. What a hit!

Important Dates

Friday, Nov. 6: Dress out day
Tuesday, Nov. 10: Picture make-up day
Wednesday, Nov. 11: No school, Veterans Day
Wednesday, 11/25 - Friday, 11/27: No School, Thanksgiving Holiday – Enjoy!
Sunday, 11/29: First Sunday of Advent
Monday, 11/30: No School, teacher workday

What am I learning when I play on the playground?



- I am learning to share, take turns, cooperate, and problem solve.
- The playground provides opportunities to face challenges and take risks, and a feeling of accomplishment when I succeed.
- I am developing my balance, posture, coordination and vision through vestibular stimulation.
- I am developing my large muscles and strengthening my core, which aids in handwriting.
- I am honing my controlled movements and my spatial awareness.
- I am experiencing concepts of physics, such as gravity and inertia.
- I am enjoying pretend play and role-playing.
- I am getting fresh air!

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!