

# Parma Kids Newsletter

## November 2017



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### November Units

**2 year olds will learn about turkeys.** This month we will read about turkeys.

We will make pictures and make circles to draw turkeys. Our class makes muffins for our tasting feast on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Families are invited to the tasting feast at 11:15am. Please sign up so we can have enough space at the tables. We will also need parent volunteers to stay all day and help with the preparations.

**3 year olds will study Pilgrims this month.** We will read stories, make costumes to wear at our feast and make and play Pilgrim games. We will go outside everyday that weather permits, so send your child to school in warm coats/hats/gloves. **All 3's students and parents are invited to come to a tasting feast on November 20<sup>th</sup>.** We will only have one feast this year. Tuesday class will be in session with out the feast the next day. We will cook all morning and eat at 11:15 am. We will need parent volunteers to stay all day and help with the preparations.

**4 year olds will learn about Native Americans and healthy living this month.** We will travel to the Rochester Museum and Science Center on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, our tour starts at 10am, so if you plan on coming please meet us at the door by 9:45am. The cost this year is \$7 per person, adult and child. We will tour the Native American displays, then you can explore other parts of the museum. We will make clay bowls; make a costume for our **feast on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.** Please don't forget to sign up in your child's classroom to bring in something for the Feast. We need parent volunteers to stay and help us set up and prepare the food. We will also learn about the food groups this month and how to help those less fortunate. Please allow your child to do a few extra jobs to earn a little money to spend on food for the Hilton food shelf. We will have a tour of **TOPS**, the date is TBA. We need a few parents to walk with us. We will then scout out the food groups to purchase for the food shelf. We can all help change the world when we learn to think of others. Toward the end of the month we will study shapes, the history of Thanksgiving, and making gifts for the children in our sister school in Honduras whom Pastor Merrill will be visiting.

### School Website and Facebook Page

Please visit our school's website [Parmakids.com](http://Parmakids.com). We will post copies of the monthly newsletter and class calendars on the website for your reference. Also, *like* our Facebook page "Parma Kids Preschool & Child Care Center".

### Snack

Our snack guidelines come from NYS which requires us to have 2 of these 3 food groups; grain, fruit or vegetable, and Dairy. Appropriate snack ideas are- graham crackers, cheese, whole grain crackers, sliced fruit, veggie sticks, water, 1% milk, or if you prefer to bring juice it must be 100% fruit juice. You are not limited to these suggestions. If you are unsure if your snack idea is appropriate ask your child's teacher. Please keep in mind that we are a peanut and tree nut free facility. Hilton Schools do not allow homemade treats. Thank you for all of your contributions!

### No Preschool 11/10, 11/22, 11/23, & 11/24

There will not be Preschool on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veteran's Day, as well as the Thanksgiving Holiday November 22 – 24<sup>th</sup>. **Day care will be open on November 10<sup>th</sup> and November 22<sup>nd</sup>.** We will be closed on November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.

## **Extra Classes**

We have extra spaces in some classes if you would like to Christmas shop without little hands, see your child's teacher or Caitlyn for availability. You can add an extra session with advance notice for \$13 a session in the morning (9:15am-11:45am) or \$15 in the afternoon (12pm-3pm). See your child's teacher to arrange any extra classes.

## **Scholastic Book Orders in November**

This month we will send home a variety of book order forms that would make great Christmas gifts. We will be ordering early to ensure delivery. You can also order online using code DZPB2. Book orders are due to school by Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> if you need them for Thanksgiving. Please write GIFT on your order form if you'd like it in a sealed bag.

## **Christmas Baskets**

Each year our school and church partner to give Christmas baskets to families in the school and community in need. They include food items for a dinner and a gift per family member. Are you or do you know a family that would appreciate and need a basket this year? Please talk to Caitlyn in the office or sign up at the office door. Privacy and confidentiality will be respected.

## **Entertainment & Save Around Rochester Books**

We are wrapping up the Entertainment Book and Save Around Rochester Fundraising books. We still have some books to sell, so please ask your friends and relatives if they'd like one. Entertainment Books and the Save Around Rochester Books are \$25 this year. Thank you to all who have ordered!

## **Amazon Smile**

Don't forget to sign up for Amazon Smile before you start your shopping this season! It is a simple way to give support to the school. Just go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), sign in and search for Parma Christian Fellowship, it donates a percentage to our school and it does not cost you anything extra! Your support is always appreciated!

## **Teachers are available for conferences**

4's have done a pretest in literacy and math. Results are always available to you. It is a baseline to compare progress for the year. All parents will be asked to meet in February to see the results of the January charting of skills. All of the teachers are available if you have concerns about your child.

## **Classroom Reminders – Bathroom and Pick-Up Tags**

Please remember to have your little ones wash their hands before they begin playing, as flu season is upon us hand washing is a huge preventative in the spreading of illness and germs.

Pick up tags are a vital part of our security system. Please remember your tag each day as someone new might be at the window. You may use your smart phone to photograph the tag and show at the door! Please notify us if you lose your tag or need a new one. If you forget or lose your door code please let Caitlyn know in the office. If you think for any reason that your code has been given to someone who is not allowed to pick up your child please contact Caitlyn immediately and we will change your family's code.

**Grace Dean has been hired** This month we hired Grace Dean as Assistant Director. She will be working part time to start and you will see her mostly in the afternoon. She has an extensive background with children and is the mother of 5. Her children were part of our school and are all in college or older. She is currently attending classes in Child Development and is helping us with our paperwork and having more consistent rule following with school age. She loves working with children and our school. Say hi when you see her around the school.

**More subs needed, especially early care (6-9AM) and after care (3-6PM). See Pam or Caitlyn if interested.**