



Little Willows News

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From the Staff...

We hope everyone had fun celebrating fall and Halloween last month! All our friends continue to do well in their classes and we are seeing fewer tears every week! We would like to thank you once again for your continued patience and cooperation as we try to get everyone acclimated to our routine. We wish you and your family a very happy Thanksgiving and hope the holiday finds you in the company of those you love and care about most. God Bless!

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On the Flip Side...

Check the back of the newsletter for last month's highlights, reminders and birthdays.

Special Announcements

There will be no Little Willows on November 9th, 10th, and 11th due to Germantown Hills District 69 Parent/Teacher Conferences and the observance of Veterans Day.

There will be no Little Willows on November 26th due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

The cold and flu season is upon us. In order to keep everyone as healthy as possible, we ask that you please keep your child home if he or she is experiencing any cold or flu symptoms. Remember that your child must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. If you have any questions concerning the advisability of sending your child to school, please contact Gina Hulett at 383-2700. Thank you!

Current Classroom Focus

Wee Willows: This month we will talk about Joseph and his family and his coat of many colors. We will talk about our own families as well and share family photos during Circle Time. Please remember to send a family picture to school with your child. As it is the season for giving thanks, we will also learn about Thanksgiving.

Winsome Willows: Food-we all love it, and children are no exception! This month we will celebrate that yummy holiday, Thanksgiving, by exploring food through games, songs, and literature. We will read Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *The Apron*. We will also read the stories of Daniel and Jonah and learn that God hears our prayers. During the week of Thanksgiving we will talk about how thankful we are for all God gave us. After Thanksgiving we will begin talking about Mary and Joseph and the Christmas story. This month we will also learn about rectangles and the colors brown and yellow. Be sure to look at our calendar to see what pattern we will be creating this month!

Wondrous Willows: This month we will continue with the alphabet, shapes, and colors, as well as discuss the many things for which we are thankful. Speaking of thankful, we are very thankful for all the wonderful treats that were donated for our Halloween celebrations. The juice, festive napkins, treats, and stickers made our Halloween week especially festive. Thank you to everyone! We will also continue with show and tell each day, so please remember to check the schedule that was sent home or reference the posted schedule on the bulletin board.

Last Month's Highlights

Wee Willows: October was a busy month in Wee Willows! We had fun learning about Noah, the ark he built, and the animals God told him to put on the ark. We made our own rainbows to remind us that God always keeps His promises. We celebrated Halloween by making handprint spiders, singing songs, and reading *My Happy Pumpkin*, *Pumpkin Faces*, and *Boo Who?* To improve our fine motor skills, we decorated jack-o-lanterns with stickers. We worked on our gross motor skills by moving and grooving to "The Wiggles".

Winsome Willows: We had a lot of fun last month exploring opposites through stories, games, and songs! The children enjoyed many experiences with circles and the colors orange and black, especially during craft time. Our craft projects have progressed to include paint rolling and working with glue, stickers, and yarn. We hope you are enjoying all your wonderful refrigerator works of art! We also learned about the wonderful things that Noah and David accomplished through God's help.

Wondrous Willows: October was a busy month in Wondrous Willows! We discussed Fire Safety and learned how to Stop, Drop and Roll. We began Show and Tell and had a lot of fun giving clues about the item that was being shared. We enjoyed making ducks and dogs, elephants, ladder rubbings, fall trees, spider webs, crazy spiders, and reading *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle. We had fun walking like an elephant, quacking like a duck, and singing Halloween Songs during Music and Movement time. During Bible time we talked about how God gives us friends. We learned how to be thankful for friends, how friends can help us, and how to be a good friend. We continued learning about the alphabet, shapes, colors, opposites, and we have also started talking about rhymes.

Important Reminders

If you are interested in donating supplies to our program, there is a list on the bulletin board across from the Wondrous Willows classroom of some of our more commonly used items. Please remember that this is optional. The list was provided because of several requests made by our families!

Please remember to have your child use the restroom before dropping him or her off. This will help reduce the number of bathroom breaks during the first half hour of class. Thank you for your cooperation!

Thank you for sending well-stocked backpacks with your children. Please continue to check your child's bag to ensure there are enough diapers/pull-ups and a complete change of clothes.

November Birthdays

Ryan Tellor turns 3 on November 3!

Hannah Farragher turns 2 on November 6!

Kegan Hawes turns 3 on November 7!

Caroline Crowell turns 4 on November 14!

Aidan Falcione turns 4 on November 15!

Nolan Hawes turns 5 on November 15!

Addie LeBeau turns 2 on November 17!

Elijah Johnson turns 3 on November 22!

Corinna Kahrs turns 4 on November 22!

Madie Sheets turns 5 on November 25!

