



November Birthdays

Daphne C. – Nov. 3
Ricardo E. - Nov. 10
Carter T. – Nov. 21
Esme R. – Nov. 22
Isaiah R. – Nov. 22
Blithe C. Nov. 28

Classroom News

This month we will continue learning about our bodies...we are learning about our teeth & bones, digestion and other organs, our senses and our feelings. As we head toward Thanksgiving, we will encourage an 'attitude of gratitude' as we reflect on the things we are thankful for. We will also be learning about trees and leaves as part of our Botany unit.

Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up at the end of this month. If you would like a conference time with your child's teacher, please text them and they will schedule a time with you. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and discuss any concerns you may have and to see the progress they have made. To make the most of your conference time it may be helpful to write down questions or concerns you may have or anything you want to discuss before your conference. Each conference is limited to 20 minutes so please help us to be respectful of those who are waiting by not going over time. If you have any concerns that may require more time, please arrange for a longer conference with your child's teacher.

Scholastic Book Orders

The October book orders arrived last week and were sent home (some were sent home Monday). The November book order is the last order we will place before Christmas, so this is the time to get those great books for gift giving! Did you know you can buy a Scholastic eGift card? Visit the website at [scholastic.com](https://www.scholastic.com) for more information...eGift cards can be used for future Scholastic book orders that benefit the school. You can order online anytime at <https://clubs.scholastic.com> Click the parent link and type in the code NZ3BN - this code will connect you to Hillsview. Choose Cheryl Olson for the teacher selection and follow the directions to setting up an account. Once your account is connected to Hillsview you may place your order.

The last order before Christmas is due Nov. 21st!

Dates to Remember

Nov 11 – No School: Veteran's Day
Nov 4-21 – Snow Cap Food Drive
Nov 25-27 – No School: Conferences
Nov 28 - No School: Thanksgiving
Dec 20-Jan 5 – No School: Winter Break

Snow Cap Food Drive

We will be collecting food and other items for **Snow Cap** during the month of November. Please bring in your donated items any time before November 21st. Be sure to check expiration dates before you donate! See the list below for most needed items. Thank you!

Most Needed Items

- Canned fruits & vegetables
- Hearty soups, chili, stews
- Canned tuna / chicken
- Peanut butter / jelly & jam
- Dessert mixes (Jello, cake, brownies, etc)
- Cooking oil/butter
- Ground coffee
- Sugar
- Quart size zip lock bags
- Toilet paper / paper towels
- Pet Food
- Deodorant
- Shaving cream / razors
- Soap / body wash
- Shampoo / conditioner
- Toothpaste / toothbrushes
- Lotion
- Sanitizing wipes
- Dish soap / dishwasher detergent
- Laundry detergent
- Kitchen sponges / dish cloths / dish towels
- Hats / gloves / scarves / hand warmers
- New socks (all sizes)
- New underwear (all sizes)
- Gently used clothing items (especially coats)

- **Stocking Stuffers for Children and Teens (Especially Teens!)** (new items please):
 - Card Games / Small Toys
 - Journal / Pens / Small Art Supplies / Notepads / Planners
 - Activity Books
 - Teen Hygiene Kits, Bath and Grooming Supplies
 - Hot Chocolate packets / Wrapped Candy

November Snack Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
11/4 Almonds with Olives	11/5 Cheez-its with Apples	11/6 Bagels with Cream Cheese	11/7 Graham Crackers with Nutella
11/11 Pretzels with Mandarins	11/12 Goldfish Crackers with Craisins	11/13 Saltine Crackers with Cheddar Cheese	11/14 Ritz Crackers with Peanut Butter
11/18 Goldfish Crackers with Pineapple	11/19 Saltine Crackers with Cheddar Cheese	11/20 Almonds with Apples	11/21 Graham Crackers with Nutella
11/25 NO SCHOOL	11/26 NO SCHOOL	11/27 NO SCHOOL	11/28 NO SCHOOL

Montessori at Home

Creative ways to reinforce the letter sound of the week:

1. Have your child cut out pictures from a magazine and glue them onto a paper with the letter they are practicing.
2. Have your child gather up toys or other items from around the house that begin or end with the sound (we call this the 'bring me' game).
3. Help your child prepare a snack using foods that begin with the sound.
4. Make up silly stories that use words beginning with the sound.
5. Play "I spy" something that starts with the sound.
6. Use sign language for the letter name and other things that start with the sound.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who brought in treats for the Halloween party! Everyone went home with a full bag of Halloween fun from their classmates!

School Emergency Plan

Friday, November 1st our area experienced a police emergency that required the surrounding neighborhood to shelter in place. There was a stand-off, and an armed suspect was taken into custody after about six hours. In the end, no one was harmed, and the local authorities did their job of keeping everyone safe. This type of situation is one that cannot be predicted, but it can be planned for. We do have a detailed emergency plan that includes a shelter in place policy. We practice regular drills for evacuation in case of fire, shelter in place including a lock-down and other weather and man-made emergency situations. We don't practice leaving the school grounds, but we do have a plan in place if the building has to be evacuated and is unsafe to return to. In that scenario, we will evacuate to the home across the street from the church on 232nd and Borges. A copy of our emergency plan is available on our website and will also be emailed to all families who receive this newsletter.

In the event of an emergency, you will be notified via text from your child's teacher as to the nature of the emergency and plan being implemented.

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