



Dates to Remember
Nov 3-24 – Snow Cap Food Drive
Nov 24-25 – No School: Conferences
Nov 26-27 - No School: Thanksgiving
Dec 18 – Pajama Day
Dec 19-Jan 4 – No School: Winter Break

November Birthdays

Daphne C. – Nov. 3
Townes C. – Nov. 7
Ricardo E. - Nov. 10
Gus P. – Nov. 14
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. 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 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. 20th

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 20th. Be sure to check expiration dates before you donate! For more information about this organization visit their website at <https://www.snowcap.org>. **Last year we donated 483 pounds of food and other items. Let see if we can double that this year!** 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
- Baby Formula
- 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
11/3 Pretzels with Craisins	11/4 Goldfish Crackers with Apples	11/5 Bagels with Cream Cheese	11/6 Ritz Crackers with Peanut Butter
11/10 Goldfish Crackers with Pineapple Chunks	11/11 Crackers with String Cheese	11/12 Wheat Thins with Apples	11/13 Bagels with Cream Cheese
11/17 Wheat Thins with Mandarins	11/18 Cheez-it's with Apples	11/19 Saltine Crackers with Cheddar Cheese	11/20 Graham Crackers with Nutella
11/24 NO SCHOOL	11/25 NO SCHOOL	11/26 NO SCHOOL	11/27 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!

Hillsview Community Church News

Hillsview Community Church has recently hired Keven Krieger as their new pastor. At this time, he will only be working in the building on Sundays, so we are not likely to see him around during the school day. His first Sunday is November 2nd.

The church will be hosting their annual Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, November 23rd and all are invited to attend. Please let us know if you plan to join us for church and the traditional thanksgiving dinner right after church.

We are very thankful for all the support we get from the Hillsview congregation. They take very good care of us and this building so that we have a safe place to gather every day.

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