

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN



Newsletter



"WHERE LEARNING IS AN ADVENTURE"



November & December 2022

Gratitude: What are some benefits of teaching children to be thankful? by Debbie Batchman

One of the duties as adults, parents and teachers is encouraging children to use manners - please and thank-you are among the most common terms used.

Preschoolers are self-centered beings; they believe the world revolves around them. Those who are taught gratitude often develop empathy and compassion toward those around them. While many of the children here in preschool exhibit these character traits, it's important to keep reinforcing gratitude in order to further support adjustment and happiness.

It's easy to weave "please and thank you" into your everyday interactions with your child. For instance, "Please choose a story for us to read," "Thank you for helping me wash the dishes" or "Thank you for being the best you!" will further expand their self-esteem and they will mimic what you say to others. Remember, as parents and caregivers, we also serve as role models.

It's important to practice gratitude not just during the holidays.

How can you nurture gratitude in your children?

- 1. Have a chat at bedtime. Ask your child what the best part of their day was? Research shows that gratitude improves quality of sleep.*
- 2. Think about others and talk about them in a positive light. What do we like about them?*
- 3. Show your child appreciation on a regular basis.*

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

November

11th of November:

-Veteran's Day Observance.
School is closed.

17th & 18th of November:

-“Giving Thanks Feasts.”

21st - 25th of November:

-Thanksgiving Holiday Week .
School is closed.

December

12th & 13th of December

- Holiday Programs & Parties.

21st & 22nd of December:

-Classroom Parties.

23rd of December thru 2nd of January:

-Winter Holiday Break-School is closed.

January

3rd of January

-School is back in session.

9th - 13th of January

-Early Registration for 2023-2024.

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Things to remember:

- Please send extra clothes for your child and include long-sleeved shirts, pants and a jacket/hoody or sweatshirt.
- Notify the school of any changes in address, illness or absences from school.
- Tuition is due on the first of every month. It may be considered late after the 5th.
- Tuition can be dropped off in the office box or mailed to the school. Checks or cash.



"Giving Thanks" Feasts at Westminster Preschool

Thursday, November 17 & Friday, November 18

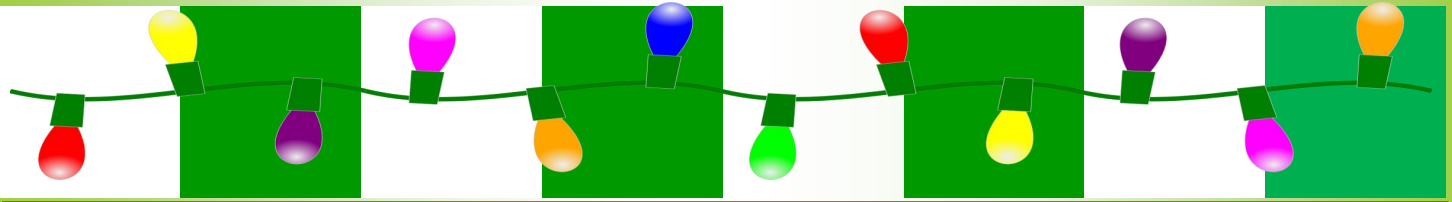
On these special days, seasonal Thanksgiving snacks will be served. Each class will host their own party, As part of the day's festivities, our pint-sized colonists and Native Americans will teach each other how to play simple games and farming in the early days. This will include sailing in their kid-designed Mayflowers to the new world where they will gobble up a delicious feast. You will find sign-up sheets in your child's classroom.

Heart-felt Appreciation...

- To all the families who accompanied us to the pumpkin patch.
- To everyone who brought delicious treats to our Halloween Parties.
- To Jack Cribben and his family for the hand sanitizer, wipes, and tissues. We are going to need them!
- To Russell Taylor's family for the donations of wipes and tissues!



We are so grateful your family is a part of our preschool family! And we are thankful that you have chosen to share your precious children with us. Blessings to you all during the holidays.



Westminster Church News...

Our spaces are a reflection of who we are and what we believe. At Westminster Presbyterian we believe in being welcoming, accessible, and creative.

To reflect those values we have a bunch of big projects underway on campus!

Sign up for our newsletter to find out more, contact:
church@westmintersd.org.

Chapel is a hit!



6 Holiday Happenings



We love all of the trimmings that go with the season including decorating the classrooms, the holiday trees, making gifts for parents, constructing gingerbread houses and the finale...the holiday performances. We usually have these special times at night, with Santa and all of you! However, we have decided to hold the performances during the daytime.

Holiday Performances will be in the theater on:

- **Monday, December 12th and Tuesday, December 13th from 12:00pm to 1:00pm**, Practicing the songs is key. Mrs. Hayes, our music/dance instructor will be working with the children preparing them for the shows. Song sheets will be sent home in November. They will also be posted on our blogs.
- Everyone is invited and there will be a Shared Luncheon following the performances. Sign Up sheets will be available beginning December 1.

Notice of a Price Increase July 2023

A very modest tuition increase will be necessary to keep staff salaries competitive so we can retain and hire the best teachers. New prices will go into effect July of 2023 for the new school year. We hope this increase will not create a hardship for our families.





Don't Miss Out! Early Registration for...

2023-2024 School Year - January 9th-13th

Westminster is offering you the opportunity to register for the 2023-2024 school year beginning January 9th. Please take the time to mark your calendar for this important week. Pre-registration guarantees your child's enrollment in Westminster's 2023-2024 program. Look for registration forms in your child's bucket or cubby the first week in January. Mark your first and second choices.

Remember: Westminster registers families based on seniority with the school. Confirmations will be sent out by January 20th. Registration for waiting list families begins January 23rd. After that, pre-registration will be open to the public. In order to pre-register, please include a non-refundable registration deposit with your registration forms. These deposits are for the registration and materials fees for the 2023-2024 school year which begins July 5th.

Please be advised of the following:

- No spaces can be reserved **without** the proper deposit (s). *All* deposits are non-refundable.
- **Schedules are based on a year-long commitment. If you decide to decrease your child's schedule at any time including the summer, we may offer your spot to our waiting list students. This is to preserve each classroom dynamic with a stable class community. Please make sure to register for a schedule that will work for your family throughout the entire year.**

Pre- Registration For Preschool (Summer and Fall)

- An activity and material fee of \$450 (includes a school T-shirt, supplies and school-sponsored field trips) for each returning students who will attend the 2023-2024 school year.
- An activity and material fee of \$150 is for those students who will only attend the summer program July thru August. (This fee covers a summer T-shirt and supplies for the summer).
- A \$100 file processing fee for all 'new' students. Siblings are considered 'new students'. Note: Siblings are given seniority during registration.

Pre-Registration for Fall 2023 Kindergarten and/or Summer Kinder Camp

- Kindergarten in Fall 2023: An activity and material fee of \$600 (includes a school T-shirt, workbooks and school-sponsored field trips)
- A "Summer Only" materials fee of \$ 150 for those students attending July and August 2023. (Children who have completed a Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten class may be eligible if there are openings.)