

Superstar Classroom
Thankful ^{is} for
From Our Center to Your Families

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good ! For His mercy endures forever

Dear Families, Hope and pray all is well with all our Center families. I am delighted to do this newsletter as we have entered the most beautiful, exciting season of the year. I cannot do this newsletter without thanking the Lord enough for who He is in my life. I want us to enter this part of the year with praise and thanksgiving to God as He has done great and mighty things in each of our lives and I am confident to say thank you Lord for being our Lord, Redeemer, Savior and Provider. Thanking the Lord should be a daily routine. For some it seems like the only purpose of Thanksgiving is to eat turkey, watch football, and kick off the Christmas shopping season. When I ask our preschoolers what is thanksgiving - they say "Turkey Day." Thanksgiving is much more than that. Thanksgiving is all about God and thanking Him for the gifts of life, love, joy, and Jesus Christ the Savior of the world and much more. Yes, we get to see family and friends and we get to eat a great meal. But our central purpose should be to give thanks to God. This means being thankful no matter what our situation in life is. Thankfulness means that we are aware of both our blessings and disappointments but that we focus on the blessings. Are you thankful for your children even when they are squabbling and tattling on each other? Are you thankful for your job even when you feel overworked and underpaid? Are you thankful for your friends even when you don't get to see them as much as you want? Let's not forget that the whole world is in turmoil but God kept us safe in our little corner of the world providing with everything that we need.

How do we teach children the true meaning of thanksgiving?

This Thanksgiving, have everyone in the family start recording what they are thankful for. Your children need to know you are thankful for them, for your home, and for the other good things in your life. Share with them and give them the chance to share with you all year round. Also encourage your children to express their thankfulness to God. Set aside time each day to pray and give thanks to God. Don't just focus on the big things to be thankful for – health, wealth, and happiness. Express thankfulness for the smell of flowers, for ripe bananas, and for warm pajamas.

The most important Center event every year is our "Annual Thanksgiving Family Celebration". It is scheduled for November 15th @ 10:30 am. Come and join all your child's classroom family for a free lunch. Please limit 4 people including your child for this event. There will be a sign -up sheet on your child's attendance binder, please put the number of family members attending this event. If anyone wants to donate a pie, please put it on the sheet. It's important that every child has at least 1 adult present so that they don't feel lonely.

When I count my blessings, I thank God for each of our Center families. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Blessings in Jesus Name, Hadassah Ratna Raj, Director ICCDC&ICS

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Dean - For flowers
Eyle - For God
Daryl - For hugs
Natalia - For coloring papers
Lydia - for markers and unicorns

Maevyn - For God's creation
Kaylin - For cute flowers

Brielle - bug
For Jesus on the cross
Katie - For my cat

Alison
My Family
Michael
For Jesus
Stella
Duzels

Grace -
For loving family
Charles
For a cake
Eli
Transformers
Xander -
For my teacher

Sunflowers are thankful for

Important Reminders for November & December

- Annual Thanksgiving lunch on*** **15th at 10:30am**
- Center is **closed by 5:00 pm on Wednesday the 27th** in view of Thanksgiving the next day
- Center closures for Thanksgiving – 28th & 29th November
- Center will be **closed by 5 pm on December 6th** due to Staff Christmas party.
- Jesus Birthday Party – **18th Dec @ 10 am**. 1 family member is allowed to participate with the child in the event. It's a potluck lunch. More details to follow in the first week of December.
- Center Closure for Christmas – **Week of 23rd [23rd through 27th]**
- Tuition is due by 10th of the month
- As the weather has changed, please make sure children are dressed up warm [pants and full sleeve shirts/tops] and comfortable shoes. Leave a hooded jacket or sweater at the center for outdoor play time.
- Do not bring your children if they have severe cough and runny nose and yellow mucus. We will request a doctor's note if we notice any of these symptoms for any child at the center.
- If anyone in the family has COVID, please keep the children home and do a home test on the 5th day and if the child tests negative, the child can return to the center.
- Make sure the children have extra pair of clothes including an underwear at the center.
- Please sign in and sign out the children at drop off and pick up time without fail.
- Do not bring outside food to the center. Some children are coming to the center with donuts or other fast food during drop off time. As per our CDC policy out- side food is not allowed in our premises. If any parent wants to feed their child food before the child goes to the center, this has to be done at home or in their car but not at the center.
- **Center is open on New year's Day January 1st, 2025**

