

Little Learners Academy

A Word from the Director

November 2018



Happy Thanksgiving

Upcoming Events:

- 11/5-6 Public Schools closed
- 11/11 Veterans Day
- 11/14 Picture Day I-PK
- 11/16 Thanksgiving Luncheon TI-PK
- 11/16 Parent's Night Out
- 11/21 Public Schools Closed
- 11/22 Thanksgiving
- 11/22 & 11/23 LLA closed

Happy Birthday to:

- Caleb 11/7
- George 11/9
- Ellis 11/20
- Jack 11/22
- Trey 11/29
- Olivia & Summer 11/30

Weekly Themes:

- Fall & Leaves
- Pilgrims & Indians
- Thanksgiving
- Fun with Music

Hopefully everyone had a great Halloween. We all had a lot of fun at the Halloween parties and parade! Thank you to all the parents that volunteered and made our Trunk-or-Treating a great success. Also, thank you to everyone that brought something in for the parties. It's helpful having extra hands for the festivities.

The PS and PK classrooms went to the senior center on Halloween as well. The seniors love visiting with the kids and seeing them all dressed up in their Halloween costumes. The kids put on a little show and the seniors set up a game for the kids to enjoy. It's nice to see them all enjoying themselves.

We are collecting "Treats for Troops" to send to our service men and women. Ms. Christy will take the candy collected to Riverside HS for them to ship out. Please drop off your donation in the office by Tuesday, Nov 7th. This is a good way to get rid of all that extra candy hanging around the house 😊. Thank you to all those that contribute.

This year we are also collecting for LAWS (Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter). We will try to collect as many items from the "LAWS Wish List" as possible. Ms. Divina will be posting the list soon and we will have a collection box set out for donations.

We are also going to be collecting for "Backpack Buddies" through Steuart Weller. Backpack Buddies provides food for the weekend to schoolchildren who are in need. There is a list of preferred items posted around the center. We will be collecting throughout the school year and will send in our donations in every couple of weeks. Please drop off your donations to the office. Thank you.

Now it's time to get ready for Thanksgiving! We are having our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon for TI- PK on Friday, November 16th at 11:00am. As always, Little Learners will provide the turkey and gravy and each class will make a delicious dish to share. There will be a sign-up sheet for parents to bring in a side dish or dessert. We need to have an accurate head count by Friday, November 9th so we know how much turkey to order. Please let your child's teacher know if you will be attending and how many will be coming with you.

The center will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 22nd & 23rd for Thanksgiving. We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving spending it with family and friends.

Public school will be closed on the 5th and 6th as well as the 21st -23rd of November this year. Remember there is an extra charge of \$15.00 per day for School-Age to attend all day when public school is out, and we are open. Please let us know if your child will be here on any of those days and remember to pack your child a lunch.

Monday, Nov. 5th the SA classes will be going to Cox Farm. Your child must have a signed permission slip to participate. Forms have been e-mailed, however, if you need a hard copy you can get one from your child's teacher.

The PS and PK classes had a great time on their fieldtrip to Cox Farm. The weather was great, and the kids came back tired but excited about their adventure! Thank you to all the parents that volunteered. We had plenty of extra hands which helped make it a fun and safe time.

Lifetouch photographers will be here on Wednesday, Nov. 14th to take pictures for our Infant - Pre-K classes. They will start at 7:30am and finish before lunch. If your child does not come on Wednesday and you would like to have their portrait taken, just show up before 10:30 and we will get them in on a first come basis. Siblings are welcome to have their pictures taken too. We can do individual or family.

Believe it or not, you may be hearing holiday songs being sung! This is because we are getting ready for our big holiday show in December. The children from the PS class through the School-Age classes will be performing for you on Wednesday, December 12th. Doors open at 4:30pm. Reception will follow immediately after the performance in your child's classroom. Mark your calendars. More details about the show will come out as the date gets closer.

Please remember that you can use the Tadpole App to leave notes for your child's teacher or check them out absent or sick.

Infant News ~ Ms. Brenda & Ms. Beatriz



Cuteness overload!

Dear Infant Families,

October was a fun month full of cute costumes and lots of candy. However, Thanksgiving is approaching fast. A time spent with family, friends and making everlasting memories.

Just a few words about our adorable infants. It amazes us how fast they grow up.

- Ellis is always exploring new things. He has learned how to stand on his own for a couple of seconds. He loves to push the learning walker throughout the room and listen to the Jazzy tune while he dances.

- You'll find Daisy trying to sit up on her own and military crawling. She loves to rock back

and forth on her knees. She's on her way to crawling any day now.

- Magnus is sitting up on his own. He loves to play the musical bongos and watch the lights flash different colors.

- Akeem loves for you to sing and talk to him. He enjoys his tummy time with Magnus. You can catch them both in conversation (too cute).

Friendly reminder:

The center will be closed November 25th & 26th. Safe travels to everyone traveling and a Happy Thanksgiving!

Please feel free to stop in anytime with any questions or concerns. Our door is always open.

Toddler One News ~ Ms. Vicky & Ms. Randa



Farm Life Week

We had a fun October! We have been learning letters of the alphabet, numbers, and colors. We also had fun doing all our cool sensory activities and projects.

We are so proud of all the children in our class. They enjoy our circle-time every morning and our cooking project every Friday.

Our smart and cute friend Caleb is moving up to T2. We will miss him so much, but we are sure that he will do great in T2.

We want to thank all our parents who were able to come to the Halloween party and parade, the children had so much fun.

This month we will have many interesting and fun themes. Fall and leaves, Pilgrims and Indians, Thanksgiving, and Fun with Music.

This month our Thanksgiving Luncheon will be on Friday the 16th. We would like to invite all our parents to this special event. We will be posting a sign up sheet soon.

Friendly reminder, our picture day will be on Wednesday the 21st. We would like to wish Happy Birthday to Jack on Thursday the 22nd. The center will be closed on November 22nd and 23rd for Thanksgiving.

We wish you an excellent November!

Toddler Two News ~ Ms. Kate & Ms. Rhonda



Washing our animals

November is here, and signs of fall surround us. Last month we focused on familiar songs and stories, signs of fall and Halloween. Our Spunky Monkeys love all the leaves that have fallen outside. They have been shoveling leaves and carrying them around the playground. We hope that everyone had a safe and fun Halloween. The colder weather is upon us, so please dress your child warmly. If you could also make sure that your child's items are labeled, it would be greatly appreciated. This way we can keep track of all the new stuff coming into our room.

Our weekly themes this month include: Fall and leaves, Pilgrims and Indians,

Thanksgiving, and Fun with Music. With the themes we will incorporate our letters, numbers, and shapes. Please be sure to check Tadpoles to review what is focused on for the day.

This month the toddlers are showing an interest with some life skills, so we will be working on setting the table and putting our coats on.

Picture day is Wed, November 14th, and please don't miss our Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon Friday, November 16th.

Have a thankful month and please, please, feel free to discuss any concerns with us.

Preschool News ~ Ms. Divina & Ms. Kate

November is here. How fast the time goes. First, we would like to welcome back Advaith, who has been gone for a month-long vacation. We're happy to have you back. We would also like to welcome Izzy, who will be moving up soon from Toddler 2 and has been transitioning well in the class.

This month's themes are Fall and Leaves, Pilgrims and Indians, Thanksgiving and Fun with Music. For the Fall and Leaves week, we will take a fall walk and observe the nature around us. We will discuss the colors of the leaves and collect some leaves for crayon rubbings. During Pilgrims and Indians week we will make our own Indian headdress, dream catcher and Pilgrim hat. We will also read stories about the first feast and let the children play with our prop box which has Native American costumes, Pilgrim and Indian plastic figures, Lincoln Logs, wagons and much more. For Thanksgiving week, we will discuss the meaning of Thanksgiving with the children and share things that we are thankful for. Lastly, for Fun with Music, we will be singing songs,

enjoying more music activities and playing different kinds of musical instruments.

We will have our annual Thanksgiving luncheon on Thursday, November 16th at 11:00 a.m. Please save the date and come have lunch with us. The center will provide the turkey and we will put up a sign-up sheet for the side dishes. This is a family event so siblings are more than welcome to come.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Melody, Bronx' mom, for chaperoning on our field trip to the pumpkin patch. We really appreciate the help and for being a real trooper spending the day with our class. We would also like to thank all the parents who contributed items to our Halloween party and helped out. Every bit of support and help to our classroom is much appreciated.

This is all for now, and Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Pre-K News ~ Ms. Brittany & Ms. Raquel

Wow, it's November already! Time isn't slowing down, and we have lots to do as we prepare for all the holiday festivities coming in the next couple months here at Little Learners. We had so much fun at our Halloween party and we loved seeing everyone dressed up and joining in the fun! Thank you for all your contributions and helping hands, we appreciate all you do with our PreK class. We are just getting started on the holiday fun and here is what's to come this month.

Special Project: My Book of Thanks. We will be handing out blank books to each child in the first week on November. We ask that each family take time to talk about all that they are thankful for and work together to add photos, drawings, favorite traditions, magazine clippings, etc. into the book. The kids will bring their finished books in to share with the class the week of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Luncheon (Friday the 16th)- LLA will provide turkey and we will have a sign up sheet for each family to bring in a dish to share. If there is something special, you would like to share just let us know and we will be sure to add it to the list. Please LABEL anything that has nuts. Thank you.

Picture DAY (WEDNESDAY the 14th) – Dress up and wear your best smile!

CENTER CLOSED for Thanksgiving and Black Friday (Thursday the 22nd and Friday the 23rd)

REMINDERS

****Keep a set of gloves and a hat in your child's cubby for the season.**

****Tis' the Season for the FLU****

Sick Policy – If your child is sick and has a fever they need to be fever free without any medication for a full 24hours before returning to the school. This is to help prevent the spread of germs and reduce exposure to others. Thank you for your full cooperation in this matter.

***December Holiday show attire for PK will be LONG SLEEVE BLACK SHIRT and BLUE JEANS**

Happy Birthday to our George, Olivia and Summer this month! We hope that you all have the best birthday! Welcome to the 5 year old club!

Thank you to all of our Veterans who have served and continue to serve for our Nation. Happy Veteran's Day.

We know that this time of year is very busy and at times stressful. Take time to smile and be grateful for all the blessings in your life, both big and small. Have a wonderful month and remember to come see us if you have any questions or concerns. We are always here to help in any way we can.



Senior Center Visit



Happy Halloween

School Age One ~ Ms. Deh



I want to start by thanking each of you for contributing and helping at our Halloween party and parade. Everyone looked great and had a lot of fun.

It is Fall and the weather is getting cold. Please send your child in with a coat, or something warmer than a fleece or sweatshirt as well as weather appropriate clothes. I want everyone to be warm as we enjoy our outdoor activities.

Important Reminders:

- Public Schools are closed on November 5th, 6th and 21st. Please let us know if your child will be here those days. Also, don't forget to pack a lunch for your child if they will be attending LLA on those days.
- Center is closed on November 22nd & 23rd. Happy Thanksgiving!

We are having our Annual Holiday Show in December, so we will be starting to practice for that soon. I will send out a note with our final song choice. School Age 1 & 2 will be combined this year for the show. Our color will be Green for the shirts and blue or black jeans.

This month's STAR is Caleb! Caleb is super sweet and listens well. He enjoys playing with his friends as well as helping them with work. Congratulations Caleb!!

Happy birthday to Caleb on the 7th! Happy birthday to any parents celebrating a birthday this month.

Happy Thanksgiving! Eat lots of food and enjoy time with your loved ones.

Have a blessed month



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Happy November to you all! I hope everyone had a spook-tacular October. I want to thank each of you for your contribution to our Annual Halloween party. The kids really enjoy this time of the year, to dress up & get lots of goodies.

We still spend time outdoors when the weather permits; so please make sure your child is dressed for the weather & has a coat. We don't want the kids to be cold during outdoor time.

Please keep in mind these dates November 5th, 6th, and 21st schools are closed. Please let me or the office know if your child will be present or absent. Also, please pack your child a lunch on these days. The center will be closed Thanksgiving & that Friday, Nov 23rd.

I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving! Blessings to you all!

“Making the most of a young child’s years”

Spanish- Ms. Beatriz

Hello everyone, November is here. We are planning a lot of fun activities for this month. We are going to be learning about Fall & Leaves (Otono y hoyas), Pilgrims and Indians (Peregrinos y Indios), Thanksgiving (Dia de accion de Gracias) and Fun with Music (Divirtiendonos con musica).

We are going to continue practicing the days of the week, numbers 1-30, colors, vowels and vocabulary about the weather. We will also start to spell our names in Spanish 😊 I am so proud of the children. They are learning so much. Happy Thanksgiving!!

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