



TRINITY NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

“GROWING LITTLE DISCIPLES IN CHRIST”

November 2011

November's curriculum theme is "Give Thanks". Classes will be discussing the many things each of us has to be thankful for. We will be giving thanks to God for all He has given us. During the week of November 14th, Pastor Dean will visit all of TNS classes to share the story of "Stone Soup" and to talk about Thanksgiving and giving thanks to God.

I would like to thank the staff of Trinity Lutheran Church and Mark from AmCon Construction for treating all of the children as we celebrated Pumpkin parties.

As we near the upcoming seasons of thanks and celebration, take time for yourself, your children and those dear to you. Don't allow the pace of life, to let you miss out on the special times.

Brenda Jensen

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Parent Volunteer Night—

There will be a parent volunteer night on Monday, November 21 from 6:00 – 8:00. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and put in some Service hours. The teachers will have plenty of projects ready for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Please call Jolayne Mohs (507-456-7013) or sign up on the blue easel in the Big Room if you are able to attend.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

November is conference time at TNS. All parents are encouraged to meet with your child's teacher to discover ways we can work together to help our children grow and learn. All teachers have times scheduled for conferences, sign up on the schedules posted near your room. **Please return your pre-conference form to your teacher before your scheduled conference.**

When you arrive for your conference take some time to look over the resources provided on the parent table. During your conference, you will also receive a summary of your SCRIP Dollars activity to date this year. If you have any questions about conferences or any other happening at TNS, please ask your teacher or give Brenda a call at 451-8247.

*“Give Thanks
to the Lord
for He is Good!”*

Psalm 136:1



WHEN I PLAY WITH PLAYDOUGH OR CLAY, I LEARN...

- To see the shape against the background of the table, a prereading skill;
- Concepts of shapes, sizes, length and height;
- To see negative space when cookie cutter shapes are taken away;
- To express feelings, especially negative feelings, with squeezing and pounding;
- To exercise my imagination and creativity;
- That the quantity of something remains the same even when the shape changes.

WHEN I LOOK AT OBJECTS AT A NATURE TABLE, I LEARN...

- New vocabulary;
- Concepts of texture, color, weight and size;
- To group objects into categories;
- To observe likenesses and differences;
- To appreciate nature and develop a sense of wonder.

Please make sure that tuition payment checks are put in the drop slot in the TNS office door.

TNS T-shirt and sweatshirt order info will be coming home in bags soon.

and projects for children to do. Everyone is welcome!

ADVENT WORKSHOP

Sunday, November 27

9:00 – 12:00 Fellowship Hall

Trinity Lutheran Church

A fun time for the whole family. A great way to begin the Advent season. There will be lots of Christmas activities

Be a Part of Something Big!

Thanks to everyone who is busy collecting pennies to help preserve the rain forest. Soon you will see a tree growing in the hall next to Mrs. Jensen's door. Each leaf will represent \$.50 (50 square yards of rain forest). You may dump your pennies in the bucket with your child or we will do it during Praise and Worship. Bring pennies as often as it works for your family.

Friendly Reminder:

Please do not send cough drops, gum, etc. with your child to school. Children are able to use the drinking fountain during the school day.

Looking for Help!



TNS would like to participate in the Owatonna Hometown Holiday Parade.

We are looking for a few people who could help put together a lighted entry to represent TNS. If you are interested in helping out, please call Brenda at the TNS office (451-8247). The Hometown Holiday Parade is held on Cedar Ave. on Thursday, December 1.

REMEMBER:

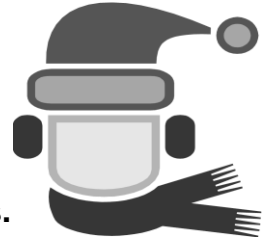


Trinity Nursery School is closed November 21st-25th for fall conferences and Thanksgiving Break.

WINTER IS COMING!!!

It may not seem like it or we may not want to think about it, but winter will be coming. We will continue to go outside as often as possible. In order to do this ALL children must have appropriate clothing along to play outdoors. Once the snow and cold arrive:

1. **Please send snow pants, boots, mittens and a hat with your child. Since these items will become wet outside, send them in a separate plastic bag. Please hang this bag on your child's hook,** since all of the extra bulk will not fit in the school bag baskets.
2. **Label all of your child's outdoor clothing. Two hundred mittens and boots are hard to keep track of for teachers, staff and car pool drivers.**
3. **When children wear boots to school, please send a pair of shoes with them. Playing in boots for two and one-half hours can be clumsy and warm. Socks are very slippery in the Big Room.**
4. **Trinity Nursery School will not hold classes if the Owatonna Public Schools are cancelled. Listen to KRFO 1390 AM or KOWZ, 100.9 FM for information.**



ANGELS AMONG US

During the month of December we will again be conducting our Angels Among Us school service project. As a school we will be adopting a family for Christmas. We will be matched through Steele County Human Services. Children will be able to put their contributions in the jar during Praise and Worship Time, starting Nov. 28th. Please consider making this project a part of your family's Christmas generosity.

may wait with your child in the chapel across from the TNS office or in the Big Room.



SCRIP



Dollars

Christmas Blitz

Through December 18

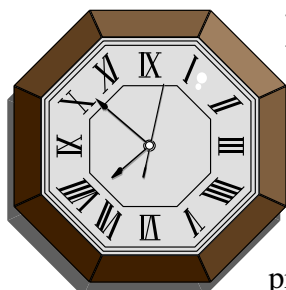
Purchase your Christmas Gift cards through the TNS SCRIP Dollars program. We have many great retailers in stock. The last day for special orders will be Wednesday, December 14.

Please check www.glscrip.com to review all of the retailers that are available. Remember to use your SCRIP order form envelope attached to this newsletter to order through your child's school bag. More envelopes are available behind the table in the Big Room. Christmas retailers will give your totals a big boost. Make SCRIP Dollars a habit.

PLEASE

REMEMBER:

Classrooms DO NOT open until 8:25 a.m. and 11:55 a.m. Teachers require the time before class to do final preparations for the day. Please



respect their time and stay with your child. You

It's your Christmas
Gift Card Headquarters