



Newsletter

11-24-25 to 11-25-25	Mr. Rehanek and Miss Fitzmaurice
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Hello Kindergarten Families!

We have a short and busy week ahead of us!

If you have any more boxes of cereal, feel free to send them in with the grandparents or special friends this week! We are a little short of our 1000 box goal for the school!

On Monday, we will learn about Thanksgiving, prepare for Grandparents Day, and work on some 'turkey' fun!

Tuesday will be a memorable day for your kiddos and their special friends. We'll share a snack together (don't forget to have kiddos pack one for their guest(s), sing some Thanksgiving songs, and play a game of conversations!

Science and Social Studies are blended into our topics during Calendar, Religion, Math and ELA. We will explore different themes and will update the grid below. We will explore all things Fall and learn about Thanksgiving. We will also talk about Animals, habitats, and how they care for their young.

Animal projects are nearly all presented! They are truly wonderful and will be on display for the Grandparents and Special Friends to see. Thanks for all of your help and support with this project.

During Foundations we will stress fine motor skills in handwriting and work hard at proper pencil grip, posture, and letter formation. We worked on

lowercase letters: f, b, t, m, n, i, u, o, c, a, g, d, s, e, r, p, j, l, k, h, v, w, x, y.... so far. We will work with letters **z** and **qu** this week. We'll be ready for Unit 2 after Thanksgiving! Look for an Unit 2 introduction letter after Thanksgiving.

In ELA, we will continue to work on sound words, describing words, action words, writing short sentences, sight words, comprehension, and retelling. In our journals we will write words and short sentences. We will also respond to some ELA stories and Fall/Thanksgiving stories.

Be well,

Jerry Rehanek and Molly Fitzmaurice

Important Dates:

11-25-25	Grandparents Day/Special Friends Day
11-26-25 to 11-30-25	Thanksgiving Break
11-30-25	Advent Begins
12-5-25	SOTI Express, 4:00-6:00
12-8-25	School Mass, 1:30
12-9-25	Juan Diego House Day! All orange house members wear ORANGE
12-12-25 and 12-13-25	SOTI Theatre's performance of <u>Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer</u>
12-18-25	House Meeting Day, Wear House Colors, Giving Back: Backpack Packing Day!
12-19-25	Early Dismissal Day, Christmas Break Begins
1-6-26	Christmas Break ends, classes resume.

Library Books will be exchanged during our Library class on Mondays. Kids will return their library books to the crate near the classroom doorway, at any time, prior to Monday's Library class.

*The table below will let you know many of the concepts/topics for the upcoming week(s).
Oftentimes we will continue where we left off, so you may notice some similar cells from last week. We keep on a steady pace, but may move a bit more slowly for some lessons. Below is where we left off and where we are heading:

Language Arts <i>And</i> Daily 5	We willcontinue after Thanksgiving.. This week's Daily 5 Rotations: MT- We will WW- Students will W- Students will PS-Students will UA- Students will	Story titles: We will listen for <i>and</i> make rhymes. We will learn about Sound Words and Action Words. We will learn about the words: <i>I, can, the, we, see, like, a, to, go, and</i> We will We will talk about syllables.
Math	We will practice writing 0-10 properly. We will join two groups of numbers and learn about addition. We will learn the vocabulary: plus, plus sign, equals, in all, all together, and sum.	We will practice addition to find the sums. We will learn about tally marks, ten frames, and number lines.
Religion	We will learn about prayer and read how 'Thanking is Good'. We will learn about Thanksgiving.	We will talk about the parts of the mass and items we see during mass. We will learn: stations of the cross, crucifix, eucharist, chalice, and lectionary.
Social Studies/Science	We will talk about Calendars and use the words today, tomorrow, and yesterday. Talk about interesting events with our families and friends. We will talk about syllables, numbers, season, fall, and Thanksgiving.	We will listen to clues and make good guesses about objects found in the 'Mystery Hammock' during Calendar. We will talk about the weather, patterns, shapes and the 12 months of the year.
Foundations And Handwriting	We will listen for directions and stories from Mama Echo and Baby Echo, our Foundations 'helpers'. We will learn about the words: trace, grip, posture, and letter formation. We will work in our Foundations Journal with	We will learn about the 'writing grid' and its lines: sky line, plane line, grass line, and worm line. A copy can be found on SOTI Studies. Letters: f, b, t, m, n, i, u, o, c, a,

	a pencil, and use our Writing Grid with dry-erase markers.	y, x, g, s, d, r, p, j, k, h, l, v, w This week: z, qu
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A few reminders:

★★Get Virtus-Certified★★

Snacks should be fresh fruit, cheese, cut veggies, rolled-up meat, applesauce, almonds/cashews...etc. (No Peanuts, Please) During Arrival time, kids will place their snack in the SNACK BASKET near the cubbies. Having a separate location in backpacks for snacks is easiest for the kids at this age. In the past, Parents have labeled the snack or snack container with: AM Snack or ESP Snack... Small freezie packs are okay...just label them so they get back home! *Yogurt, chips, crackers are fine for LUNCH, not for a snack.* We are encouraging, fresh and healthy, neat snacks. Thanks for your understanding.

Break out that Sharpie! Please label, with names.... sweaters, lunchboxes, hats, jackets, Spirit Wear, and sweatshirts.... It is much easier for the kids (and for us) to find their belongings. There is a Lost and Found in the Front Lobby.

Please send the SOTI Folder back daily. We empty/fill it with important papers from the Office, the Nurse, and/or the Classroom. Thanks for your help! Kids know to put their folder in the Blue Folder Holder...each morning!