



From the desk of Mrs. Walrath

## Kindergarten November Newsletter

Monthly Themes: "Health and Nutrition", Veteran's Day", "Kindness and Giving", "Families", and "Thanksgiving"

### REMINDERS:

- ⌚ Our learning themes this month will be "Health and Nutrition", Veteran's Day", "Kindness and Giving", "Families", and "Thanksgiving". Our first weekly learning theme will be about "Health & Nutrition." We will learn about and discuss different ways to take care of our bodies, as well as ways to stay safe and healthy. We will be learning about the importance of eating healthy food, drinking lots of water, getting enough sleep, brushing your teeth, wearing your seat belt in the car, and fire safety strategies.
- ⌚ Our second learning theme will be "Veteran's Day" where we learn about the history and the importance of this national holiday. We will be reading many wonderful books about kindness and giving. We will also be learning about and practicing different ways we can show kindness towards others.
- ⌚ Our third learning theme for this month is all about families. We will be learning about families and the importance of our families. We will be making an art project about our family later this month. Please send in a picture of your family that we can use for this art project.
- ⌚ Our last learning theme for this month will be all about Thanksgiving. We will learn about the history and the importance of Thanksgiving. We will be making a "thankful" turkey where we discuss our many blessings and what we are thankful for. We have many exciting art projects and learning activities planned for this month, including the use of our SmartBoard! We look forward to all the wonderful things we will be learning about this month in kindergarten.



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🕒 On Tuesday, November 10th, the Windy City Players will be performing "The Emperor's New Clothes" for all of our students here at SFA. We are very excited about this special performance!

🕒 In religion this month we will be learning about how God loves us. We will learn about how the bible teaches us about God's love for us, how our family is a sign of God's love for us. In addition, we have been learning our prayers and pledges well since the beginning of school. In the morning we pray the Lord's Prayer, the Prayer of Saint Francis, the Peace Pledge, our school mission statement, and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. In the afternoon we pray the Hail Mary and the Act of Contrition. You can find a list of all our prayer and pledges, if you want to practice with your child at home, on my website - [www.sfab.org/mrswalrathsclassroom](http://www.sfab.org/mrswalrathsclassroom).

🕒 In math this month we will be learning all about numbers 0-12. We will learn to identify, write, order, sequence, and compare numbers. We will also use the knowledge we have learned from our first three chapters in math in combination with our new math concepts to further our understanding.

🕒 In language arts this month we will continue to practice blending sounds of letters to begin reading and writing new words. In addition, we will begin reading pre-decodable books during our phonics lessons this month. We are very excited to begin this next phase of kindergarten, as this is their first real step in independent reading. Please take time to allow your child to practice reading to you every night. Also, please keep all the decodable books sent home together in a box in your child's room. Each week your child will be bringing home a new book that they are learning to read. By the end of the school year, your child will have a collection of 35 books that they have learned to read!!

🕒 We will continue to learn about safety with our T.A.T. program this month. This program is designed to teach children safety skills. The objectives of our next few lessons are to teach the children about what to do if they get lost, getting permission from your parents first before going with someone and before accepting any gifts.



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🕒 As we are "Letting Our Lights SHINE" in kindergarten we are planning some community service projects that the children can participate in helping others. Our ideas for helping the community include hand-made cards and for our soldiers overseas, hand-made cards to local nursing homes, and area food drives for families in need. We will inform you of the details of our plans throughout the school year.

🕒 We will begin collecting non-perishable food items and money donations for the SFA parish and Braintree Holidays. We will gladly accept any donations of foods, money, and supermarket gift cards offered to us in the next few weeks so that families in need may enjoy a special dinner on Thanksgiving.

Thank you for your continued support in your child's education!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Walrath and Ms. Matta