



Pineview News

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Inspirational Quotes~

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."

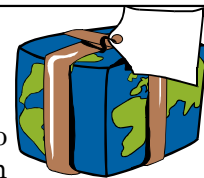
~Psalm 107:1

"You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy, that I might sing praises to you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever!"

~Psalm 30:11 & 12

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

~William Arthur Ward



The Power of a Simple Gift

From the Director~

Operation Christmas Child delivers shoe boxes to children in over 130 countries...children who have been traumatized by war, poverty, disasters and loss of family members. The Christmas gifts in the shoe boxes bring joy to the children. The Gospel message that is delivered with it shares the story of God's amazing love. Here's a story from Samaritan's Purse Special Report 2010:

"An evangelical church in Mexico hosted Festiniños (a Christmas celebration for children) as an outreach to children in the surrounding barrios. Cristian was invited to the event, but he was afraid the other kids would laugh at him as soon as

they saw his feet. Nothing was wrong with Cristian's feet. The nine-year-old was just self conscious because the only pair of shoes he had weren't his - they were his mother's. He couldn't go to the church party barefoot, so Cristian wrestled over his options and decided he would attend Festiniños. Yes, even in his mother's shoes. When he arrived and gazed at the stacks of Operation Christmas Child boxes piled high in the front of the room, Cristian became too excited to fret about his feet. One of those boxes would soon be his!

Patiently he waited as the boxes were handed out to each boy and girl in the room. Then the moment came at last. Cristian opened his box and stared at the contents. The children around him were showing off their stuffed animals and toy race cars and coloring books. Cristian not only received some of these wonderful things, but he also pulled out something that the other kids' boxes lacked - a pair of boy's shoes. He removed his mother's shoes from his feet and tried on the ones from the box. How could this be? The shoes were his size! The story does not end there. Cristian enrolled in the Operation Christmas Child follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey, at the church. He received Jesus as his Savior and began praying for his alcoholic father to do the same. Cristian completed the Bible lessons and remained faithful in praying for his dad. He later shared this testimony with his teacher:

"My father doesn't get drunk anymore," said Cristian. "I am very thankful to God."

This holiday season, let's work together to touch the lives of as many children as we can and in the process let's teach our children to be thankful for our many blessings. We can also teach them the joy of giving. Two worthwhile concepts and very appropriate for the season! Happy Thanksgiving and may God bless you as you bless the lives of others!

Kirsten

Enjoy a cup of coffee
and a donut
every other Tuesday!

7:30-9:00 am



Stay and chat
or take it to go!

Compliments of Pineview
Church

Interested in learning more about Pineview church? Go to www.pineviewonline.org

Pre-K

What a great month October was! We learned so much and really got into the routine of Pre-K. It was great to see you all at our Harvest Party, what a great way to end the month!

During November we will be focusing on Nursery Rhymes and words that sound alike (a great pre-reading skill). We will also be



talking about the many blessings we have in our lives as we lead into Thanksgiving. The children will be learning songs and creating a Native American vest for our Thanksgiving Feast.

Please check your child's cubby for extra clothes for this cold weather. We will continue to go outside so please send in warm clothes for outdoor play.

**Miss Alisa ~ Room 206**

Thank you to all of you who sent back the October homework calendar and reading log. What a great way to reinforce what is learned at school.

Love,

Miss Alisa & Miss Ann
Nov. 2—Happy Birthday Harsha!
Nov. 9—Happy Birthday Jeanne!
Nov. 14—Happy Birthday McKenna!
Nov. 21—Thanksgiving Feast
Nov. 23—Happy Birthday Ethan!

Pre-K

Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents for contributing to our Harvest Party! We had so much fun! We will start off the month with the letter D and Dinosaurs. We will also do a unit on our bodies, health and hygiene. We have a dentist coming to talk to us too! That week we will be asking for your

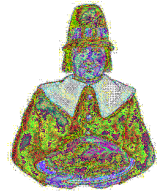


child's toothbrush. Next, we will do an interesting unit on our solar system! Please save any boxes you may have for that unit! Lastly, we will finish the month with a unit on pilgrims and being thankful. We have so much to be thankful for! We will have a Thanksgiving feast in the gym with the whole school, too.

For our Bible times, we will talk about how God helps us to be friends with

everyone and how we can pray and thank Him for His goodness! Our Bible verses are "A friend loves at all times," Proverbs 17:17 and "God has been good to me," Genesis 33:11. I hope your month is full of thankfulness! Happy Birthday to Wesley and Mikey this month! Love,

Miss Abby & Miss Linda

**Preschool**

Dear Families:

November already! Time sure is flying by! This month we will spend two weeks focusing on Thanksgiving. We will talk about how we celebrate the

holiday with our families and some of our typical traditions. The kids will tell what they are thankful for and we will focus on telling God thank you.



We will be making some cute turkey/Thanksgiving keepsakes, like a handprint turkey. We will also celebrate Thanksgiving with the whole school down in the gym.

Our other themes this month will be letters D, E & F. We will be talking about things that start with these letters and reading lots of great books. Don't forget about our big letters in the hall. Your child can cut out a picture or letter at home and glue it to the letter

in the hallway.

Please make sure your child has warm extra clothing to change into if necessary.

This month we say Happy Birthday to Saanvi on the 6th.

Happy start to the holiday season!

Love,

Miss Lydia &
Miss Kathy

**Kids' Caboose**

Greetings ECEC Families,

I do hope you are enjoying this gorgeous season of fall as much as your children! Our themes of fall and pumpkins have been great fun. We've taken nature walks, made fuzzy-tailed squirrels and bowled with pumpkins.

Every November we do the 3 F's—Feelings, Family and Food. These are 3 areas many embrace during the

Thanksgiving season.

My class this year just loves to chat about their families, so I know this theme will be a favorite as we paint, sing and drama play about daddies, mommies, brothers and sisters.

Your children will have opportunities to make applesauce, stuffing, mashed potatoes (and even stone soup!) for our Thanksgiving feast. All are invited!

Look for an invitation in our ECEC newsletter soon in your child's cubby. Hello cold weather! Please bring outdoor wear for your children daily!

As Thanksgiving approaches and we recall our many blessings, I count your children as one of them! I'm so thankful for them! Thanks for sharing them with me!

Love, Miss Joy

**Miss Joy**

Preschool

Dear Parents,

The month of October has quickly passed by and we can't believe it! Now we welcome you to the month of November! We are excited to tell you that this month we talk and learn about Fall, Harvest, Family & Thanksgiving. We will also be talking about our terrific teeth since we have a dentist coming to visit us. This should be fun! We would like



you to save the date for our classroom Thanksgiving Party on Friday, November 18th at 4pm in 210. This is our first party for the school year and we want you to be there. Our kids will have special presentations for you. We will send you more details soon, but please mark it on your calendar!

We also encourage our kids to lead a prayer every day



before naptime. So if you have any prayer requests, may they be big or small, please tell them to your children and we will be honored to pray for you! We've heard and seen God's answers to our prayers!



Should you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask us. God Bless!

Miss EJ & Miss Ashley

Toddlers

Miss Mona ~ Room 103



Little toddlers had a busy month of October. We did lots of cooking and crafts to learn about pumpkins and the color orange. This month we will be focusing on brown and yellow. We will also be focusing on families and fall.

Please remember winter will soon be upon us, so winter clothes will be needed. Remember to label all items as many children have the same things!

Love,

Miss Mona & Miss Lorraine

Toddlers

Miss Renee ~ Room 109

Dear Parents,

The holiday season is upon us already. This month we will be talking about scarecrows, cooking turkeys and giving thanks to God for what He gives us. Please bring warm extra clothes and a sweater for the room. It's getting chilly out there! As always, feel free to come to us with any questions and concerns. Wedding pictures are on the way, thank you for the well wishes!



Love & Blessings,

Miss Renee & Miss Sue

Toddlers

Miss Kathy ~ Room 112

Thank you to all who were able to attend our Harvest Party! The children enjoyed making applesauce and fall projects last month. This month we will be talking about Friendships and Native Americans. We will also be preparing for Pineview's annual Thanksgiving Feast!



Our class has made great strides with potty training. Potty Power! They are very proud of themselves and should be.

Happy Thanksgiving & God Bless!

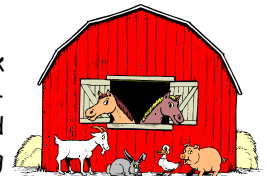
Miss Kathy & Miss Kim

Toddlers

Miss Shawnie ~ Room 110

Welcome November!

Our Harvest Party was really fun, thank you so much to everyone who contributed and joined us! We are excited and looking forward to our Thanksgiving Feast on November 21st too! Our themes this month include learning about our Bodies, Pets, Farm Animals and Thanksgiving. We will also be packing class boxes for Operation Christmas Child to teach our class about giving and helping others. Happy Birthday to Everett on the 5th and Carter on the 9th! Have a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!



Miss Shawnie & Miss Ali

Waddlers

Miss Kathy ~ Room 108

Dear Waddler Parents, The Waddlers have had a busy October! We have 2 more walkers and 2 on their way! We had fun at the Pumpkin Patch and collected pumpkins for friends who were not in that day.



It's November already and Thanksgiving is just around the corner! We'll be doing some art to reflect the season. Please keep warm clothing in your child's cubby.

Miss Kathy will be on vacation from the 7th until the 16th. Please address any concerns to Miss Jonnie during that time. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and stay warm!

Love,

Miss Kathy & Miss Jonnie

Infants

Miss Ruth ~ Room 106

Wow the weather is 'a changing and not sure we are ever ready for it. Our babies are doing great and doing new things almost every day. With the weather changing, please remember to remove your shoes before entering our room. It helps to keep our room clean and free of salt. The babies are growing...so you might want to check their change of clothes to make sure they still fit.

Let us know when new foods and amounts have changed for your little one. As always, any questions, let us know. We are here to help.

God bless as we look forward to Thanksgiving!

Love,

Miss Ruth & Miss Rosa



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**Infant Care
 Preschool
 Kindergarten
 Open 7:30 am - 5:30 pm**

- Mark your calendars ~**
- November 21~Thanksgiving Feast
 - November 24~School closed—
Happy Thanksgiving!
 - December 14~Pineview Preschool
Christmas Programs Toddlers
4pm & Preschool 7pm
 - December 18~Kids' Christmas
Party 10:30am
~Pineview Church Christmas
Contata 6pm
 - December 24~Pineview Church
Christmas Eve Service 6pm
 - December 25~Pineview Church
Christmas Day Service
10:30am
 - December 26~School closed in ob-
servance of Christmas

**Pineview
 Community Church
 Welcomes You!**

Sunday Mornings:
 10:30 am Worship Service

Nursery care available
for children 0 - 2

Kid's Church
 during service
*for children ages
 3 years—4th Grade*

The Cook's Corner

Family Style

Here at Pineview we serve meals family style. What does that mean? It means offering food in serving bowls and platters and offering beverages in pitchers on the table. Children serve themselves (assistance when needed!) and pass bowls of food to one another.

Children benefit in many ways from family style serving. It reinforces social skills such as taking turns, passing food, setting the table and using manners. They also get to practice serving skills: fine and gross motor to serve and pass food, serving without touching the food and not eating off of serving utensils! Children are put in control. They can take a little now, and get more later. They can choose not to take a food, then change their mind and have some. They can ask for more. It also encourages them to try new foods, because the decision is theirs to make.

Our teachers eat meals with your children, making it a relaxed, family-like atmosphere at mealtime. What better role models for your children to have throughout the day?!

~paraphrased from National Food Service Management Institute

From the Experts...

Hitting, Biting & Kicking: How to Stop Aggressive Behavior in Young Children

As parents, few situations are more difficult to deal with than having a child who is aggressive toward other children. It can be embarrassing as well as frightening. This type of behavior is not uncommon, however, when it becomes very frequent, it's time to step in and help them change their behavior. The first step is understanding why your child acts out this way. The more you understand, the better you'll be able to help them find non-aggressive ways to solve their problems.

Between the ages of 18 months and 2 years children find it extremely difficult to communicate their needs. Negative behaviors are one way they may choose to get their point across. Children between the ages of 3 and 6 may behave this way because they've never learned appropriate ways of communicating when faced with difficult situations.

Some causes of aggressive behaviors:

- ◆ Self-defense
- ◆ Being placed in a stressful situation
- ◆ Lack of routine
- ◆ Extreme frustration or anger
- ◆ Inadequate speech
- ◆ Over-stimulation or Exhaustion
- ◆ Lack of adult supervision
- ◆ Mirroring aggressive behaviors of children around them

Next month: Learning your child's cues and triggers for negative behavior
 ~adapted from www.empoweringparents.com by Joan Simeo Munson Ph.D