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Academy Kids Mesquite Newsletter

Thanksgiving Feasts

Friday, November 20th the children will have their annual Thanksgiving feasts with their classmates. You will be getting a note home from your child's teacher asking you to bring an item for their class's feast. If there is a special item you would like to bring or if you are not able to bring the item your child is assigned, please let your child's teacher know ahead of time.

Thanksgiving Break

We will be closed November 25th through 27th for the Thanksgiving Holidays. Remember to use this time with your children to talk about traditions and the reason we celebrate this holiday. We hope you and your family have a wonderful and safe holiday.



Dance at Academy Kids

Center Stage Dance will be performing in the upcoming Christmas program with Ms. Juli. There is no cost for this. Please remember to pay your \$25 monthly tuition on time. You can place your child's dance tuition in the school's tuition mailbox in the office but please make out your checks separately for dance and school. We will make sure Ms. Juli receives your child's dance tuition.

We're ONLINE!

We've joined the World Wide Web! Checkout the new Academy Kids website online - www.academykidsmesquite.com. This will be an awesome way to see the curriculum, find forms needed for enrollment, view important information, and keep in touch with the staff.

Kids Night Out

Kids Night Out will be on November 13th this month. The cost is \$15 per child with a maximum of \$25 per family. We open the doors at 6:30 - 10:30. The kids will be served dinner, snacks and drinks, watch movies, play games and much more. You can email or call us with your reservation or you can show up at the door. We hope to see you here!

Jersey Day / Pajama Day

Wear your favorite sports jersey to school on Friday, November 6th. This jersey can be from any professional sports team or a team your child plays on.

We will also have pajama day on Wednesday, November 18th. Please make sure your child wears regular play shoes to school; no slippers please.

Upcoming Events:

Jersey Day

Friday, November 6th

Kids Night Out

Friday, November 13th

Pajama Day

Wednesday, November 18th

Thanksgiving Feasts

Friday, November 20th

Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL

November 25th and 27th

Sensory Activities at Home

Integrating sensory activities at home is so much fun for the children, especially now that the weather is turning cold and children cannot always play outside. These types of activities are so good for the children. Sensory integration is the ability to combine information received through several senses and to organize it into meaningful messages. Children learn about their world through their sense of touch, sense of gravity and their senses provided through their muscles and joints.

- * Play with finger paint, shaving cream, butter, pudding or peanut butter.
- * Play with cooked spaghetti and/or with other types of cooked noodles.
- * Fill a show box with beans, rice or birdseed and hide objects inside for your child to find.
- * Play in a pile of leaves outside.
- * Let your child play in the bathtub with pitchers, funnels, basters and measuring cups.
- * Jumping - jumping jacks, on a trampoline, bunny hopping, frog hopping etc.
- * Play tug-of-war with the children.
- * Push-ups, sit-ups, somersaults and cartwheels.
- * Rock in a rocking chair or bounce on a bounce horse.
- * Three legged race with siblings.
- * Drink with a straw.
- * Straw games including blowing cotton balls or ping pong balls with a straw. Try other objects including marbles, raisings, or nuts.
- * Blow toys - balloons, bubbles, etc.

Items to put in a sensory bin: sand, water, water with soap, rice, pasta, snow, fake snow, hay soil, sod, jello, cereal, sugar, salt, leaves, acorns, twigs, pine cones, easter grass, shaving cream, ice cubes, crushed ice, block of ice, shredded paper, bird seed, seaweed, grain, fish tank gravel, flour, popcorn, packing peanuts, cedar chips, sawdust, marbles, feathers, cotton balls, beads and string, noodles (cooked or uncooked), pebbles, magnets and small metal objects, beans, buttons, pompoms, squishy insects or snakes, measuring cups, cooking utensils, funnels, eyedroppers, bowls, scissors, clothespins, cookie cutters, straws and various toys.

This Month's Highlights:

Week 1: Nursery Rhymes 11/4 and 11/6 Letter Nn

Chapel: The Story of Jonah

"In my great trouble I cried to the Lord and he answered me." Jonah 2:2

Week 2: Leaves are Falling 11/11 and 11/13 Letter Ll

Chapel: God Cares for Elijah

"For your Father knoweth what things you have needed before you ask him." Matthew 6:8

Week 3: Thankful Week 11/18 & 11/20 Letter Tt

Chapel: Delivered From the Fiery Furnace

"Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, for He sent His angel to deliver them." Daniel 3:24

Week 4: Happy Thanksgiving!!! 11/25 & 11/27

No school this week.

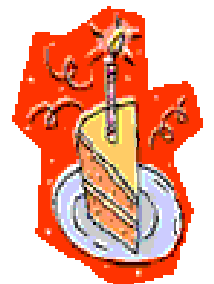
Happy Birthday Teachers

Ms. Diane 11/7
Ms. Regina 11/14
Ms. Juli 11/23

Happy Birthday Students

November Birthdays:

Ashlynn C. 11/9
Campbell F. 11/6
Regan B. 11/19



Thanksgiving Delights

On Thanksgiving Day we're thankful for
Our blessings all year through,
For family we dearly love,
For good friends, old and new.
For sun to light and warm our days,
For stars that glow at night,
For trees of green and skies of blue,
And puffy clouds of white.
We're grateful for our eyes that see
The beauty all around,
For arms to hug, and legs to walk,
And ears to hear each sound.
The list of all we're grateful for
Would fill a great big book;
Our thankful hearts find new delights
Everywhere we look!

By Joanna Fuchs

Year-Round Fundraisers

Campbell's Labels for Education

For every label turned in we accumulate points towards classroom items, art supplies, computer software, music, math and science materials and more. Eligible Products are: Campbell's (Tomato Juice, Soup at Hand, Chunky Soups, Healthy Request, Supper Bake, Select and Soup to Go), Franco-American, Pepperidge Farm, Swanson, Market Day, V8 Beverages, and Prego Pasta Sauces.

Box Tops 4 Education

The school participates in Box Tops 4 Education. All you have to do is clip the "Box Tops 4 Education" on certain brands and turn them in to the school. For every Box Top clipped the school receives \$.10 back. This has been a great fundraiser for the school in the past! We will provide you with a detailed list of these items if you'd like.



Upcoming Home School Field Trips:

Friday – Sunday, November 5th – 8th

NASA Space Center – Your family is invited to travel to Houston for NASA Homeschool Day! If your child cannot go, there will still be a class here at the school. Be looking for more information.

December

Museum of Nature and Science – Science of Spying Exhibit and Imax Presentation. The cost is \$15 per person. Please be sure to bring a sack lunch and we will have a picnic there.

Tuition Notice

Your child's tuition fee is due each month by the 10th. Please make every effort to have your child's tuition fees paid on time each month. There will be a \$10 late fee for any tuition paid after the 10th of each month. If you have any questions about your fees, please talk to someone in the office.

Cold and Flu Season

The cold and flu season is here! Please make sure your child does not come to school with a runny nose, fever, persistent cough, or sore throat. If we notice ANY symptoms of your child being sick, we will not hesitate to send them home. There are some serious illnesses in the air this year and we will be very strict with these guidelines.

