

Newsletter: Nov 10 - 14, 2025



1. Has someone said "Thank you" to you today? Have you said "Thank you" to someone today? A grateful heart/attitude is well appreciated across cultures. The difference is how it is taught. I have seen adults - parents, grandparents, teachers - telling little ones, "Say thank you" when the children receive help or a gift. And to me, that seems forceful. Then, do we not teach our children to be thankful? OF COURSE NOT!!

I have in my collection a photo album full of "Thank you" cards from school families and young children. My goddaughters have handdrawn/handpainted "thank you" notes that I use everyday as bookmarks for my Bible and books. The detail is in HOW we teach our children to be thankful.

First, children need to understand what "Thank you" means and why we say it. Second, a grateful attitude needs to be modeled by adults who use "Thank you" in their daily interactions and conversations, and reinforced with positive behaviors (hugs, smiles, you're welcome). We can use books to explain the concept of gratitude. We can say "thank you" in our conversations. We can encourage our children to write a "thank you" note or return an act of kindness. We can play a game and have everyone share something they are thankful for at the dinner table.

Thank you for entrusting your precious little ones into our care and for your continued support. We wish you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving!

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17

2. Workshop 2 - slides

Workshop 2: Cooking with Children by Ms. Sarah & Ms. Windy Here is the slide: Cooking With Children.pdf . Enjoy the quality time when cooking with your child.

3. Theme of the Week

Theme: Letter Ii. Show & tell is on Friday. Please bring in an item that starts with the letter Ii. It is helpful to encourage your child to share something about the item he/she chose to bring. Help your child answer one of the 5WH questions - What, When, Who, Where, Why, or How.

4. School Closed on Veterans Day 11/11/2025 (Tue)

5. Mark Your Calendars

2025-2026 School Year (You can view the calendar on our <u>website</u>) We will notify you ASAP when change is necessary. (updated: 8/29/2025)

11/11/2025 (Tue) Veterans Day (school closed)

11/27 – 28/2025 (Thu-Fri) Thanksgiving Holiday (school closed)

12/13/2025 (Sat Christmas Program: 4s & 5s @3:30pm; 2s &3s @5:00pm

12/24/2025 (Wed) Early Dismissal @ 12:30pm

12/25/2025– 1/2/2026 (Th-F) Christmas/New Year Break (school closed)

1/5/2026 (Mon) Staff Work Day (school closed)

1/6/2026 (Tue) School Resumes

1/12 - 2/20/2026 (M-F) Parent/Teacher Conference

1/12 (M), 13 (T), 14 (W): Ducklings 1/15 (Th), 16 (F), 20 (T): Bunnies 1/21 (W), 22 (Th), 23 (F): Dolphins 1/26 (M), 27 (T), 28 (W): Colts 1/29 (Th), 30 (F), 2/2 (M): Owls 2/3 (T), 4 (W), 5 (Th): Alligators 2/9 (M), 10 (T), 11 (W): Bears 2/12 (Th), 13 (F), 17 (T): Penguins 2/18 (W), 19 (Th), 20 (F): Lemurs

1/19/2026 (Mon) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (school closed)

1/23/2026 (Fri) Snow Day

1/25/2026 (Sun) 1-3pm Family Day (Ducklings, Colts, Dolphins, Bunnies)

2/6/2026 (Fri) 4:30pm Early Dismissal (Staff Meeting) 2/8/2026 (Sun) 10:30am Church Singing @ Cantonese Worship

(Bunnies	&	Alligators)	

2/11/2026 (Wed) 5-6pm Workshop 3: 2/11/2026 (W) Beyond the Screen: Finding

Letters & Numbers All Around Us by Duane and Amy

Presidents' Day (school closed) 2/16/2026 (Mon)

3/5/2026 (Thurs) 5-6pm Workshop 4: Meals without screens By Carrie & Kristina

Saturday Parent/Staff Work Day 1:00 – 4:00pm 3/7/2026 (Sat) 3/11/2026 (Wed) Spring Picture Day for Bunnies, Colts & Dolphins 3/12/2026 (Thu) Spring Picture for Ducklings, Alligators & Owls Spring Picture for Bears, Lemurs & Penguins 3/13/2026 (Fri)

> ***Cap & gown pictures for kindergarten bound children Family Day (Owls, Bears, Penguins, Alligators, Lemurs) Staff Development and In-Service (school closed)

4/2/2026 (Thu) Easter Egg Hunt on Campus 4/3/2026 (Fri) Good Friday (school closed)

3/22/2026 (Sun) 1-3pm

3/26 - 27/2026 (Th & F)

4/12/2026 (Sun) 9:00am Church Singing @ English Worship (Bears & Lemurs) 4/15/2026 (Wed) 5-6pm

Workshop 5: Do You Spend More Screen Time

or Green Time with Your Child? By Daniel & Winnie X.

4/24/2026 (Fri) Field Trip (Happy Hollow)

5/3/2026 (Sun) 1-3pm Family Day (Ducklings, Colts, Dolphins, Bunnies)

Mother's Day Activity 3:30 - 5:00pm 5/8/2026 (Fri)

5/11-15/2026 (Mon-Fri) Teacher Appreciation Week

5/15/2026 (Fri) 4:30pm Early Dismissal (Staff Meeting)

Parent/Teacher Conference 5/18 - 6/26/2026 (M-F)

(Class specific dates to be determined)

Memorial Day (school closed) 5/25/2026 (Mon)

5/30/2026 (Sat) Saturday Parent/Staff Work Day 1:00 – 4:00pm

6/12/2026 (Fri) Father's Day Activity 3:30 – 5:00pm

Church Singing @ Cantonese Worship (Colts & Dolphins) 6/14/2026 (Sun) 10:30am

Juneteenth (school closed) 6/19/2026 (Fri)

Family Day for Incoming New Families 1:00 - 3:00pm 6/28/2026 (Sun)

7/3/2026 (Fri) Independence Day Substitute (school closed)

7/21-24/2026 (Tue-Fri) Preschool Promotion Program 10:30 – 11:30am

Tuesday 7/21 Owls

Wednesday 7/22 Penguins

Thursday 7/23 Bears Friday 7/24 Lemurs

8/12 – 14/2026 (Wed-Fri) School Cleaning Days/Staff Work Days (school closed)