

# KKCC NEWSLETTER



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## 2023

### Upcoming Events

- November 1<sup>st</sup> – Picture Day Make-Up
- November 10<sup>th</sup>- Parent Teacher Conference  
Center Closed
- November 15<sup>th</sup> – Early Dismissal  
Center Closed @ 3:30
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Break  
Center Closed

### Next Tuition Due Dates

November 13	November 27
December 11	December 25



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The mission of Kiddies Kollege Christian Center is to provide a warm, stimulating, safe, affordable, high quality pre-school program that develops the social, emotional, and academic needs of children of the greater Laurel community.

### DIRECTOR'S CORNER



There is so much to be thankful for. God continues to bless our families, students, and staff. November is a very special month here at Kiddies Kollege. We will have our first parent teacher conference of the school year! Children will have classroom parties to celebrate Thanksgiving. Be sure to communicate with your child's teacher to ensure you're up to date on all festivities and activities.



### Students

Daniel B.	Pandas	November 3
Elena S.	Little Lambs	November 13
Grace O.	Little Lambs	November 14
Ansil G.	Pandas	November 19
Ugoeze E.	Little Lambs	November 19
Iverson R.	Caterpillars	November 25
Annesleigh D.	Caterpillars	November 26

### Staff

Ms. Maria – November 7  
Ms. Morales – November 19

### REMINDERS

- **Keep sick children home from school.** If a child complains of not feeling well or shows *any* signs or symptoms of illness, the parents will be called to pick up the child from school.
- Breakfast is served from 8-8:30 am daily.
- Classes begin at 9:00am each day.
- Do not pack shellfish, nuts, peanuts, or other nut products for lunch or snacks.
- Do not send food items that may be choking hazards (i.e., whole grapes, popcorn).
- Place an ice pack in the lunch box.
- Use plastic microwavable containers for lunch only, no Pyrex or glass please.
- Do not send canned, or frozen foods or food that needs preparing.
- Keep two complete sets of weather-appropriate clothing, including underwear and socks.
- **Crocs are prohibited.** shoes with Velcro are recommended. Laces cause trips and falls!
- Children should not wear expensive jewelry or bring valuable items to school.
- Do not send toys to class.



### SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Whenever KKCC is closed because of inclement weather or other emergency circumstances, all parents and staff will be notified by message using the Procure application.



## THE PANDAS

Ms. Ndamo & Ms. Martha

Welcome to the month of November! Thank you, parents, for attending The Clark Elioak Farm field trip. The children had a blast feeding and petting the farm animals. It's an experience they surely won't forget. We look forward to meeting each parent during our Parent Teacher Conference. Check your email for more information on this.

This month the children will learn the importance of Thanksgiving and why we celebrate this special holiday. The themes the children will learn this month are Mexico, healthy eating, and community helpers. They will learn about Mexican culture and traditions that are important to Mexican people. They will learn about the importance of eating healthily and the long-term benefits of it. And they will learn about different people who help keep our community safe, from teachers to firefighters to nurses.

Over the past few weeks, the children worked on short vowels and their sounds. This month they will work on letters Ll, Bb, Mm, Nn, Hh, Ss, Cc, Dd and Gg. They will learn how to write these letters and blend them with vowels. Lastly, they will continue to work on identifying and counting numbers 1-40 and writing numbers 2-7.



## THE CATERPILLARS

Ms. Chase & Ms. Jackie

Living in a state of "gratitude" is a gateway to "grace"! With grateful hearts, let's thank God for all the great things he has done in our lives, our children's lives and surely for what he will continue to do.

Throughout the month of October, our Caterpillars did well and enjoyed being involved in different activities. Such as a trip to the pumpkin patch. Thanks for attending. As we venture into November, we will celebrate Thanksgiving with a party. This will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup>. We'll send out more details later. With your collaboration, we're sure the caterpillars will have a wonderful time.

Our themes this month, are Mexico, Healthy Eating, Thanksgiving, and Community helpers. Our objectives during these themes are for the Caterpillars to gain age-appropriate knowledge, build their self-esteem/confidence and of course improve their motor and communication skills. To accomplish this, we will continue to incorporate hands-on activities, reading, discussion and dramatic play.



## THE CHIPMUNKS

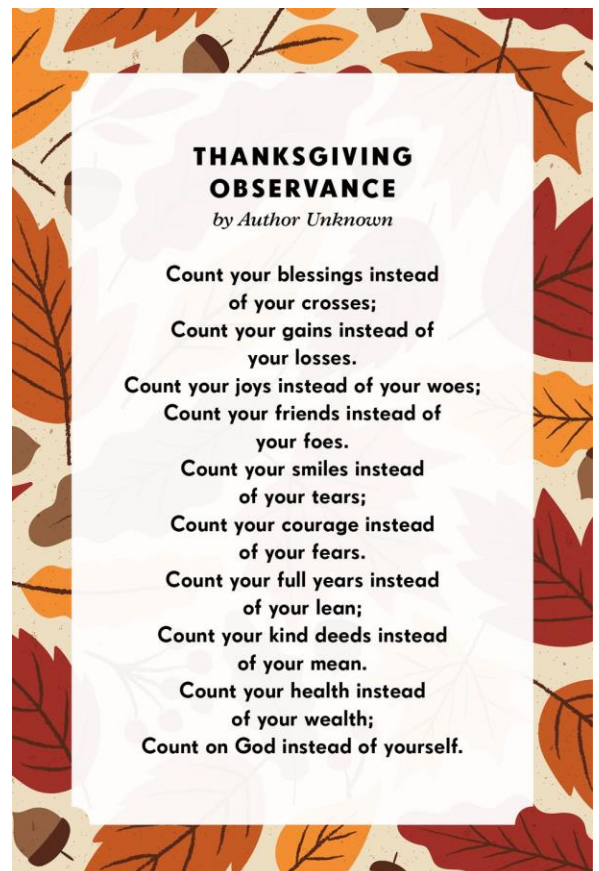
Ms. Roberts & Ms. Patel

We give thanks! Yes, we are thankful for you all!! God has been good, and the children are progressing nicely. They are getting used to the way things are done in the Chipmunks class.

We are working hard on our phonics and our numbers. Parents, we ask that you please supervise your child's homework as it helps them greatly to keep up with the classwork.

Our themes this month will be Mexico, Healthy Eating, Thanksgiving, Praise Week and Community. We are an international class, and we would love to learn about other cultures. Mexico will be fun! This time we will be traveling by bus instead of a plane, but passports and credit cards will still be needed. Healthy eating is not an option in the Chipmunks Class, it's a MUST. During this week, if there are any foods you are trying to get your child to eat and won't, let us know. Thanksgiving and praise week are about giving all the glory and honor to God. As well as teaching the children to understand the importance of doing both. Finally, during community helpers' week, the children will learn about the people that help them in a variety of ways in the community. From doctors to supermarket cashiers.

Lastly, we would like to thank our parents who are taking the time out of their busy schedules to spend time volunteering with our little ones. It means the world to them! A huge thanks also for coming out to our fieldtrip to the pumpkin patch. We wish all our parents a wonderful Thanksgiving.





## THE BUSY BEEZ

Ms. Jenae & Ms. Williams

Welcome to the month of November. The month of November is known for Thanksgiving and the Busy Beez will learn the importance of it. Learning to be grateful brings deliverance from your troubles. So far, the Busy Beez are adjusting to preschool and making new connections everyday. They have mastered sharing and gentle touch, using their words to ask for things, and taking turns. We are using our class library daily to see books about animals, food, friends, culture, and our weekly themes rotate in and out weekly so we always have something new!

We trust you have enjoyed hearing about our friends Amber Lamb and Button Bear. These are our class mascots. They have been helping the Busy Beez learn concepts of sharing with others, being a good friend as well learning number and letters. I am excited to share that several of the Busy Beez are able to recite our daily affirmation out loud and sing several songs during praise and worship. The themes we will learn about this month are Mexico, Healthy Eating, Thanksgiving, and Community Helpers. They will also continue to work on letter and number recognition. As well as counting and continuing to work on fine motor skills.

Lastly, thank you parents for coming along on the farm field trip. We had a blast!



## THE LITTLE LAMBS

Ms. Victoria & Ms. Keisha

November is here! Welcome to the month of falling leaves, cold temperatures, harvesting, and, of course, Thanksgiving. Thanks, and glory be to God for getting us through October and welcoming us into November. This month is known as the month of giving and as we give and help the children, we ask that the parents do the same. The way that you show up for your little ones by participating in the activities and attending chapel and the field trips means so much to us. You're doing an amazing job, and we appreciate you! This month will be full of fun activities and learning objectives for both the children and parents.

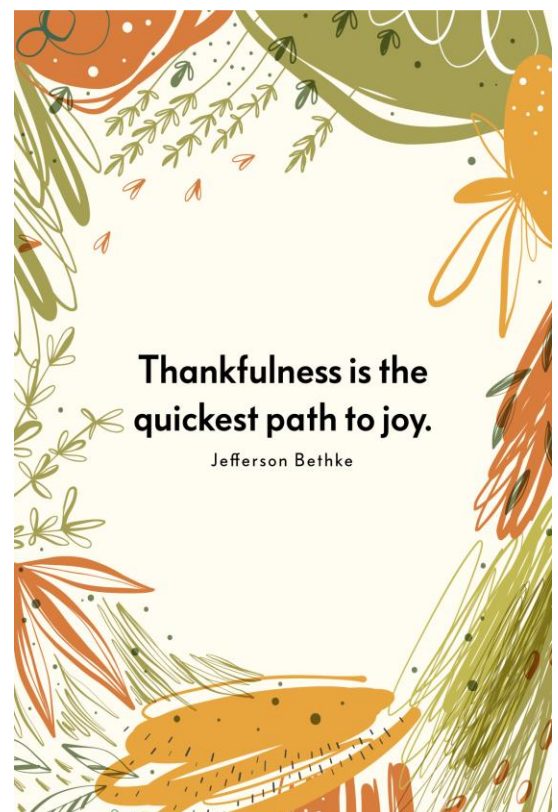
The themes that we have for the month of November will be Cultural week (Mexico), Healthy Eating, and Thanksgiving. During the fourth week, we will be reviewing Thanksgiving, as the third week will be cut short because of our Thanksgiving Break. We will continue with learning the letters H, I, J, and K. Our colors for the month will be Yellow, Green, Pink, and Blue. As we work on these with the children at school, please make sure you're working at home with them as well.

During the first week, for our Cultural theme, the children will learn where Mexico is as well as gain

knowledge on Mexican culture. Being that they are only two years old, this will be a great learning experience for them and a great way to show them how everyone is different. Furthermore, they will be learning a few basic songs in Spanish, and we will try to teach them how to count in Spanish and recite their ABC's. Then, we will be showing the children pictures of various aspects of Mexico that they may have never seen or heard of before. It will be great for the children to see a visual representation of Mexico and be able to distinguish the differences between the United States and Mexico.

During the second week of the month, we will be learning and practicing "Healthy Eating" who doesn't love to eat healthy? The Children will learn about different fruits and vegetables and what it means to "eat healthy". This theme will be fun, but also beneficial because the children will understand why it's important to eat healthily and the benefits, they can gain from that, like strong muscles, healthy bodies, and strong teeth. Our goal is to encourage them to eat their fruits and vegetables and help the parents out as well! To help with the learning exercises, we will play some picture games called "What's junk food?" and "What's healthy food?". We also will be using our kitchen center and have the kids make us a healthy meal, which will be great for their gross-motor skills.

For the third week our theme will be "Thanksgiving", where the children will learn about how the "First Thanksgiving" came about and why it is so important. Being that Thanksgiving revolves around the notion of "giving thanks" and being helpful to others, we will teach the children how they can do that with their friends and family. This will be a great chance for the children to learn about the annual tradition and the history of how it started. Lastly, the fourth week will just be a review of Thanksgiving since we will be out for a couple days for our break.





# THE DOLPHINS

Ms. B & Ms. Flavia

We thank God for another month! Time is flying by so fast! Fall is already here! This is the time when tissues come out of the closets and summer clothes retire. Having said that, we ask dear parents that you please help us reinforce the importance of coughing and sneezing in to their elbow with your child. This helps to drastically cut down on the spread of germs here at school. We will be teaching and modeling this method throughout the rest of this year. Please join us in practicing this skill with your child in your homes. Also encourage your child to blow and/or wipe their nose on a tissue and then thrash them when they are done.

As the temperatures drop, we generally see an increase in the number of ill children at school. Please review the guidelines in your parent handbook concerning the exclusion of children from school and follow them closely. It's important that each of us do our part to keep our school environment healthy. Parents, have you heard about our mascots Amber Lamb and Button Bear? They are our preschool mascots. Amber Lamb and Button Bear have been helping the boys and girls learn concepts such as sharing, how to express their feelings, and learning about our five (5) Senses etc. Amber Lamb and Button Bear also help with learning our numbers and letters. I am sure you have noticed these little friends on many of the papers your children have brought home.

The theme for the first week of November is: ***Mexico (Culture).*** The students will be taught that culture is a pattern of behavior shared by a society, or group of people. They will also be taught that many different things make up a society's culture. These things include food, language, clothing, tools, music, arts, customs, beliefs, and religion. The theme for the second week of November is: ***Healthy Eating***. During this week, the children will gain an understanding of what healthy eating is all about. We will discuss the fact that healthy eating means eating a variety of foods, including healthy snacks from which we get our nutrients (such as protein, carbohydrates, fat, vitamins, and minerals) which is essential for normal growth. We will also discuss how eating a wide variety of basic healthy foods regularly will keep us well-nourished and also the importance of portion control. Another thing we will look at is "junk food". We will identify a few of them this week. We will also discuss the kind of drinks that are good for us, such as water and milk. Last but not the least, we will look at the "food pyramid". At home, please continue to set an example of healthy eating. If you are not, we would encourage you to do so. Please remember, your child will do what you do and not what you say.

The theme for week three and four is ***Thanksgiving***. This week we will discuss the origin of "Thanksgiving". Our focus will be to teach

the children to be truly thankful for all that God has done for us, not just on Thanksgiving Day, but every single day. Parents, grandparents and guardians, please take a minute to thank God for the fact that we are alive and well. Let us thank Him for keeping us safe during the past year. The song writer said, "Count your blessings, name them one by one and it will surprise you what the Lord has done. **Psalm 92:1** states, ***"It is good to give thanks to the Lord"***. Praise God!

The theme for the last week is ***Community Helpers.*** The children will be taught that community helpers are important people whose job is to help others. Everyone who lives in a community can be a community helper. Some examples of community helpers are grocery store clerks, teachers, firefighters, paramedics, police officers, and bakers. We will also look at some of the tools various community helpers need to do their jobs.

When it comes to our academics, we will be learning the letters **Ff and Gg**. Our numbers for the month are the numbers **four (4) and five (5)**. We are still working on our colors and shapes. Our Bible stories include ***"Elijah at Mt. Carmel"***, ***"Naaman and the Servant Girl"***, ***Lions Cannot Hurt Daniel*** and of course ***"The First Thanksgiving."*** We will also learn some songs/Finger Play like ***"Always Say Thank You"*** and ***"I Like to Eat Carrots and Broccoli"***.

Our first **Parent Teacher Conference** will be held on **Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, 2022**. Please save the date! Our **Thanksgiving party** is scheduled for **Friday November 17, 2022**. Please be on the lookout for more information regarding the party. We look forward to another great month in Jesus' name, amen! As usual, I like to end by giving some tips to parent/guardians.

## "Make Time for Your Kids"

It's often difficult for parents and kids to get together for a family meal, let alone spend quality time together. But there is probably nothing kids would like more. Get up 10 minutes earlier in the morning so you can eat breakfast with your child or leave the dishes in the sink and take a walk after dinner. Kids who are not getting the attention they want from their parents often act out or misbehave because they are sure to be noticed that way.

Many parents find it rewarding to schedule "together time" with their kids. Create a "special night" each week to be together and let your kids help decide how to spend the time. Look for other ways to connect, for example, putting a note or something special in your kid's lunchbox.

Don't feel guilty if you're a working parent. It is the many little things you do, making popcorn, playing cards, window shopping etc. — that is what your kids will remember. (*Taken from KidsHealth*)

Class news and reminders were contributed by classroom teachers. For questions, comments, or corrections, contact Ms. Victoria