

# KKCC NEWSLETTER



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## November 2021

### Upcoming Events

Individual Pictures Make-Up Day, Class Pictures Day	Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Parent Teacher Conferences <b>KKCC – Closed to Students</b>	Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>
Early Dismissal – <b>Close at 3:30</b>	Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>	<b>Nov 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup></b>



### TUITION EXPRESS DUE DATES

November 1 <sup>st</sup>	November 15 <sup>th</sup>
November 29 <sup>th</sup>	December 13 <sup>th</sup>
December 27 <sup>th</sup>	



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.

### 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.



Skylar	Chipmunks	Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Sophia	Beavers	Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup>
Noah	Little Lambs	Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup>
Elkanah	Caterpillars	Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup>
Deuel	Chipmunks	Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup>
Tumi	Chipmunks	Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup>
Alyssa	Caterpillars	Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup>
Nora	Little Lambs	Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup>
Zachary	Caterpillars	Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup>
Bentley	Little Lambs	Nov. 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Nolan	Chipmunks	Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup>
Ms. Maria	November 7 <sup>th</sup>	
Ms. Del Rio	November 19 <sup>th</sup>	



### DIRECTOR'S CORNER

*"A grateful heart is a magnet for miracles."*

Though we may still be in search of the "New Normal," this has been a wonderful year for Kiddies Kollege! We have been blessed with vision to recognize unexpected opportunities and have found the courage to take advantage of them. Our students and staff have been remarkable in adjusting to our ongoing enhanced safety protocols. Our student population currently sits at 60% more than our enrollment last November. Just as rewarding is the fact that our Kiddies Kollege parents are wonderful, understanding, involved, and supportive. We are truly blessed. Thank you, Kiddies Kollege Family, for standing resolute with us in preparing your children for their tomorrow.

November is the month of giving thanks. November is also the month for observing World Kindness Day. World Kindness Day is a global day that promotes the importance of being kind to each other, to yourself, and to the world. The purpose of this day, celebrated on November 13<sup>th</sup> of each year, is to help everyone understand that compassion for others is what binds us all together. This understanding has the power to bridge the gap between nations. (*World Kindness Day 2021 / Inspire Kindness*) You may never know just how much of an impact that a simple, random, impulsive act of kindness may have on a person's life. Being kind is a gift that everyone can afford to give. Being kind is a gift that everyone wants to receive. Why wait? Start changing the world today by sharing one random act of kindness at a time.

**Happy Thanksgiving to All!!!**



*"The world is full of kind people.  
If you can't find one, be one!"*



## THE BEAVERS

Ms. Ndamo & Ms. Katherine

Welcome to a new month. It is November and the fall season is here. It will soon be very cold. Let us get ready to dress in warm clothing. October was a busy month as the Beavers worked extremely hard to get into rhythm with their schoolwork. We are on good footing and will continually strive to do better in both the social and cognitive domains. Last month, as we studied "Feelings," children were able to share how they feel under different circumstances and what to do especially when they are feeling low. Next, we worked on the "Five Senses" and stressed the importance of each. We also studied some of our "Body Parts," their uses, and how they work together. Lastly, we worked on the "Farm."

During the month of November, the themes shall be Healthy Eating, Exercise and Fitness, and Safety. The first two themes will be focusing on health. Children will discuss and learn the right food to eat to help them grow healthy and strong, know the kind of food to stay away from or to eat in moderation. They will learn the importance of exercise and how it benefits the body. During the third week, we will focus on safety, staying safe at home and at school or wherever they may find themselves. Lastly students will study the history of Thanksgiving and why it is celebrated.

We are working on our letters and blends and gradually going into reading some sight words and simple sentences. The Beavers have shown great interest in cursive writing as well. We continue with number recognition, writing the numbers up to 60, time to the hour, and other number games and activities. There are so many reasons to be thankful!

Thus, the Beavers will celebrate Thanksgiving on **Friday November 19th**. A big shout out and thank you to the Beavers family, all our students and at least one of their parents attended the Clark's Elioak Farm Field Trip. All students had a great time! We look forward to a wonderful and safe month ahead by God's grace. Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

Homework is an important part of your child's learning experience. Encourage your child to make an earnest effort to complete the assigned work. Please be available to help. Remember to return your child's homework book by Wednesday each week.



## THE CHEETAHS

Ms. Martha & Ms. Lydia

Happy November parents and students! Wow! 2021 is flying by! We are beyond thankful that we made it through another month and that God has continued to bless us all with good health and happiness. We look forward to what November brings us. Welcome to another great month filled with a tremendous number of activities that will include academics, elements of celebration, and great extracurricular subjects. We are now into the Autumn season. The Cheetahs are learning about the season and all its beauty. They have learned that the temperature will start to get colder. They have learned that leaves change colors in the fall and along with many other interesting facts about fall.

November is filled with great holidays such as All Saints Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving. All Saints Day is a Christian festival held on November 1<sup>st</sup> to celebrate the lives of all saints. In many Latin American cultures and many other communities in the United States November 2<sup>nd</sup> is known as the "Day of the Dead." It is a day to remember and honor our deceased family members and loved ones. On Veterans Day, we honor those who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, coincides with Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which marked the end of World War I. Thanksgiving is a national holiday that is celebrated in the United States, Canada, Brazil, Grenada, Liberia, and Puerto Rico. Thanksgiving is a day of giving thanks. The holiday commemorates a harvest festival celebrated by the Pilgrims in 1621. In the United States, it is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November.

This month the Cheetahs will put their best foot forward. They have learned a new motto, called W.E.L.C.O.M.E., which stands for "When you *Enter* the Cheetahs classroom, *Learning* is fun, and *Cooperation* is *Expected*. Our positive attitude and mutual respect are part of *everything* we say and do! Throughout the month of October, the Cheetahs continued to expand their knowledge of letters, letter sounds, and numbers. They have also started learning their Bible verses. Currently, they have learned Bible verses A through F. We will continue working on these skills as well as on our language development. This month they will learn about different themes such as healthy eating, exercise and fitness, safety, and homelessness and poverty.

George Couros once said, "For all students to excel, teachers must learn about them and connect with each child. This is not just about finding out how they learn, but it is finding out who they are." We wholeheartedly agree with his statement. Each day we are learning something new about each child's personality and learning style. We are seeing so much improvement in our students. It is bringing joy to our happy hearts. Thanksgiving is all about what we are thankful for. We will discuss why we are thankful. I am thankful for my health. Good health is wealth. If you have good health, be thankful. Ms. Lydia is thankful for her family. I am thankful for pulling myself out of the darkness and seeing the light. I am thankful for each meal I eat. Somewhere in this world, someone is dying of hunger. Most importantly I am thankful for God and all that He has done for me.



## THE CHIPMUNKS

Ms. Roberts & Ms. Caroline

Welcome to the month of Thanksgiving, a time we see the season begin to change yet again as winter begins to kick in. This is a wonderful time for the children to see and experience Fall move into Winter.

This month we will be working on several themes – Healthy Eating, Exercise and Fitness, Safety, and ending with Thanksgiving. The children will learn the importance of eating healthy meals and exercising as well. As we move on to Safety, we shall focus on safety in the home, in the classroom and on the playground at school, outside the home in the parks and malls, and road safety. We will also discuss staying safe from strangers. Our children need to know what is safe and what is not safe.

We will end the month talking about Thanksgiving which is a holiday here in America and how to be thankful every single day of their lives because they serve a good and faithful God who watches over them.

As the weather becomes cooler, we are reminding our parents to send in appropriate clothing. Also we remind parents that Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. KKCC will be closed for students on that day.



### November Morning

by Evaline Steen

A tingling, misty marvel  
Blew hither in the night,  
And now the little peach-trees  
Are clasped in frozen light.

Upon the apple-branches  
An icy film is caught,  
With trailing threads of gossamer  
In pearly patterns wrought.

The autumn sun, in wonder,  
Is gayly peering through  
This silver-tissued network  
Across the frosty blue.

The weather-vane is fire-tipped,  
The honeysuckle shows  
A dazzling icy splendor,  
And crystal is the rose.

Around the eaves are fringes  
Of icicles that seem  
To mock the summer rainbows  
With many-colored gleam.

Along the walk, the pebbles  
Are each a precious stone;  
The grass is tasseled hoarfrost,  
The clover jewel-sown.

Such sparkle, sparkle, sparkle  
Fills all the frosty air,  
Oh, can it be that darkness  
Is ever anywhere!



## THE CATERpillARS

Ms. Chase & Ms. Flavia

Welcome November!!! As we enter this month, let us give praises and thanks to our Almighty God for keeping us safe by His grace.

Our November themes will be Healthy Eating, Exercise and Fitness, Safety, and Thanksgiving. It is important for children to learn healthy eating habits while they are young. Learning to make smarter choices with their meals and snacks will provide a basis for healthy growth and development. To realize the best benefits, children need to pair healthy eating with ample exercise that is appropriate for their age. Doing so will help them grow into healthy adults.

Safety, our theme for the third week, will introduce and reinforce the need to be safe in all that we do. We will discuss safety in the home, in the classroom, and on the playground. We will discuss the need to follow street signs that alert us to hazards or that guide us through a safe passage. We want our children to know that in all things, they need to be safe.

Our final theme for November is Thanksgiving. We will learn the origins of this holiday and why this day has been established as a day of thanks. To celebrate this theme, our students will enjoy a celebratory Thanksgiving meal together on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you, Parents, for all that you do! We would not be here without you!!!



“The ship of my life may or may not be sailing on calm and amiable seas. The challenging days of my existence may or may not be bright and promising. Stormy or sunny days, glorious or lonely nights, I maintain an attitude of gratitude. If I insist on being pessimistic, there is always tomorrow. Today I am blessed.”

— Maya Angelou



## THE BUSY BEEZ

Ms. B & Ms. Williams

Dear parents.

Thank God for another month! First, we thank every parent who took time off to attend the farm with their little ones. The children had a blast! For those of you who could not make it, we pray that you will be able to make it next time.

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 children learn concepts such as sharing, how to express their feelings, and learning about our Five Senses. Amber Lamb and Button Bear also help with learning numbers and letters. I am sure you have noticed these little friends on many of the papers your children have brought home.

We had a lot of fun with our themes last month. Looking for leaves, as rare as they were for this time of the month in this season, was so much fun during the week we taught on Fall. The theme for the first 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 that include healthy snacks from which we get nutrients (such as protein, carbohydrates, fat, vitamins, and minerals) which are essential for normal growth. We will also discuss how regularly eating a wide variety of basic healthy foods will keep us well-nourished and the importance of portion control. Another thing we will look at is “junk food.” We will identify a few of these snacks 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 the second week is **“Exercise & Fitness.”** Being fit and active is a vital part of a healthy lifestyle. The earlier we teach our kids about the positive aspects of regular exercise, the more it will become a part of their everyday lives. These days there is so much technology, be it video games, TV, or smartphones, that moving our bodies often comes in second to sitting on the couch. Let’s get our kids ...and ourselves... *moving!* Here are some ways to teach kids about fitness and some fun ways to get our bodies in shape. Exercises like jogging, rowing, jumping rope, swimming, and even dancing are aerobic exercises. Our Busy Beez will be taught that exercises help increase the heart rate and improved stamina. Teaching kids to get out and raise their heart rates through exercise is vital to their overall physical and mental health as they develop. Too much sitting around can cause weight gain and other serious health issues.

The theme for week three is **“Safety.”** We will discuss the fact that safety is freedom from danger or harm. We will also discuss how important it is to follow certain rules to keep us all safe. The children may learn indoor safety precautions such as using their “walking feet” instead of running in the classroom and the safe way to handle a pair of scissors. Outdoor play will be a great way to teach children the proper ways of using the playground equipment. For example, we are to climb up the stairs and slide down the slide and not vice versa. We will also discuss who a stranger is and the importance of

staying away from them. We must bear in mind that there are “good strangers” like police officers who keep us safe. At home, please continue to enforce safety tips like always wearing seatbelts when riding in a car, wearing helmets when riding their tricycles, and not crossing the street without looking both ways. Other safety tips for at home include not touching the stove or oven and not running up and down the stairs. You may have established other safety tips for your home.

The theme for week four is **“Thanksgiving.”** This week as we discuss the origin of Thanksgiving, our focus will be to teach the children to be truly thankful for all that God has done for them. We should be thankful not just on Thanksgiving Day, but all the days of our lives. 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!

When it comes to our academics, we will be learning the letters **Ff** and **Gg** and their sounds (phonics). Our numbers for the month are numbers four (4) and five (5). The Busy Beez will also memorize **Isaiah 43:5** and **Psalm 118:1**. 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 **“1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive.”**

Our **Thanksgiving party** is scheduled for **Friday, November 19, 2021**. Please be on the lookout for more information regarding the party. As usual, I would like to end by sharing some tips for 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)*

We look forward to another great month in Jesus' name, amen!





## THE LITTLE LAMBS

Ms. Patel & Ms. Norris

Hello Little Lambs Family! Can you believe that it is November already? It has been great working with you all thus far. We hope to continue working together as we advance through the academic year!

This month our themes are ...” *drum roll, please*”... Healthy Eating, Exercise and Fitness, Safety, and Thanksgiving. Yea! Just in time for the holidays.

Week One: We will focus on “Healthy Eating.” During this week, your child will learn about the different food groups and what makes up a healthy diet. They will complete many activities where the Little Lambs will identify different fruits and vegetables. Let’s see who says “no” to the “junk” foods and sweets this holiday break.

Week Two: The focus will be one “Exercise and Fitness.” The children will learn and participate in different forms of fitness such as yoga and Zumba, as well as different types of exercise like jumping jacks, marching, and walking. The children will also participate in a yoga



### KKCC School 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.
- Pack at least one extra mask in your child’s bag.
- Breakfast is served from 8-8:30 am daily. Children wanting breakfast must be at school no later than 8:00 am.
- Classes begin at 9:00am each day. Children arriving after 9:00 am will be marked as tardy.
- Because of potential allergic reactions, do not pack shellfish, nuts, peanuts, or other nut products for lunch. Check prepackaged lunches to be sure that they do not contain nut products.
- We strongly encourage you to pack vegetables and fresh fruit for your child’s lunch.
- Be mindful of choking hazards such as grapes and popcorn when packing lunches for young children.
- Each child must have a lunch box with an ice pack to keep food fresh.
- Lunches that are canned, frozen, or that need to be cooked are not allowed. Do not send glass or Pyrex dishes. Use microwavable containers. Meals must take no longer than two minutes to microwave.
- Be sure that your child keeps two complete changes of weather-appropriate clothing (including underwear and socks) in his or her classroom.
- Crocs and open-toed sandals are prohibited.
- Children should not wear expensive jewelry or excessive hair beads to school.
- Do not send personal toys, especially stuffed animals, to school with your child.



## THE DOLPHINS

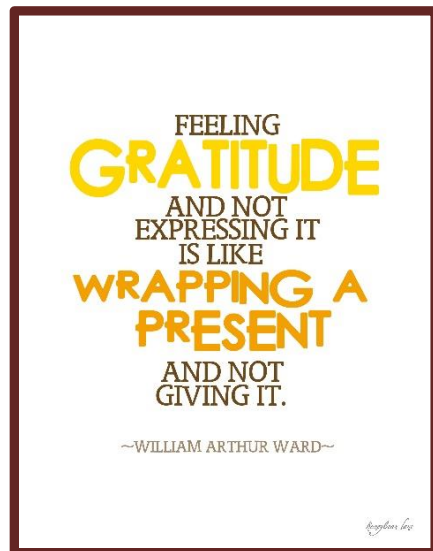
Ms. Victoria & Ms. George

Hello Dolphins Family!

I want to start by saying how extremely proud I am of the Dolphins class and all the progress they are making! Woohoo!! As we welcome the month of November, we will continue to break down the basics and strengthen our skills in the classroom. The Dolphins are learning to hold their crayons properly. This skill will come in handy as they learn to write in the coming years. They are also learning to color with purpose by staying inside the lines and associating colors with certain objects. For example, a school bus is yellow. We are also learning how to use our manners. We are a family who treats one another with kindness and respect! Each Dolphin is discovering more and more about God’s green earth and is enjoying every bit of it! They thoroughly enjoy the ball pit, sensory board, arts and crafts, color sorting, water activities, trying new snacks, and so much more! Continue to stay connected through WhatsApp. There are so many fun activities planned for the holiday season. I am so excited! I hope that you are too!

As your child is continuing to grow, it is important to pack their lunches with healthy options to promote strong and healthy minds and bodies. For the month of November, let’s start the “*Mighty Dolphins*” challenge. Each week, please support our healthy eating challenge by packing tasty fruits and veggies like apples, carrots, bananas, broccoli, and corn. I will participate too!

Until next month .....🐬 Ms. Victoria



\*\* Class news and class reminders were contributed by classroom teachers. For questions, comments, or corrections, see Ms. Hale.