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Dear Parents,

We had a wonderfully fun and busy October! Fall is the perfect time to explore, observe and enjoy God's wonderful world. We have had many opportunities to do just that this past month. It is great to see how quickly the children have adjusted to the school environment, learning to follow the rules and having fun experiencing many new things.

Along with fall comes many germs and illness. Thank you so much for keeping your children home when they are not feeling well, this helps all of us to stay healthier. Our main way of stopping the spread of germs is washing hands. The children and staff are washing hands much more frequently; we encourage an extra amount of lotion at home to help keep those little hands from drying and cracking.

During November we will begin to practice Christmas songs for our program on December 4th. We have to start early so we will be ready in time for the presentation.

Each year at our Christmas program we collect an offering. This year our offering will be going to help pay for new carpeting in the classrooms.

Your Director,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary King".

This Month's Highlights

Nov. 2

Reminder: Monthly fees are due

Nov. 11, 12

Library Days

Nov. 25, 26 & 27

Thanksgiving break, No School

Dec. 3

All children come to school for the entire morning; DRESS REHEARSAL

Dec. 4

No School, Christmas Program 7pm
(children 6:30)



Homework

Both classrooms are currently sending homework home each week. Your child will have an activity sheet in their folder the first day of the week that they come to school. Please work with your child and bring the completed sheet back to school. This activity introduces homework in a positive way and gives the children an opportunity to earn credit to pick from the treasure chest. There is no time limit on when a paper can be turned in, so when you find that one that is buried in the mail pile, feel free to have your child complete it and turn it in! Thanks for your support!

Vegetable Soup



Please watch the hall for a sign up sheet to bring vegetables for our soup. The children will be peeling and preparing the vegetables to use in their soup.

Scholastic

We will be doing another Scholastic book order during the month of November. This pack will have many Christmas titles to choose from along with books for older children. Please watch your child's folder for the brochures.

Traditions

"A pickle in the Christmas tree!? Why is that there?" The month of December is full of special activities that we cherish as a family. If you would like to come in and share a food, craft or game that you enjoy during the Christmas season, please speak with your child's teacher to set up a time to come in.

Clothes:

Please be sure to label all of your child's clothing. As we switch from summer to winter, many do not recognize what belongs to them. Thanks!

Share Bear

Room 2 has begun writing "Share Bear" stories. Please watch your child's folder for this packet. The directions are in the front of the folder. Please be sure to return the packet the next school day so Share Bear can join the next child.

Christmas Program

The Circle Center children will present "Pocketful of Starlight" in song and verse on Friday, December 4th in the Christian Arts Auditorium -- (The building adjacent to the West side of our parking lot.)

Children should be in their classrooms by **6:30 pm**.

- All Room 1 students will be in room 1
- All Room 2 students will be in room 2

The program will begin at 7:00 pm.

There is **NO SCHOOL** for children on **Friday morning, December 4th**. (**All children are to be present on the 3rd**)

If you know that your child will not be able to participate in the program on December 4th please let his or her teacher know immediately.

Following the program, we will be having a cast party. We welcome donations of cookies, purchased or homemade, to share for this get together; we will be supplying the beverage. Please speak to Lisa in the office to sign-up for donations. We will need these by Wednesday, December 2.

Illinois Early Learning Project

The Gift of Words:

Conversation and Routines

Some children start kindergarten with double the vocabulary of others. Knowing many words and understanding them are important in developing thinking skills and in getting ready to read. Here are some ways for busy parents to add to a child's school readiness with the gift of new words. It's never too early to start!

[Conversation – Find time to talk with your child! Make it a habit to turn off the television or computer or car radio, and use those moments for conversation. Talking with adults is the best way to expose a child to new words and ideas.

When you can, include your child when talking with other adults.

- Set aside a regular time to talk with him - bedtime or mealtime is ideal.
- Rephrase what your child says and build on it, showing you understand. "You're hot? The sun is warm today, isn't it? Would you like a cold drink?"
- Pause after speaking to your child, giving him time to respond.

[Routines – Build vocabulary during your everyday routines.

- When you shop, talk about what you will buy and how you will use it. Discuss size and weight. Is a package small or large, heavy or light?
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- When you're cooking dinner, discuss what you're cooking and what foods can be eaten raw. Talk about where foods come from.
- Watch television with your child. Talk about what you are watching together, especially if you think the child might have missed some word meanings. Look for children's programs that teach in fun ways, such as "Between the Lions" or "Sesame Street." Talk about the programs.
- Talk about where you're going and what you see. "Do you think there might be a bird's nest in that tree?" "Is that building a bank or a hospital?" "How do you know?" "Who do you think might work there?"
- Label objects with your words. "That flower is a rose. Look at the caterpillar." Learn with your child. "I don't know what that bug is. Let's ask the librarian to help us find a book on insects."
- Check out some books from the Library and read them together. Ask questions about what you are reading. "What do you think will happen next?" "Why do you think they did that?"