



## Kids of Grace News ~ November 2017

*November Theme: Giving Thanks for everything—God gives us so much!*

*"It is good to give thanks to the Lord" ~ Psalm 92:1*

### *Mark your Calendar for Important Dates!*

- Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> -KOG Closed-Staff Day
- Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>-KOG Closed-Veteran's Day
- Monday-Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> - KOG closes at 12:00 noon (preschool and kindergarten)  
No Lunch Bunch or After-School activities
- Thursday & Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>-KOG Closed-Thanksgiving



### Parent Teacher Conferences: November 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

Good communication between school and home is a vital part of your child's education. Conferences are an excellent time for parents and teachers to communicate about the child's growth. It is also an opportunity to work together and discuss "next steps" that will help to continue to foster growth. Before you have your conference, here are some things to think about. At Kids of Grace:

- "Play with a Purpose!" All activities and play are planned with specific learning objectives for growth in all areas: Social/emotional, physical (gross/fine motor), academic/cognitive domains. Our view regarding child development is holistic and each area of growth is equally important.
- Assessment is done through observation and one-on-one interaction. The child is observed for growth along a developmental continuum. There is no "final mastery" in preschool—the emphasis is on individual growth. For each learning objective children are identified as: **B**-Beginning, **D**-Developing, or **P**-Proficient.
- We encourage parents to take an active role and help the children continue to grow during the year. You are their first teachers! Your child's teacher will help you identify important goals for your child and give you some ideas for fun learning at home.

We have provided a substitute teacher in your child's classroom on the day your teacher is holding conferences. Park in the front and come in through the church office door. After you are buzzed into the church, please sign the visitors log. The conferences will be held in the rooms across from the KOG office. Since your teacher will need to have time for each family, please remember:

- ✓ Be on time for your scheduled conference time. Each conference is scheduled for 10-15 minutes with a 5-minute transition time in between each conference. If you cannot make it, please call the office, 689-2009.
- ✓ We always prioritize communication with families so if the 10-15 minutes is not adequate, please make sure that you and the teacher schedule another time to continue the discussion.

## Monthly Scholastic Books

October flyers were sent home last week and orders are due by November 1<sup>st</sup>. November flyers will be sent home after Thanksgiving. December order will arrive before Christmas break.

## REMIND Notifications

This week you will receive an email that will invite you to join REMIND to receive important updates from KOG. We will use this communication to notify you of important and urgent messages like school closing due to inclement weather. Click on the link in the email and follow the directions to choose whether you will receive push notifications (if you have a smart phone) or text messages or both. REMIND is a one-way notification system and will not allow you to respond.

## Ways to support KOG in our community and on line...



Remember to swipe your tag when you are shopping or getting gas at Farm Fresh. If you need a tag for yourself, family or neighbors there are extras on the counter in the hallway.



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