

# Teacher Tales

## 2 1/2 Year Olds Kris Morris and Karen White

We started the month by singing about "Grey Squirrel" and we ended singing about plump Turkeys!



There sure are plenty of things to be thankful for in November. We thanked God for the leaves. After we went on a leaf hunt, the children used their leaves as a stamp to create wreaths.



We also praise God for Dads! It really was fun to see the Dads do the Hokie Pokie with the kids!

Mrs. Morris was especially glad to finally send a few crafts home for Dad. The kids loved making crafts, and Mrs. Morris is learning that they also love showing them off! Your kids love participating. (In everything!) When one is doing a craft the others flock around to do one too. The same goes with the cars, and the doll house, even when they run from an



imaginary spider! They really are a lot of fun. Thank you for bringing in such yummy feast items! Our Thanksgiving celebration was a great time to remember to thank God for how He provides for our every need. We ended November with our biggest THANKSGIVING. Thank you God for Jesus. We are anxious to celebrate Jesus' birthday in December, which reminds us to get excited when He will come again! Mrs. Morris, Mrs. White and the children have created a special early Christmas Gift for you to use starting Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.



As for housekeeping, it is chilly outside and very warm inside. A long sleeve shirt works for inside, as long as they wear a coat for outside. It is a good idea to stash a hat and mittens in their canvas bag. While you're in there make sure those extra clothes are for cold weather, and there are extra diapers/pullups/underwear. There is a lot of



sickness going around; so thanks for keeping the green boogies at home.

## 3 Year Olds Katie Denisar, Julie Zimmerman & Karen White

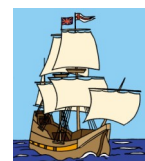
We are so thankful we had a fun November! Our first week, we had fun going on a leaf hunt (or 2) and creating leaf people after reading the book, Leaf Man.



Also, we had fun celebrating dads and Veterans



mid-November! We read the book, I Love My Daddy Because and My Daddy is My Hero. We sang lots of songs about daddy and worked hard at painting picture frames and drawing pictures of dad! We ended the month reading books about being thankful including, A Very Thankful Prayer. We spent a lot of time discussing what we were thankful for and remembering our verse of the month, "We give thanks to God" Col 1:13. We created a 'thankful turkey', painted turkey tracks, made a turkey hat and the Mayflower out of our handprint. Our class prepared for our



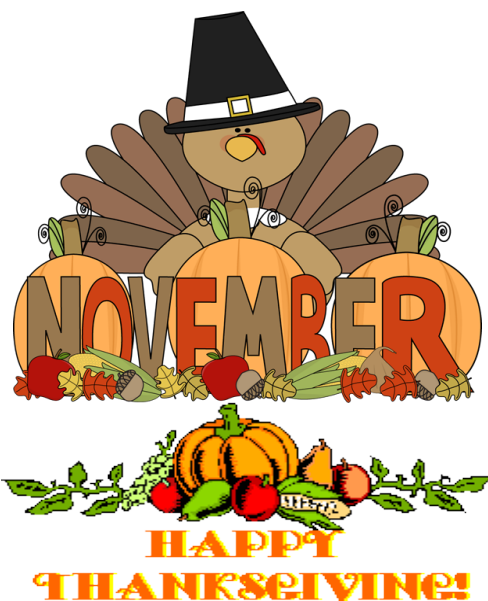
Thanksgiving feast by reading about the first Thanksgiving and about the Pilgrims and Native Americans.

This month we worked on making "magic Cs", O and Q. They continue to do such a great job of building and writing new letters. We continue to sing a song about **'starting at the top'** when we make our letters and they are doing much better at starting in the right place. Great writing habits are getting put in place!



We are looking forward to coming back after Thanksgiving and diving right in to preparing our hearts and minds for

Christmas! We will be making an Advent Calendar and spending each class day learning about a different 'character' in the Nativity story. We will celebrate Jesus' birthday and have our own classroom party at the end of the month.



## 4 Year Olds Brenda Allen and Meagan Luallin

November was a whirlwind of fun activities and special events for the Owl Class!

We learned about phases of the moon, and enjoyed some Oreo cookies in the process! Our fruit of the spirit was goodness, using the Bible verse Matthew 5:15-16. We learned to let our light shine (reflecting God's love) in such a way that others will see our good deeds.



Faithfulness was next. We learned about faithfulness, and celebrated our fathers' faithfulness (in heaven and on earth!) all week. There was lots of painting, and lots of singing!



Thank you for coming to our Dads & Dogs celebration - the kids loved honoring you!

The next week was packed with learning about Pilgrims, Native Americans and the first Thanksgiving. We strengthened our scissor skills, and we had some fun making Native American head dresses to wear for our feast!



That week's fruit of the spirit was gentleness. We learned it was important to be gentle in both our actions and with our words.

Our traditional Thanksgiving Feast celebration was the focus of the 4th week! We spent a lot

of time thinking, and talking about all of our blessings. We learned about cornucopias and how they symbolize



abundant blessings and bountiful harvests. A special thanks to all the Owl Class parents for contributing the delicious food for our feast. We had a great time! We wrapped up Galatians 5:22



with self-control. Proverbs 25:16 was discussed about how excess of even good things can make you sick. We will continue to grow our fruit!

Our last little bit of November was dedicated to the coming winter season. We learned about bears and



hibernation, and how other animals survive during the winter. Psalm 121:1 was our verse;

speaking to how "God always protects us, as He does not sleep. nor does He slumber." We had lots of fun with all things bears. We also got started on some fun Christmas surprises!

December is going to be jam-packed with arts and crafts, singing songs and more celebrations. We look forward to this very, special time with our owl friends!



## 4 Day 4 Year Olds Glenda Rodriguez and Sarah Medina

November was all about faith, family and food for our class. "We give thanks to God" from Colossians 1:3 was our Bible verse for this month, and it so perfectly describes our November. We loved celebrating Veterans Day and honoring Dads on November 10<sup>th</sup>. We sang songs and made special crafts in their honor.



During our "centers time" in November, we learned the letters S, C, O, Q and G. We learned about the sounds each letter makes. We continue to work on writing our names, learning our birthdays and practicing our fine motor skills with cutting activities. We practiced color and shape recognition with our Turkey in the Hay carpet game.



We concluded our month with a festive sit down feast with our class. We learned all about the Thanksgiving Story and discussed how thankful we are for all the many blessings the Lord has given us.

December will be joyous, magical and busy. We are already practicing a lot of fun Christmas songs and look forward to celebrating the birth of our Lord.



## Music with Marcia Lee

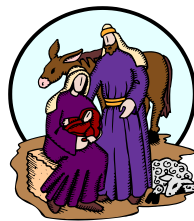


Music was so fun this month! In honor of our fathers, we learned ***My Daddy Works Hard Every Day*** and ***Thank you, God, For Daddy***, which were two favorites. We also learned ***Daddy, It's Your Special Day*** and ***Oh My Daddy!*** The children enjoyed performing in the Fellowship Hall in front of their daddies.



We also sang more fall songs to remember the change of seasons. The leaves are ***beautiful*** (at least those that have not fallen from the trees yet).

We are excited about singing songs in December for Christmas. The children are anxious to present a special performance in honor of Jesus' birthday. They are looking forward to sharing it with you, their parents, other family members, and friends on the evening of Thursday, December 8th.



Later in December, we will concentrate even more time on our songs about Jesus' birth, and then we will enjoy some fun, popular, old favorite songs, too!



## Chapel with Marcia Lee



We talked during Chapel time about how our Heavenly Father loves and takes care of us all the time, like our earthly daddies take care of us in our homes. We read a wonderful book entitled ***Thank You, God, for Daddy*** by Amy Parker. Thank you, DADS!!! You are so special!



In November, during Chapel, we talked about how many years ago, Native American Indians shared with the



Pilgrims the knowledge they had about planting and harvesting crops, fishing, hunting, and using the earth's resources wisely. We learned that the Pilgrims saved 5 kernels of corn each Thanksgiving to remind them of God's love and promise to provide for all their needs.



Just before Thanksgiving, we read the book ***Thanksgiving Graces*** by Mark Kimball Moulton. It reminded us (in rhyme) of the great meal we were about to share with our families and friends, and made us feel very thankful to God for His many blessings.

