



# St. James Kindergarten Newsletter

November 12-16

## Parent Tips:

Kindergartners will be participating in two Christmas concerts this year. The Kindergarten-only Christmas concert will be held on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in the O'Brien Room (Parish Office basement). Full day Kindergarten students may go home with their families after the concert. The whole school Christmas concert will be held on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. Students should wear red and green the day of the concert, with uniform bottoms. Girls are allowed to wear a dress if they choose.

- **Thanksgiving** is next week! Our class Feast is Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> in the AM. Please send in the pumpkin pie permission form.

## Favorite Read Alouds:

There Was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Turkey by Lucille Colandro

Pilgrims of Plymouth by Susan E. Goodman



## Highlights:



1. Kindergarteners built their High Frequency word "to" in their High Frequency journals. They practiced building the word, tracing it, writing it, and using it in a sentence.
2. They practiced writing skills by completing the sentence "I am thankful for..." and drew a picture to go along with their writing.
3. Working in partners, Kindergartners practiced counting and writing their numbers, 1-100! It was a great way to practice a math skills, writing skills, and collaborating & sharing with a peer.
4. Kindergartners worked on beginning letter sounds by completing a sound sort activity. They had variations of s/sh, c/ch, c/s sounds to cut out and sort. They had tricky pictures too, that didn't fit into either letter sound!

High Frequency Words: *to, you*

Jolly Phonics Sounds: Book 6 review (y ,x ,ch, sh, th/th) and then *qu, ou, oi, ue*



## Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Feast in AM
- November 19 & 20<sup>th</sup> - No bus service
- November 21-23<sup>rd</sup> - Thanksgiving Break; No school
- Monday, Nov 26<sup>th</sup> - Spirtwear day
- Monday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> - Pizza with a Purpose; send in beverage
- Friday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> - PCL Special Lunch; send in beverage
- Wednesday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> - K Christmas program 10am in Library
- Friday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup> - Early dismissal 11:30am



## Conversations Starters:

What double letter sound(s) is/are in:  
*cool, loud, quiet, the, Thanksgiving, choice?*

Let's say the Our Father prayer.

What have you made to wear for your Thanksgiving feast? What two groups of people came together on the first Thanksgiving?

Can you count backwards from 15? Can you count on from 5?

What is the beginning sound in: him, heat, hip?



## Weekly Curriculum:

**Reading & Writing:** Students reviewed their Book 6 sounds (y, x, ch, sh, th/th) and started Book 7 (qu, ou, oi, and ue). They worked on learning the sounds, along with writing words that had the sounds in them.

**Phonemic Awareness:** Students continue to listen/recognize beginning and ending sounds in words. They had to shake their heads "yes" if the two words they heard had the same beginning sounds or "no" if not the same beginning sound (dig/do—"yes", go/far—"no"). They also heard an ending sound then put another letter sound at the beginning of that to create a word (-at, "b" at the beginning makes "bat")

**Social Studies:** Kindergartners continue to learn, discuss and share about Thanksgiving. We read both fiction and non-fiction literature about the First Thanksgiving and traditions of Thanksgiving.



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