

Discovery News

First Church of Winsted Children's Discovery Center

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November Dates

Our calendar for November is very full! Overall, it is a short month with school closed for several days.

Please pay close attention to the dates to avoid coming to school when we are not in session.

- Nov. 5 "Perfect Toy Fundraiser"
- Nov. 10..... 3's Parent Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 11 No School (Veteran's Day)
- Nov. 17..... 4's Parent Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 17 & 18..... Sign up for Father Xmas
- Nov. 24..... 4's Harvest Celebration
- Nov. 25..... 3's Harvest Celebration
- Nov. 26-28 No School, Thanksgiving Recess
- Dec. 7..... Father Christmas Event

Parent Teacher Conferences

During the month of November, after the children have become familiar with the program and are feeling fairly comfortable, we like to have parent teacher conferences for the three-year olds and this year due to the staff changes we will be having parent teacher conferences for the four-year olds too. Your child's teacher will have a schedule available for parents to sign-up for a time to meet with them. If the conference times available are not convenient, the staff will try to make other arrangements. As always you may contact your child's

teacher to set-up a conference at any time, if you have concerns.

An Afternoon with "Father Christmas"

We are pleased to announce that there will be An Afternoon with "Father Christmas" on Sunday, December 7, 2008. We are planning a 1:00 p.m. seating. We will enjoy an afternoon of finger foods and desserts. There will be music, fellowship and visits with "Santa". Keep the date open on your calendars so your family may have the opportunity to be a part of this very special afternoon!

Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. The reservations sign-ups will be on the bulletin board in the entryway on November 17th and 18th. When you sign up please fill in one line for each ticket you want reserved.

This event is held in the First Church dining room, which can easily accommodate 100 people.

Food Drive

We will spend this month learning about the harvest time and being thankful for all that we have. As part of this curriculum, we like to take the opportunity to reach out to our community by collecting and donating non-perishable food items for the "Open Door Soup Kitchen" located in the Saint James Episcopal Church. You may begin sending in donations of canned, bottled and boxed food items. To help the children realize the importance of this food collection, we will take

the four-year old class on a short walk with wagons and maybe even sleds to the "Open Door Soup Kitchen" with all the items collected by our school. An official date has not been set yet, but we will keep you informed as the date draws closer.

Winter "Wear"

As the cold weather sets in the staff would like to request that you have the hat and mittens inside the **sleeve of your child's coat.** Having all the items in one place is very helpful when getting the children ready to go outside to play.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

...JUST A REMINDER...

The Children's Discovery Center will be holding a fundraiser at the Perfect Toy in Avon on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 from 5:00 pm- 8:00 pm. The Perfect Toy will donate 15% of their total sales of the evening to our preschool.

Please remember to tell your family, friends and neighbors about this event.

One-Stop Shopping!

First Church of Winsted will sponsor a one-stop shopping night on Friday, November 14, from 6-9 p.m.

This is an opportunity for you and our community to visit many direct sale merchants all in one place! Candles, Food Items, Scrapbooking, Stamping Supplies and so much more.

Miss Chelsea will be volunteering in the church nursery to provide childcare and face painting while you shop.

Fundraiser Update

Our fundraiser with Genevieve's Gift Wrap was a success! Our profit was almost \$800.00 Thank you to all of you for your efforts!

Wish List

We wish to thank all of you who eagerly and willingly filled our wishes from the wish list! The families who donated items for October include: Isabella Zaragosa, Olivia Prusak, Madelaine Sweeney, Zoe Parsons, Kaitlyn Crowley, Jacob Linnetz, Amelia Bielewic, Elijah Connors, Adam Biraga, Lucas Hanecak, Greyson Ursone, Kayla Remmey, Leger Sobol, Logan Giantonio, Riley Storrs, Katelynn Case, Sydney Wells and Gage Flaherty, Grace Joseph, Olivia Prusak, Jayden Robotham, Karl Janak, Colby Sanden, Cameron and Laila Hollis, Pastor Wu, Cole Brown.

The items we received were: juice, vanilla wafers, cheese, carrots, crackers, gold fish, apples, grapes, animal crackers, fresh fruit, raisins, shredded wheat cheesy crackers, celery, pears, peaches and tomatoes.

Non-food items included: dish soap, paper towels, beta fish food, guinea pig vitamins, food coloring and two tricycles.

Thank you to those parent volunteers who have helped with the four's field trips to the firehouse and the police station. Thank you also to all who helped with the Halloween celebrations for each class.

We appreciate all that you do for us. Our program could not run as smoothly as it does without you!