

# Children's House Chatter

November 2024

## JUNIOR CLASS

The Juniors have been learning about Thanksgiving and they assisted in planning and cooking a meal last Friday before Thanksgiving break. We walked to Kroger to get the groceries, the students helped with washing the produce and peeling the potatoes and apples. Most of the Juniors have been making great progress with reading and have been reading more Bob books as well as sounding out words they see throughout the classroom. We are still working on grace and courtesy such as speaking politely to one another and showing respect for our peers.



## UPSTAIRS CLASS

The weeks are rushing by! We have studied the 1st Thanksgiving and had special foods to try last Friday, courtesy of the 5 and 6 year olds and Mrs. Courtney. We have practiced our singing at the Tree lighting on December 6th. Please plan to join us at the Hillcrest promenade. The kiddos from the Upstairs, Outside, and Junior Classes are super excited and siblings are very welcome to sing with us! It is a 35 year tradition for Children's House students to sing at the Hillcrest Merchants Association Tree Lighting Ceremony and follows with cocoa, cookies, and Santa! All students need to gather at the promenade on Kavanaugh at 5:15 and be ready to sing at 5:30.

## TODDLER CLASS

We are excited about the Thanksgiving break. There are some things that the children need to work on over the break: taking shoes off and on, drinking from an open cup, using utensils to eat, using words when they want something, and toileting. We are trying to build the children's self confidence, so they will be proud of the things they can do on their own, and learn to be independent. I will post the December snack calendar on the FB page. I brought a special birthday snack last Friday for the kids, since we will be on break for my birthday. Thank you for your support while we help foster their independence and creative thinking. We hope you enjoy your Thanksgiving holiday with your family.

Mrs. CC

## OUTSIDE CLASS

November has been a great month of learning for the children about Thanksgiving and associated activities which the children very much enjoyed. As we are continuing to roll into colder weather during the upcoming holiday season please remember to give your children thicker clothes to keep them warmer during outside play times. The 16th through the 20th of December our class will be doing special holiday activities such as crazy hair day, pajama day, ugliest Christmas sweater day and a few more fun activities which I am sure the children will enjoy, including a gift exchange during this time as well. Our class mascot Bella, has been enjoying the children's attention almost as much as the children have continued to enjoy playing with her.

## INFANT CLASS

Our class has been reaching new milestones everyday. The little ones have been busy crawling, standing, sitting, and learning how to do lessons. Some are starting to take a few steps in walking. The older ones have been doing really well with walking, helping to clean up after snack as well as sitting to work on lessons. They have been learning how to get a work mat when doing lessons and how to put their work away when done. They have also been working everyday on growing their vocabulary by learning phrases such as my work/toy, more, milk, water, please, thank you, shoes, socks, and help. The weather has been starting to get cooler so make sure to update your child's spare clothes bin by bringing in warmer clothing. Please make sure everything is labeled with your child's name. If you haven't brought in a jacket to leave at school for them to have for outside time please bring one in for them and make sure it is labeled with your child's name. I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving!

## SCHOOL WIDE IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

**Monday - Friday, November 25-29 - Thanksgiving Break. No School. No Child Care.**

**Monday, December 2 - Poinsettia Orders and Payments Due**

**Friday, December 6 - Poinsettia Plant Pick Up**

- CHMS Students to sing in the Hillcrest Christmas Tree Lighting

Details for the Hillcrest Christmas Tree Lighting:

What: It is a 35 year tradition for Children's House students to sing at the Hillcrest Merchants Association Tree Lighting Ceremony and follows with cocoa, cookies, and Santa! The kiddos from the Upstairs, Outside, and Junior Classes are ready to sing for this event and they are super excited. Their siblings are welcome to sing with us!

Where: Hillcrest promenade on Kavanaugh Blvd between The Alsop Park Entrance and Hillcrest Baptist Church.

When: All students need to gather at the promenade at 5:15 and be ready to sing at 5:30.

**Monday - Friday, December 23-27 - Christmas Break. No School. No Child Care.**

**Monday, Dec 30, & Thursday-Friday, Jan 2-3 - Christmas Break, No School. OPEN for Child Care ONLY. (If your child is not already enrolled in Before and After Care, they may attend for \$50/day.)**

**Tuesday, Dec 31 - Wednesday, Jan 1 - New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. No School. No Child Care.**