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Raising A Thankful Child

8 Ways to Raise a Thankful Child by The-Nanny612—In today's modern world of gimme, gimme, gimme — raising an appreciative, well-rounded child can seem like a difficult task. However, with just a few simple changes it is easier than you might imagine. Read on to find our eight, resourceful ways to raise a thankful child. It is the perfect secret weapon for the holiday season and beyond.

1. Participate in a local food drive
2. Help them go through their old toy bins and donate a few to charity
3. Help your child create handmade thank you notes for holiday gifts they receive
4. Pick a child from a charity tree and let your child pick out the gifts
5. Be an at-home volunteer to charities such as *Hugs and Hope*
6. Teach them the value of a dollar with a weekly allowance earned for chores
7. Have them spend a portion of that money on a friend or donate it to your church
8. Love them to bits...giving them plenty to be thankful for

Remember, even when you don't think you are getting through, little drops of knowledge that you think are washing right off those ears, somewhere along the line sink in. We promise you; someday you will wake up and realize...you did a pretty amazing job!

TheParentLink—The approaching holidays offer many opportunities to have conversations about gratitude and prayer. Use these discussion-starters to explore the topics with your children:

1. What are some nice things people do for you? When you are treated kindly, what does that make you want to do?
2. What are all the things God has given you just today? Why do you think God does all that for us?
3. What are some good words we can use to show God that we appreciate His many blessings?
4. What are some ways besides praying that we can show God how thankful we are?

Age-Appropriate Prayers—In *Children's Ministry Magazine*, Kathy Downs offers insight into children's perceptions of prayer—and some ways to help kids pray:

Ages 2 to 3

Children this age understand that Jesus is their friend. Say simple, conversational "sentence prayers" that relate to children's life.

Ages 4 to 6

These children want to know how God works in their lives. Help them think of other people to pray for. Point out exam-



ples of how God answers prayers.

Ages 7 to 9

Children this age feel a need for God's help and can verbally express thoughts. Offer examples of delayed answers to prayers.

Ages 10 to 12

Preteens understand that God is more personal but may doubt his love. Help kids express joys and fears, using the Bible to support their prayer lives.

Family Experience: "God, I'm Grateful For..."—Thanksgiving is about more than just food. So give your family an opportunity to "feast" on the many blessings God provides each day. Try these fun ideas this year:

- **Blessing Tree**—Start a new pre-Christmas tradition by setting up a small artificial tree during November. Together, cut out some colorful paper circles. Punch a hole near the edge, and thread yarn through it to make a hanger. Have everyone write on the circles things they are thankful for or recent answers to prayer. Throughout the month, hang the circles on the tree.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

November

- 3 NO SCHOOL—Election Day
- 9-13 **PPC Bookfair
- 10 **Family Night at the Bookfair!
- 11 & 12 Devotions with Pastor Randy
- 17 & 18 Special Science Programs with Mrs. Dillman
- 19 & 20 Children's Programs with Kithi Bustch
- 19 & 20 **OSU/Michigan Spirit Day

December

- 9 & 10 Devotions with Pastor Randy
- 12 Christmas Programs—1pm, 3pm & 5pm
- 21-31 NO SCHOOL—Christmas Break

January

- 1 NO SCHOOL—Christmas Break
- 13 & 14 Devotions with Pastor Randy
- 18 NO SCHOOL—Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 20 & 21 Special Science Programs with Mrs. Dillman
- 28 & 29 Children's Programs with Kithi Bustch

****Denotes PPC Events**



Brrrrr! Where did fall go? It seems we went straight from summer to winter. With that being said, I would like to give you an update on our heating and cooling system. You may have noticed that our building has been a bit chilly the past couple of weeks. This is due to the fact that our heating and

A monthly column by DLCP Director, Julie Benedict

From the Director

cooling system was literally struck by lightning. Atlas Butler is here daily. We will be replacing the chiller and completely rebuilding the boiler. The goal is to have this done by October 28th. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please do not hesitate to see me.

I have recently added a "Suggestion Box" to the Parent Table located in the upstairs hallway. This is a way for you to communicate with me about suggestions, ideas, or improvements that you may have. Please utilize it! I would love some feedback!

I would like to thank all of you for being cooperative with the "no sibling" policy on field trips and school events. I understand that it is an inconvenience for some of you. Unfortunately, we have to follow state rules and regulations and ensure that safety is our number one priority.

This month is a busy one. We will have our Book Fair, Family Night, and OSU/Michigan Spirit Days. Additionally, be on the look-out for a Thanksgiving celebration.

Have a great month and try to stay warm!

Sincerely, Julie

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- **Thanksgiving Countdown**—Play this "giving thanks" game with your family to help them focus on all their blessings. You can do one per day as you count down the week before Thanksgiving Day. Take turns naming:
 1. One gift you received this year that you're thankful for.
 2. Two things you've

3. Three things you're thankful for about our family's faith.
4. Four things you're thankful for about our family.
5. Five experiences our family had this year that made you happy.
6. Six things in creation that you could-

7. Seven people outside our family who blessed you somehow.

Ask God:

1. To help your children be thankful for their many blessings.
2. To give your children a desire to talk with God often.
3. To help your family keep an attitude of gratitude all year.



With Gratitude...

2009 now coming to a fast end. As a parent you know that you are climbing to the top of sliding board for these last several weeks of the calendar year. The sliding board markers have you go from Halloween to Thanksgiving, to Christmas. It is probably the most fun months to be a kid. Many of you remember your own joys of growing up in this stretch of time and now seek to imitate them to your own house-

hold. It is these celebrations, these moments, traditions, and rituals which impact a child in their development, as they too will later have the opportunity to pass these celebrations on to their children. How we do these things is important. How we reflect our gratefulness to God in the midst of these is also very important. How will God be a part of your traditions and celebrations? Let us all be grateful to our Creator God



who has provided so much for our lives. Have a great Thanksgiving.

~Pastor Randy O'Donnell

A monthly column by 3's & 4's Teacher Faye Heintz

Mrs. Heintz

October was full of fun with a field trip to Dill's and the Fall Harvest Party. Thanks to all the parents and grandparents who helped make these so successful. Watch for pictures of the field trip and the Harvest Party. If you took pictures, and would like to share, it would be appreciated.

We learned about pumpkins, apples, seeds, leaves, fire

safety and are working on animals of the night. We worked on the letters P, F, L, and B. Both the 3's and the 4's have made apple pies and the 4's made butter.

During the month of November, we will continue to work on animals of the night, choosing foods that are good for us, talking about the first Thanksgiving, what we are thankful for and

the wonderful things God has given us. We will begin preparing for the Christmas Program. The children will be working on the letters: O, J and I. We will also be learning a new prayer at snack time.

No school on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, due to Election Day.

Thanksgiving Vacation is No-

vember 25th – 27th. I hope everyone has a safe and blessed Thanksgiving.

If you have questions or concerns, please schedule a conference either before or after school or a phone conference.

God Bless,

Mrs. Heintz

A monthly column by 3's & 4's Teacher Elizabeth Mayer

Mrs. Mayer

Well, here we are moving into our third month of preschool. Thank you to all of the parents and friends who joined us at Dill's for their Fall Fun Festival. Although the weather wasn't perfect, we still had a great time. We are thankful that the rain held off so that we could take advantage of all the fun activities offered. Thanks also to the parents who helped make our Halloween parties so much fun. We appreciate all of your help and generosity.

Our beginning theme for the four-year-old classes in No-

vember will be nutrition. We will be learning all about the food groups and how to make healthy choices to keep our bodies strong and healthy. Later on in the month, we will be talking about the first Thanksgiving, Pilgrims, and Native Americans. We will also talk about what we are thankful for and the many wonderful things God has given us.

The letters F, G, and H will be introduced in November along with the numbers 3 and 4. We have lots of fun activities to go along with our letters and numbers

and, of course, we will be making the pages for our alphabet and number books.

In the three-year-old group, we have only six actual school days in November. Since our time together is limited, we will be focusing on the first Thanksgiving, Pilgrims and Native Americans, and giving thanks. All three classes will have some fun with Thanksgiving art and we will make a special Thanksgiving treat together.

There is no school on Tuesday, November 3 as we are

closed for Election Day. OSU/Michigan Spirit Days are November 19 (T, Th a.m. and M-Th p.m. classes) and 20 (M, W, F a.m. class). The children can come dressed to support their favorite team. Remember, no real buckeyes please as they are a tree nut.

Happy Thanksgiving and no school November 25-27. Enjoy the holiday with your families.

God Bless,
Mrs. Mayer, Mrs. Kandy, Ms. Karen

A monthly column by 3's Teacher Kathy Nelson

Mrs. Nelson

October was a very enjoyable month. We cut up a pumpkin to see what was inside, made autumn wreaths and took a trip to Dill's Greenhouse. Everyday since the trip I have heard the children talking about the hayride and that they took a pumpkin home. Our harvest party was a lot of fun. I appreciate all the parents who helped with the party.

Our themes for November are "Give Thanks" and "There are Many Ways to Travel." Included in this theme are the first Thanksgiving, Pilgrims and Native Americans. We will

plant beans for one of our Science projects and make some corn muffins for a cooking experience.

November 19th is our Ohio State/Michigan Spirit Day so do not forget to wear your blue and gold. GO BLUE! We will have our Thanksgiving Party on Tuesday, November 24th during the last hour of class. If you would like to sign up to bring a treat there will be a sign-up sheet on the information table.

For those of you who have visited our classroom, we hope that you enjoyed the time spent with us and we look forward to your next visit. If you have not signed up to visit our classroom, we have lots of available dates.

Just a reminder: Please read your snack calendar and make a note of the day that your child is to bring snack. The preschool has covered those of you who did not bring snack on your scheduled day. It would be nice if you would bring in an extra snack to restock our pre-

school pantry for the day that you missed. Also, the items that you bring can not be opened and you need to supply enough napkins and 5 oz. cups for each child. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Nelson

PS My home phone number has changed. The new number is: 614-829-3192.

Touchdown Treat: Football Cupcake



Give your team the home field advantage with these fun football themed cupcakes.

Recipe Ingredients:

- A cooled cupcake (baked from your favorite recipe)
- Green and white frosting
- Fruit leather
- Pretzel stick

- Chocolate-covered almond

Directions:

1. Frost a cooled cupcake (baked from your favorite recipe) with green frosting, then mark the yard lines with white decorator's gel.
2. For a pennant, wrap a fruit leather triangle around a

pretzel stick and plant it in the field as shown.

3. Set a chocolate-covered almond M&M football topped with white decorator's gel laces on the field, and you are sure to score points with your favorite sports fans!

A monthly column by 4's Teacher Sue Johnston

Mrs. Johnston

In October, we continued our study of Creation finishing Day 4: Sun, Moon, and Stars. Our space unit included a study of constellations, planets, moon and rocketry. The children had moon homework in which they observed the moon with the aid of their parents. In class they observed a moon model. We continued our discussion of the moon especially highlighting *The Sea of Tranquility* by Mark Haddon who writes his account of viewing the 1969 landing on the moon. Our dramatic play center continued to be a space shuttle. For literacy the children dictated a story of a constellation of their creation. We sang the "Planet Song"; pretended to be astronauts with "Adventures in Space;" and "launched" film canister rockets.

Following Space, we continued our study of Creation with Day

3: Dry Land and Plants. The four year olds planted bean seeds. They also learned about pumpkins and apples. We read *The Apple Pie Tree* by Zoe Hall. We made our favorite apple graph and made apple crisp. We recited and played a math game with "Way up High." In addition, my classes read and discussed *The Pumpkin Patch Parable* by Liz Curtis Higgins. It describes a pumpkin's growth and change from a seed in a field to a pumpkin ready to be used to shine light in the night. Scripture on most pages may be used to compare the pumpkin's changes to God's changes in us when we let Him put the light of His love for others in us. In addition we studied pumpkins by cutting and examining them. We made cut paper pumpkins. We discussed feelings with a pumpkin face game. All the classes went on a field trip to

Dill's Greenhouse for the Fall Fun Festival as an introduction to our unit.

As an activity to augment our study of the farm, all my four-year-olds visited Slate Run Living Historical Farm. The children had a great time and witnessed a difference in culture and lifestyle by viewing the 19th century farm. In addition they enjoyed interacting with farm animals and Farm staff. They played with 19th century toys. During the farm study, the dramatic play center became a farm. The children from all my classes enjoyed buying vegetables and using the cash register in the farm market. They also played with the animals in the barn, built fences and other structures, and were the voices of the animal puppets. We studied farm related nursery rhymes and sang "*Down on Grandpa's*

Farm," "*Old MacDonald Had a Farm*" and "*Peanut Song*."

In Bible the children learned about Joshua and a day the sun stood still. We also read P is for Pumpkin: God's Harvest Alphabet. The four-year-olds continued working on an alphabet book with moon phase "M" on marble painting, Orbiting Orbs on orange "O", pumpkin sticker "P" on paper pumpkin.

Thank you for blessing our class by accompanying your child on our field trip to Dills and Slate Run and for helping with the Harvest Party. Thank you also for visiting and participating in our classroom. Please continue to sign the visitor calendar.

God Bless You, Mrs. Johnston



FOOD PANTRY



David Lutheran Christian Preschool teams up with David Evangelical Lutheran Church to collect donations monthly and supply the Canal Winchester Food Pantry. Occasionally a special collection will be done for other area groups needing food donations. Donations can be left on the teacher's tables

or taken to the church side of the building where they can be placed outside the church office.

This month's special focus: **Canned Fruit**

A monthly column by 5's Teacher Tina Dillman

Mrs. Dillman

Wow, so far it's been a pretty busy autumn, with so much more to come. We had a wonderful time at Dill's, well, I did! It did take me awhile to get all the straw out of my clothes, but how often do you get a chance to play like that? (Although, I wish they hadn't added the hard corn this year, OUCH!)

We will start out in November, by learning all about the Mayflower. We'll chart its voyage and make our own ships. I will be using a fantastic lesson plan from Scholastic, so we'll even read letters from a passenger's diary. Then we'll shift to the new world, which wasn't new at all. We'll learn about the Wampanoag Indians and how they lived by making an Indian house and

some other interesting items. The last full week, the class will create our own Plymouth Colony for a display and learn how the Pilgrims, or longcoats as they were called by the Native Americans, made it through the first year.

The class will continue learning our lower case recognition, and I'll add the letters M, N and P to our alphabet wall. More emphasis will be placed on printing all the letters we have done so far. So, be prepared to find items or pictures that begin with these letters. (You have all done an excellent job helping your child with the "homework") Your child will also check into the class by recognizing his/her last name.

Please be sure to reserve the date for the special treat we are planning the week of Thanksgiving. We'll be working hard on a "Thanks" party for you. We'll also be busy learning all the songs for the Christmas programs coming up on Saturday afternoon, December 12th, so save that date too!

This has been a great year and I believe the class has adjusted wonderfully to the routines and lessons. They are sharing stories at circle time, toys when playing and the friendships are blossoming. Thank you again for letting me be a part of their lives.

Take care and God Bless,
Mrs. Dillman

PPC Update

As our new school year rolls along those families that are returning to DL preschool may notice some of the changes that the Preschool Parent Committee have been working on since last school year. With the fundraising help of our generous parents we have been able to make a couple very noticeable changes to the preschool. We are now greeted by an outdoor bulletin board at the school entrance. This provides a great location for our staff to post reminders and notices, and also helps to designate the school entrance to visitors. This area will receive some new landscaping in the spring to help spruce up our school entrance.

We have also been working much of the summer on our new and improved preschool library. The addition of new shelves by the Preschool have helped to define a designated library area. The Preschool parent committee has been working to repair and replace our preschool library books. Through donations from David Lutheran church, private sources, teachers and books earned through various school book fairs we have added 451 books to our library over the summer months. We hope to continue to add books over this year....help us support this effort by attending our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair.

Finally, the PPC is providing the school with a new digital camera and printer....along with supplies for our wonderful teaching staff. Many of the creative crafts and keepsakes that we love are made with pictures of our little ones.

All of these projects would not be possible without the support of our preschool parents....thanks for helping our school succeed!

Ohio State vs. Michigan Spirit Days! November 19 & 20

Children are encouraged to wear apparel from their favorite college sports team!

(This does not have to be Ohio State or Michigan.)



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Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Sunday School room upstairs.



Next PPC Meeting
November 4
7:30pm
In room 10, upstairs
UPCOMING MEETINGS:
 DECEMBER 2 & JANUARY 6

Destination BOOK FAIR
 Read Around the World!

Enjoy an *“All Around the World”* Good Time
 PPC will be sponsoring the Scholastic Book Fair November 9th-13th.
 The bookfair will be open for purchase after morning pick-up and before
 afternoon drop-off,

Also, Mark your calendars for our
Scholastic Book Fair kick off party/Family Night
November 10th at 6:30pm
 Fun, music, games, & activities for the kids while you browse the books, all
 to help the school!

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More PPC information on page 5!!!

David Lutheran Preschool Parent Committee will be having their Annual Holiday fundraiser in November. We will again be selling Poinsettias with the addition of candles and products from Celebrating Home!!

Poinsettias and candles make a beautiful addition to you home for the holidays or great gifts for coworkers, family and friends.

Look for more information on this fundraiser to be coming home with your child soon.

Craft Night / Card Making

We are pleased to announce that we have teamed up with Sherri Alspach with Stampin' Up to offer a Christmas Card Class & Craft Night. Sherri has created a set of 12 Christmas cards for us to make on **December 4th from 6p-midnight**. Those interested in paper crafting but unsure of where to start, this is the class for you. Sherri is providing everything you need to create 12 beautiful cards, in 4 different designs. The cards are on display by the parent resource table near the preschool office.

For this event there are 3 options:
 -Craft night only (excluding the card kit and class): \$6
 -The card kit alone with detailed instructions (for those unable to attend the class): \$22
 -Attend craft night/card class with card kit included: \$20

In addition, we have a Stampin' Up Idea Book/Catalog available separately for \$5.

We welcome all types of crafters at this event, bring your unfinished projects & supplies we'll have plenty of space for you. If you would like additional info please contact Lisa Dickerson at 920-3032 or at lisadickerson3@gmail.com.

