Preschool/ Mother's Day Out News



Parents, please remember to **label** jackets, lunch boxes, water bottles, and any items brought from home. The children will still be going outside even when the weather is cold. Please make sure your child comes to school with a jacket.

REMINDER: Tuition fee for December is the full amount you pay every month; we have figured the fees based on all the weeks, not monthly, to keep cost through the year affordable. If you are planning on a vacation, you are still responsible for the full amount. If you have any questions about this, please see Ms. Nicole.

PICTURE DAY:
Thursday, November 5 will be picture day with Rick Milton Photography.
We will take pictures inside with a fall background. Have your child dressed and ready for pictures at drop off. Proofs and order information will be sent home within two weeks.

Important Notes and News

Picture Day
Thursday, Nov. 5

No School
Wednesday, Nov. 11- Veterans Day
We are closed the week of Nov. 23 – 27.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

The Thanksgiving Story

Though it was not called Thanksgiving at the time, what we recognize as the first Thanksgiving feast was celebrated in 1621 by the pilgrims of the Plymouth colony along with about 90 Wampanoag Indians. The Pilgrims had suffered through a devastating winter in which nearly half their number died. Without the help of the Indians, all would have perished.



After the first harvest, Governor William Bradford proclaimed a day of thanksgiving and prayer to God. The food, which was eaten outdoors, included corn, geese, turkeys, ducks, eel, clams, leeks, plums, cod, bass, barley, venison, and corn bread. The feast lasted 3 days. Though the exact date is unknown, the feast clearly took place in late autumn.

In 1623, a period of drought was answered by colonists with a proclamation of prayer and fasting. This prayer and fasting was changed to another thanksgiving celebration when rains came during the prayers. Later that year, Governor Bradford proclaimed November 29 as a time for pilgrims to gather and "listen to ye pastor and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings."

Throughout American history, there were many thanksgiving proclamations and celebrations. In 1789 George Washington proclaimed a National Thanksgiving Day on the last Thursday in November, in honor of the new United States Constitution. Thomas Jefferson, the third president, later discontinued it, calling it "a kingly practice."

In 1863, Sarah Josepha Hale, the author of the poem "Mary Had a Little Lamb," convinced Abraham Lincoln to proclaim Thanksgiving a national holiday. For the date she chose the last Thursday in November because of Washington's proclamation.

In 1941, it was officially changed to the fourth Thursday in November.

Since Abraham Lincoln's proclamation, it has been a custom that all presidents of the United States make Thanksgiving proclamations every year. One of George W. Bush's proclamations came just two months after the September 11 tragedy. He stated that "*In thankfulness and humility, we acknowledge, especially now, our dependence on One greater than ourselves.*"

All of the early Thanksgiving celebrations had one thing in common. The thanksgiving was directed toward God. It did not matter that many had very hard times. The people knew that God was their creator and provider and that all good things ultimately came from Him.

Preschool/MDO Calendar of Events for November 2026

Thursday, Nov. 5	Picture Day
Wednesday, November 11	NO SCHOOL- Veterans Day
Monday, Nov 23 – Friday, Nov 27	NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Break

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