

AKK December News 2020

During the last half of November, the children continued learning about the First Thanksgiving. They learned about the Native Americans who helped the Pilgrims and that they had a big "feast" together as a symbol of their friendship. The Pilgrims were thankful for Squanto and other Native Americans who helped them survive in America.

The MWF children made beaded headbands, "M" is for Mashed potato, Thanksgiving count-your-blessings "plates", and cooked cranberry sauce and cornbread. The TTH children made handprint Pilgrim and Native American faces, beaded Friendship bracelets, coffee filter turkeys, and corn cob paintings. Both classes made "S" is for Sand and enjoyed eating a "Thanksgiving Feast" at snack time.

November letters of the week: S is for Sand, M is for Mashed Potatoes.

December letters of the week: J is for Jesus, G is for Gift, and D is for Deer.

November Bible Stories: "David and Jonathan" 1 Samuel 20, "Counting Our Blessings and Learning to Say Thank You to Jesus" Psalm 106:1.

December Bible Story: "The Christmas Story" Luke 2:1-20 and Matthew 2:1-12.

Following the Thanksgiving vacation, AKK resumed just in time to begin learning all about the Christmas Story! As we are unable to provide a "live" Christmas program this year, AKK will be videotaping the Christmas Story play. The MWF children are the "actors" and the TTH children are the "Angel Choir". Costumes will be provided by AKK for all the children in both MWF and TTh classes.

We will be rehearsing in class in December. Both classes will be singing the songs on the song sheet that we sent home at Thanksgiving. Please keep practicing at home! Thank you! (If you need another copy, we have lots.)

Due to recent changes, AKK is planning to videotape our Christmas program during the third week of January 2021. Once the videotape has been edited, it will be made available for each family to view at home. We hope your family will still be blessed by our performance even after the Christmas season has passed!

During the last school week of December, the children will learn about "Christmas Fun". Each child will finish creating their special "keepsake" gift for you! (Teacher Lisa confessed that she keeps her daughters cherished AKK Christmas keepsakes in the family's fireproof safe!) Ahhh!

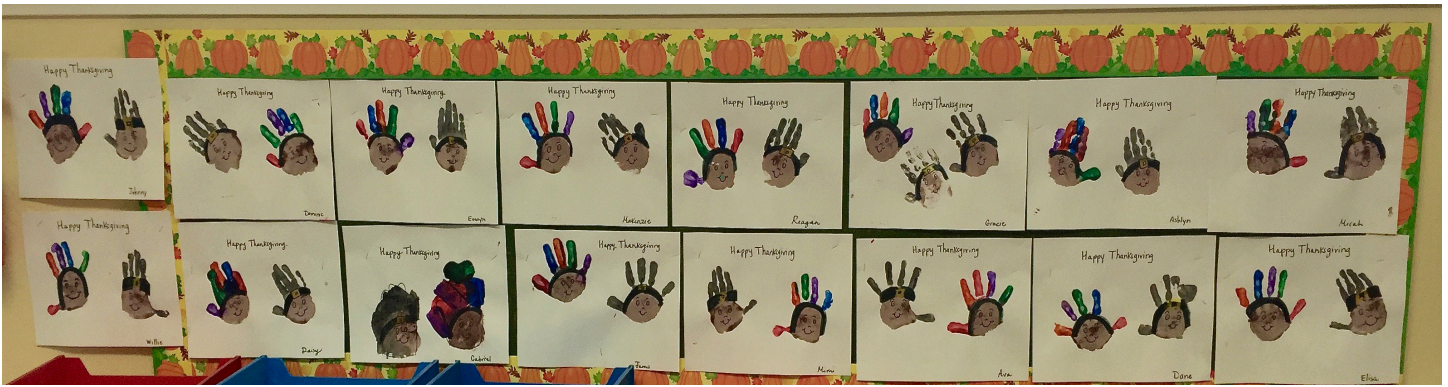
**PLEASE REMEMBER: AKK will be closed from Monday, December 21 through January 1.
Classes resume January 4.**

LOOKING AHEAD: The makeup days for AKK being closed on Monday November 30 and Tuesday December 1st are: Friday, April 16th for the MWF class and Tuesday, May 25th for the TTH class.

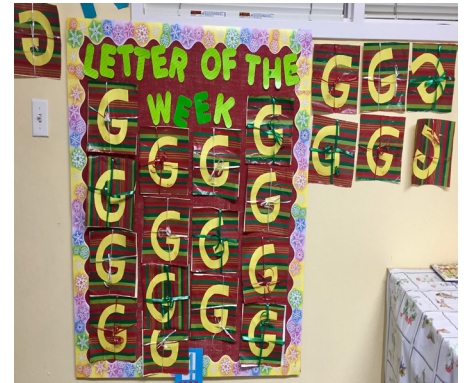
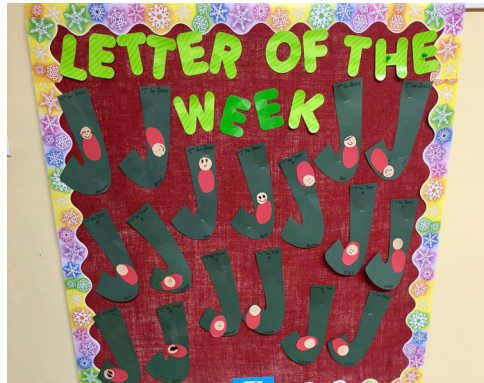
Our professional photography sessions with Carney and Co. scheduled for February 1 and February 2nd, 2021 have been postponed until late Spring or may have to be cancelled altogether this school year.

Wishing all our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!





An imaginative child in the TTH class thought that this mode of transportation would be better than walking or riding a donkey when Mary and Joseph left Bethlehem after Baby Jesus was born!



Retired teacher Stacy Christiansen's last volunteer day was Thursday, November 19th. She enjoyed her present from the TTH class: the "Grinny Granny Donkey" book! (Stacy's third grandchild (first for her daughter) was born the following week!

