



# All Saints' Day School

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## December 2019



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### November 5th Cash-ola



After a day off from school for elections, it was fun to meet up with everyone at ShoreBreak! It's always hilarious to see the children's reactions to running into their

teachers outside of school! This event is such an easy way to raise money for our school and enjoy great food and dine with friends and family. We will plan for another one in the spring.



Laura Smith and Katie LeGrande who chaired this committee and the rest of the committee who

helped to make it all run so smoothly: Veronica Irwin, Heather Martinez, Chrissy Speckhart, Sheri Lohman, Tiffany Brandal, and Heather Freshnock. Thank you, as well, to the teachers who helped their students create the adorable centerpieces.

Dr. Felty expresses her gratitude for the leftover homemade cookies she found on the kitchen counter **Sunday morning marked "coffee hour from the Day School"**! She had signed up to host said coffee hour and was delighted to add such a wonderful array of goodies to the table.



*Dianne*, Dianne Islev-Petersen, Director

### November 22<sup>nd</sup> Family Feast

What an incredible Thanksgiving feast! Everyone sent in amazing food, the Sea Otters led us in a beautiful blessing, and everyone was so punctual that we were able to get the eating underway right on time! Thanks to teachers Marianne and Teresa for helping their students learn

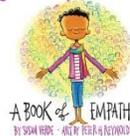


such a sweet prayer. I hope you were all able to enjoy yourselves and possibly get to know some families you didn't know before today. It's these kinds of events that help make ASDS such a special place. A HUGE thank you must be given to:



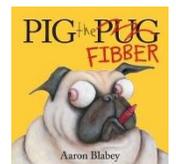
### Chapel

#### I AM HUMAN



Our November chapel time was all about being a good friend. I started the month with the book I am Human by Susan Verde and followed up with a couple of my new favorites: Pig The

Winner and Pig the Fibber by Aaron Blabey. The children really like these humorous stories about a pug who always wants to be the best and how it backfires on him. Teacher Dana taught us the song, "Kumbaya My Lord." Happy November birthday to Teacher Cathy, Maria, Max, Elijah, Aleah, Mae, Amelia, Ayla, Skyler, and



Emily. Now onto December where we will be focusing on getting ready for our big show on Dec. 18th at 11:15!

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### Ms. Cathy & Ms Elaine

I am not sure where the time has gone. With Election Day, Veterans' Day, and Thanksgiving, November has just flown by. In Language Arts, the children focused on the letters I, J, and K. We continue to build our sight word vocabulary. Each morning the Dolphin class participates in several activities to strengthen their reading skills. Their morning work is usually a sight word activity consisting of identifying, writing, or reading from emergent readers based on the word of the day. I am so pleased to see the progress all the children are making in their individual reading abilities. In Math, we continue to focus on identifying and counting to numbers 1-50, place value, counting by 5's and 10's, greater than and less than, as well as basic addition and subtraction. Again, the progress the children are making is really fun to watch.



In the kitchen this month we made ice cream, Jell-O™ and kabobs. The favorite recipe was the ice cream. We actually made ice cream two ways. The first batch was in an ice cream maker. The second batch, we placed the ingredients in a small zip lock bag. We then placed

the small bag in a large bag with ice and salt. The kids then shook and shook the large bags until they had very cold hands and some delicious ice cream. Both batches were equally tasty. Although, we decided the ice cream maker was the easiest but the plastic bag method was "way funner". All the recipes will come home in May in the Dolphin class cookbook.

In Science, we brought the kitchen in for a visit. The children churned their own butter. We used a mini churn to try and simulate what the pilgrims used. We also used small mason jars and again shook and shook to make butter. The kids were slightly disappointed to get butter instead of ice cream. We discussed the similarities of the ingredients and realized what a big difference adding cold or heat to a recipe makes. The

children came to a few conclusions, the butter actually wasn't bad, even though ice cream is better. Also, the pilgrims had it pretty rough and we are all thankful for grocery stores.

Before heading off for Thanksgiving break the Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten had their own turkey trot. The kids earned medals running laps around our gardens, played touch football, tried their hands at bowling with a frozen turkey, and practiced their football throwing accuracy.

All through the month the Dolphin class worked on several art projects to decorate our hallway tree. We made pumpkins, fall leaves, acorns and turkeys. Our theme was Turkeys can't fly. The kids would laugh every time we walked by the wonky turkeys trying to fly.



I would like to take this time to thank all the parents once again for sharing your wonderful children with me each day. Please have a safe and restful Thanksgiving weekend. I look forward to seeing all those smiling faces in December.



### Ms. Marianne & Ms. Teresa

There is so much to be thankful for in the Sea Otter class each and every day. Teacher Teresa and I are so grateful to have fifteen wonderful friends who are constantly striving to be kind and fill each other's buckets. We are grateful for each day we get to spend in our classroom.

A couple of short weeks in November did not stop the Sea Otters from making progress and learning about



letters I, J and K. During "I" week, we began our Thanksgiving preparations and learned about the different ingredients that go in to baking cookies, pancakes, and making butter. Then, we got to bake pumpkin chocolate chip cookies, cinnamon pancakes, and dance to fun music as we made butter

by shaking up whipping cream and salt. Cooking with children is also a great way to practice science and math concepts such as comparing numbers, weighing, and making observations. Our class focused on liquids and solids and watched as we used heat to turn pancake batter and cookie dough into solids. We also noticed that while the heat turned the cookie dough and pancake batter into a solid, heat has the opposite effect on butter,



which led to a great class discussion where we were able to compare liquids and solids.

The following week our class was introduced to the letter I and learned all about turkeys and engaged in fun turkey themed play and learning activities. Our class was intrigued at how differently Tom (boy) turkeys and Hen (girl) turkeys behave. The Sea Otters read Turkey Trouble and Turkey Clause by Wendy Silvano. These books are about a turkey at Thanksgiving and Christmas who is about to become dinner. To avoid getting caught by Farmer Joe, Turkey comes up with a bunch of disguises. After reading both books we compared the different disguises in each book. Then, on Friday we disguised our own turkeys to help them escape the Thanksgiving platter. There were Spider Man Turkeys, Ballerina Turkeys, Christmas Tree turkeys and so much more.



The next week our class focused on the letter K and learned about the First Thanksgiving. We started the week out by reading The Littlest Pilgrim by Brandi Dougherty. Then, we talked about all of the chores that the main character, Mini, and her family had to do. Next, we created a story retelling craft for the Sea Otters to bring home and retell the story to their families. Discussing the characters and events in a story is a great way to enhance reading comprehension skills. After discussing the pilgrim's settlement, we switched our focus to how the Native Americans lived. Our class learned that life was difficult in the past. This led to a great class discussion of what we are all thankful for. While all of the Sea Otters were grateful for many modern amenities, we all agreed that we are most thankful for friends and family.



### Ms. Susan & Ms. Julie

It's been a busy month for our Stingrays!

We've been learning the letters and their sounds Ee, Ff, Gg and currently we are working on Hh. We are also counting up to the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school by counting how many days we've been in school. We are over 50 days and we are now counting by



5's and 10's. It makes for a really fun circle time!



Learning all about pumpkins was super fun. Also, we have been focusing on Thanksgiving. We talked about the Pilgrims coming over on the Mayflower, meeting their new friends The Native Americans, and how

they all had a big dinner that we call Thanksgiving! Describing our favorite food for Thanksgiving was fun and made us hungry! We painted a corn on the cob with legos, too. Looking forward to what the Holidays have in store for our Stingray Class!!



### Ms. Sandra & Ms. Beth & Ms. Terry

Starfish students were busy during the month of



November learning about the letters T, B, G, and C, the numbers 5 and 6, the colors brown and blue, and the triangle shape. They also had week-long themes about scarecrows and turkeys, baking, and Thanksgiving.

The children started the month learning about the letter T.

Thanksgiving words were introduced on our word wall, turkey luminaries were made for the family feast, we sang, "Five Little Turkeys", and read, 10 Fat Turkeys. The students help create our turkey for our door by adding feathers that said what made them thankful. Some students were thankful for their families, while

others were thankful for hot dogs, pizza, salami, and apples.

The second week of November Starfish student became bakers for the letter B.

They made bakers' hats and we made bread with homemade butter, banana bread, brownies, and



ended the week with biscuits with blueberry jam. The children enjoyed going to the church's kitchen and learning about the parts of a kitchen. We also made beaded bracelets and necklaces.





The third week of November we learned about the letter G and Grateful and Giving were our main words. We discussed how important it is to be grateful for our family and friends, and how giving is as important as getting during the holiday months. We ended the week with a celebration of family and friends at our annual ASDS Family Feast.

The last week of November was very short so we introduced the letter C for Christmas. The students began making holiday presents for their families.

As always, we are amazed by the growth of our Starfish classroom every month. We can't wait to see what December brings.



### Ms. JoJo & Ms. Patsy



I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday! Thank you all for everything you did to make the Thanksgiving Feast a huge success! Even though November was a short month, the Sea Turtles were extremely busy. We hope you enjoyed the centerpiece pumpkins and "pumpkin pie" that

the students made for the feast. The students did a wonderful job with their decorating! This month, we worked on the letters "Bb", "Cc", and "Tt". We also introduced the numerals "4" and "5", the color brown, and triangles.

Our class used pictures of the children to make turkeys, and they were adorable! The students really used their fine motor skills by decorating corn for the door with uncooked popcorn kernels; a great activity for improving their pincer grasp. Our finished door looked awesome! The students used their Bingo "paint" to color "B is for Bus".

We also reinforced the letter "B" by using brown beans to cover the "B"; another pincer grasp exercise in disguise. Our Sea Turtles also made brown bears using the capital letter "B"! We then made turkeys



using paper plates and "Fall Leaf Foxes" (made from leaf cut outs) that the students really enjoyed! We sang the songs "Thanksgiving Feast" and "Ten Thanksgiving Friends".

Several books were enjoyed together this month! Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?, I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a PIE, One Little,



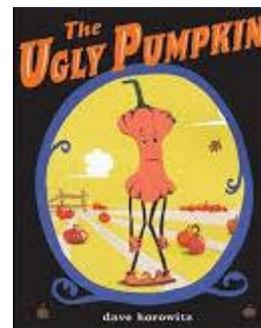
Two Little, Three Little Pilgrims, Thanksgiving is for Giving Thanks, and Theo's Thanksgiving.

Thank you for all that you do! We look forward to another amazing month ahead!



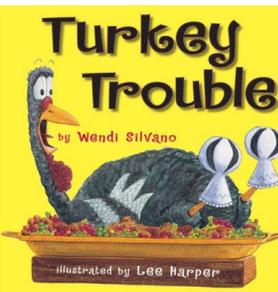
### Library with Ms. Sandra

Library was spent reading books about Thanksgiving during the month of November. We started the month reading, The Ugly Pumpkin, by Dave Horowitz. This ugly pumpkin just doesn't fit in with the other pumpkins in the pumpkin patch. He starts off in October, and all the pumpkins are getting picked for Halloween



but he is left alone. He feels very lonely until one day he ends up in a garden with a bunch of squash. He looks around and sees that they look like him and it dawns on him that he's a squash and joins the other squash to celebrate Thanksgiving dinner together.

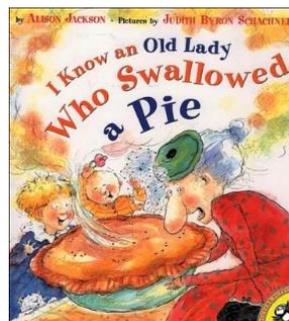
How would you like to be a turkey



living on a farm right before Thanksgiving? Turkey, in Turkey Trouble, by Wendi Silvano, doesn't like it at all. In fact, he is scared! He decides that the farmer wouldn't eat a cow, sheep, horse, or pig for Thanksgiving so he decides he is going to disguise himself as these animals. His costumes don't work

out too well, but in the end, he solves his problem by coming up with the best disguise of all to make sure he isn't the main dish at the Thanksgiving table.

I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie, by Alison Jackson is always a favorite to read to the students. When I pulled it out with the felt pieces a few said it was their favorite



Thanksgiving story. Don't invite this lady to your feast, because she eats EVERYTHING! A whole pie, a gallon of cider, and entire turkey, and a ten layer cake! She was so big she became a balloon in the Thanksgiving parade.

The children enjoyed interacting with the board books, Little Turkey Finger Puppet Book, Five Silly Turkeys, and Where's Baby's Turkey?

We prepared for the Family Feast by watching and singing, "Thanksgiving Feast", by the Learning Station. We also sang, "Five Little Turkeys".

Christmas is right around the corner and books make wonderful stocking stuffers!

Happy Reading!



## Music with Ms. Dana

In music class this month, we have been working hard learning our Christmas Program songs. We are looking forward to seeing family and friends at our performance on December 18. If your child is in the Sea Turtle class, please provide a winter hat and scarf for your child's costume. If your child is in the Starfish, Stingray, Sea Otter, or Dolphin class, please dress your child in **red** and/or **green** clothing.



We learned a new finger play this month:

*This is my right hand  
I'll raise it up high.  
This is my left hand  
I'll touch the sky.  
Right hand, left hand  
Roll them around.  
Left hand, right hand  
Pound, pound, pound,*



We danced and moved scarves to Maurice Ravel's "Mother Goose Suite" and Jacques Offenbach's overture to "Orpheus in the Underworld" (the Can-Can).

We explored different ways to move with the puppet Lulu the Llama:

*My Llama Lulu is riding high  
See my Llama galloping  
(trotting, walking, crawling, etc) by  
My Llama Lulu is riding high  
See her galloping by!*



Lulu also helped us with the Name Game:

*Name, name, what's your name?  
Say it again and I'll tell you the same.*

This game is another opportunity for the children to practice rhythm and steady beat. Each child gets the chance to sing his/her own name, then the whole group sings the name together.

Happy Thanksgiving!

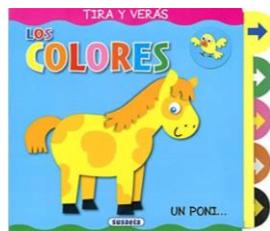


## Español with Maestra Mercedes

This month the focus was colores (colors)!

We read the following books:

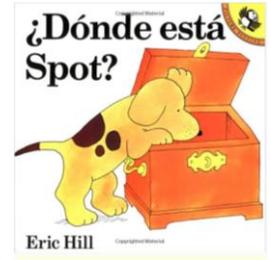
¿Dónde está? Los Colores, pop-up (Where are? The Colors). This is a book full of surprises and colorful pop-ups that encourages interaction, language, memory and imagination for the children to learn through playing.



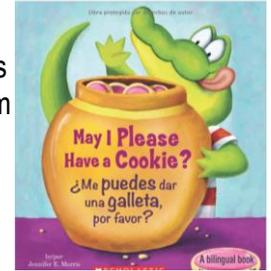
Los Colores (The Colors). In

this book we learned about many different colors in a funny and colorful way.

¿Dónde está Spot? By Eric Hill (Where's Spot). An amusing search for Spot, with his mother Sally, where we encounter other animals hidden behind flaps. In this book we find many of the colors the children have been learning this month.



¿Me puedes dar una galleta, por favor? By Jennifer E. Morris (May I Please Have a Cookie?). Alfie, a little crocodile, loves cookies. His mom is baking cookies and instead of asking politely for a cookie he tries to use trickery to get one! His mom will not give him a cookie until he asks politely...this is a whimsical way to teach children about manners.



The children have been practicing hard for their Christmas performance. I hope to see everyone there! We have a Spanish song for you!

### Words of the month:

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| Galletas = Cookies | Marrón = Brown   |
| Por Favor = Please | Morado = Purple  |
| Colores = Colors   | Rosa = Pink      |
| Amarillo = Yellow  | Naranja = Orange |
| Rojo = Red         | Blanco = White   |
| Azul = Blue        | Negro = Black    |
| Verde = Green      |                  |

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**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH at 6:30PM**

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# For The Fridge...

Date	Kids' Version	Event	Notes
December 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday			ASDS Re-Opens!
December 4 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 Wednesday		<b>AR WORKSHOP</b>	PATTCH Fundraiser <b>Sign-up deadline: Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>!</b>
December 6 <sup>th</sup> Friday 10:00 – 7:00		Cash-o-la @ The Collective, Regency Square	Shop for Christmas or yourself and earn money for ASDS! Wine 2:00 – 5:00! They have a lot of new toys to entertain the kids!
December 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday and Thursday During School Hours		<b>ASDS Holiday Gift Shop</b>	This PATTCH-hosted activity enables children to select and wrap gifts (treasures 😊 donated by our families) for their parents (at no charge).
December 18 <sup>th</sup> @ 11:15 Wednesday		<b>ASDS Christmas Program</b>	Program in the church followed by Holiday Parties in the Classroom. The last day for students.
December 19 <sup>th</sup> – January 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday - Wednesday		<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>	ASDS is CLOSED. School re-opens Thursday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup> .
January 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday		<b>ASDS REOPENS</b>	Happy New Year!
January 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday & Thursday		<b>PATTCH COFFEES</b>	Stop by after morning drop-off for a cuppa and to find out what 2020 holds for us!
January 20 <sup>th</sup> Monday		<b>MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY</b>	Federal Holiday ASDS is CLOSED
January 27 <sup>th</sup> Monday		<b>Staff In-Service Day</b>	<b>ASDS is CLOSED to STUDENTS</b>



Our wish for you:  
A Merry  
Christmas!

