



BUSY BEE BUZZ
Cross of Hope Lutheran Preschool
November 3, 2010

**WEDNESDAY NOV. 17 FAMILY DESSERT GATHERING LAST 45
MINUTES OF CLASS**

FRIDAY NOV. 19 FIELD TRIP TO PETROGLYPHS

WEDS. - FRI. NOV. 24-26 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 11 CHRISTMAS PLAY 10:00 (AM CLASS) 1:00
(PM CLASS)**

A BIG thanks to everyone who helped make our Harvest Festival a fun day for the children!

This month we are talking about the first Thanksgiving, and Joseph and His Coat of Many Colors - to name a few things. In our science area we have set up fun activities so the children can explore the five senses. We will soon be learning more about Native Americans and making some clay pots and creating some Native American writing.

Please take notice that the Thanksgiving Family Gathering Dessert Potluck is on Wednesday, November 17th. The sign up sheet is above the cubbies today. We will meet in the fellowship hall the last 45 minutes of class. You may take your goodies to the fellowship hall before our gathering starts. Please make sure you are on time because we will be singing a few songs.

In our classroom we have a collection basket for canned food which will be donated to a local food bank. We like to reinforce giving and sharing with the little ones this wonderful time of year!

Some paper leaves went home this week. We are asking that you read a book with your child then return the leaf with the title of the book and your child's name written on it. It will go up on our Fall in Love with Reading tree! We cannot encourage reading to your child enough! It truly sets a strong

foundation for verbal, reading, writing, and cognitive skills. Not to mention that wonderful bonding time!

We continue to work on our math skills, last week we completed our Ugly Duckling activity from Hickory Dickory Math. The children created graphs, made comparisons and counted with this fun one!

On Monday we created some fun art – Michelangelo style! Each month we will focus on a certain artist. Last month it was Eric Carle and we made the fun collage style spiders. This month we will read a children's book about Michelangelo and discuss how he painted the amazing Sistene Chapel on his back. Then they will get the chance to see how it feels to create art on their backs under the table. Young children are usually most interested in the process of art, not the finished product. The most important thing with our Artist of the Month segments is for the children to explore new art ideas and techniques. Above all, the activities are "open-ended". It is up to the child to decide exactly how his or her work of art will turn out. Independent thinking is encouraged, while skills and responsibility are enhanced through individual decisions. We also hope getting an exposure to famous artists will inspire them to look at the world in a new way and see themselves in the scope of time.

In HIS name,
Miss Donna and Miss Janna

Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

