

FCoF – November 2017 Newsletter-Brown Day, Thanksgiving Feast, Teacher Inservice Day, Veteran’s Day, Thankfulness/Fruit of the spirit: faithfulness Verse: “We live by faith, not by sight.” II Corinthians 5:7

1. **Brown Day** is Friday, November 3rd for everyone (Tu/Th 3s are finished with it!). Please have your child wear something brown!
2. There is **no** school on Thursday, November 2nd for teacher inservice.
3. There is **no** school for **kindergarten** on Monday, November 6th. Teachers have their first aid/CPR recertification classes!
4. Please have your child bring “their age” in different kinds of leaves that they find around your house on Tuesday/Wednesday, November 7/8th. For example, a four year old will bring in four different leaves. We are using them for science investigation. Thanks!
5. **Book orders** are due Thursday, November 9th.
6. Thursday, November 9th is Veteran celebration day. We have confirmed a veteran for the morning classes to share a little of his experience in the military.
7. **There is no** school on Veteran’s Day, Friday, November 10th.
8. Please write down a **special holiday tradition** your family participates in and send it along in the homework folder. During group time we will share these with the classes. Any time from now until our Thanksgiving Feast will be good to send them.
9. Heads up for Christmas – We do an **ornament exchange** for the children during their Christmas party. Please buy a gender-neutral ornament (one your child would like) for the party in December. There may be some sales coming up. Please don’t spend more than \$5.00!
10. The **Thanksgiving Feast** is Thursday, November 16th (for Tu/Th threes) and Friday, November 17th for all other students. The sign-up genius for treats will go out next week. We pattern the feast after a traditional turkey dinner, with a couple of special recipes we ask for parents to bring (Sweet Potato Delight and Cranberry Relish – recipes will be posted on the bulletin board next week). Please don’t send lunch meat for the turkey slices – most delis will “thick-cut” slice the meat for you. Families are invited to come the last 45 minutes of class and siblings will be served the “feast” if you let us know they are coming.
11. There will be **no school** the week of Thanksgiving. Enjoy special time with your families!
12. Grandparent Day is in April, but we begin preparations for the day, starting at Thanksgiving. For those new to FCOF, we produce a booklet for each student, with lots of family input. There are papers for you to do with your children (family tree, family “portraits”) as well as packets to send to all the grandparents. Not all grandparents can attend on the actual day, but we like to include that information in the booklets. We have three different books that we rotate through, so the paperwork questions are not the same each year. We have heard that some grandparents are “grumbling” about having to fill out the paperwork. Also, the lead teachers have had a difficult time collecting the various papers. Therefore, we have three options for you to choose among for the grandparent day booklets. **Please fill out the attached sheet and return to your head teacher by Thursday, November 9th.**

Option 1: **Finished Grandparent Day book** (paperwork sent home during Thanksgiving to be filled out and returned before Grandparent’s Day)

Option 2: **“Unfinished” book** – all paperwork included but not filled out until sent home in the book form after Grandparent’s Day

Option 3: **No book** – child will receive papers and pictures from Grandparent’s Day

Student's Name _____

Circle the Class Tu/Th AM 3 W/F AM 3 W/F PM 3
 Rainbow AM 4 Rainbow PM 4
 Starlight AM 4 Starlight Kindergarten

Circle the option you would like...

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 Betty Wycoff, Grandma Betty

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