

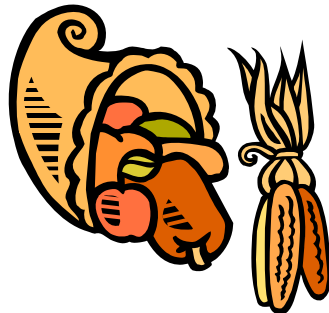


# Tiny Tot School

## This Month in the Classroom...

Our religious theme for November is "We are Thankful". In self-esteem we will be talking about thankfulness. This month, we will be studying Brazil in Social Studies. If you have anything about Brazil that we can share with the children, please notify Mrs. Webster. In Music Appreciation we will be learning about classical music. We will also be learning about the composer Bach, church music, and we'll see and hear the church organ. Our sight

words for the month are "in" and "can".



Please send in a clean, solid color pillowcase (white or light color preferred, no shams or pillow covers with zippers), labeled with your child's name. The pillowcases will NOT be returned! They will be cut and the children will paint them to make an Indian vest for our Thanksgiving Pow-Wow. Please also send in an empty 18 oz. round oatmeal container with lid for a drum craft this month. Please write your child's name on the bottom of the container.

## Pre-K

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## How's My Child Doing?

The teachers are looking forward to speaking with you at the November conferences about your child's progress. Please turn in your pre-conference form ahead of time so the teachers are prepared to address any of your concerns. A more comprehensive evaluation will be sent home in the spring. If your child misses the kindergarten cut-off and/or you are considering repeating our Pre-K program, please let your teacher or school office know ASAP. We begin our 2012-13 registration this month!

## Reminders for Parents

- If, during the school year, you are signed up for a field trip but find you cannot attend on the scheduled day, please call the school to notify us that your child will not be present.
- Please take your child to use the bathroom before coming in to the classroom. This really helps the teachers out!
- If you have any changes to addresses, phone numbers or emergency contacts throughout the school year, please let us know so we can update our files.
- If you have younger children or friends who are interested in attending Tiny Tots in future years, please call the school office to get on our waiting list. We currently have lists started for the 2014 school year! Although we give siblings and church members priority, it is still important to get on the list early if you desire a particular class.
- Please note that the drop box slot on the classroom door is for tuition payments and registration paperwork only. Please do not put other classroom communications (i.e. permission slips, notes to teachers, etc.) into this slot as they may not make it to the teachers in a timely manner during each session.

## Parent Corner:

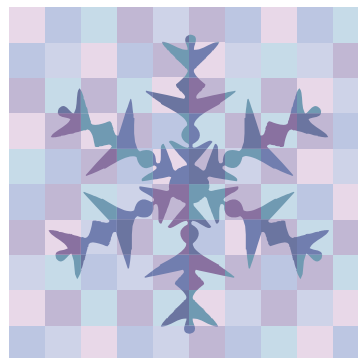
Parent...Are you wondering what you can do at home to help your child excel? Here are some ideas:

- Help them hold pencils and crayons correctly.
- Have your child practice writing his/her name correctly (capital letter and then lower case letters).
- Practice writing numerals 0 through 6.
- Practice writing capital and lower case letters A—I.
- Review shapes.
- Review sight words: me, we, see and be.
- Practice simple patterns. Ex.  
△ ○ □ △ ○ □
- Practice cutting.
- Read to your child daily. (See back page.)

# Inclement Weather Policy

With winter weather coming, please remember we follow Harford Co. Public Schools during inclement weather situations (see Tiny Tot School's policy paper for more details.) If HCPS are closed, Tiny Tot School is closed. If HCPS has a 2 hour delayed opening, TTS will open 2 hours late with morning classes meeting from 11 AM–12:30 PM, and afternoon classes meeting from 1:30–3:00 PM. If there is any change in our plans over the Harford County Public School plans, we will have an announcement on our school answering machine, posted to our website, and an e-mail will be sent to parents if time allows.

**Be Prepared.** Following this time honored slogan can help you and your child to have a safer and stress-free year. Each year last minute changes occur in the school schedule. To make your children's lives safer, please consider the following suggestions: Late opening of two (or occasionally one) hours can occur. Early school closings are another change in schedules that happen with little warning. In case of



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fire, the schools are evacuated. No one can re-enter the building. It is important to take time NOW to set up plans for these emergencies. Make sure you have your child care providers lined up for these last minute announcements. You and your children will have a happier, and more importantly, safer and stress-free year if plans are in place to accommodate emergency school changes. Be prepared!

## Mental Nourishment—Why Read to Your Child 30 Minutes a Day?

If daily reading begins in infancy, by the time the child is five years old, he or she has been fed roughly 900 hours of brain food. Reduce that experience to just 30 minutes a week, and the child's hungry mind loses 770 hours of nursery rhymes, fairy tales, and stories. A Kindergarten student who has not been read aloud to could enter school with less than 60 hours of literacy nutrition. No teacher, no matter how talented, can make up for those lost hours of mental nourishment. Therefore, by 5 years old:

30 minutes daily = 900 hours

30 minutes weekly = 130 hours

Less than 30 minutes weekly = 60 hours

Hope this helps to show why reading daily is so very important. Why not have family night reading? It is great to just shut off the television for 20-30 minutes and read...and share.

## Manna House Donations

Tiny Tot School is providing a box (by Room 2 bookcase outside the classroom) for anyone wishing to donate non-perishable food items for Manna House, a soup kitchen which helps feed the homeless of Harford County. This year they are in particular need of canned goods with easy to open lids and cereal.

We are also collecting donations of coats and warm clothes for men, women and children. Please place donations on the table outside Room 102. Final day for all donations is December 13. Thank you for your support.

## Coming up...

"Celebrating Home" candle and gift wrap fundraiser orders are due 11/7 with delivery after Thanksgiving, in plenty of time for Christmas.

12/5 TTS Night at Chick Fil A . Info to follow.



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# Pre-K

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2 18 oz. oatmeal container due	3 Parent/Teacher Conferences School closed for students	4 Parent/Teacher Conferences School closed for students
7 "Celebrating Home" Fundraiser Orders and money due	8	9 clean, <b>solid color</b> pillowcase (white or light color preferred), labeled with your child's name is due	10 Indian Dancer Field Trip	11
14	15	16	17 Wear Brown	18
21	22 Thanksgiving Feast & Pow Wow	23 TTS CLOSED	24 TTS CLOSED HAPPY THANKSGIVING	25 TTS CLOSED
28 TTS reopens For students	29	30		Chick-Fil-A Night Dec. 5 5 – 8 PM