



# La Cristianita Preschool

## November 2018 News

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### ***From the Director...***

Dear God,

I want to take a minute,  
not to ask anything from  
you, but to simply  
thank you for all that I  
have.



***I love this! What a great lead in for the month of November...the beginning of the holidays, crazy times, shorter days, yet it's the month designed for us to stop...take a minute...and count our blessings!***

***Here at La Cristianita, we have so much to be thankful for! Our school is hustling with happy children and families eager to grow, explore and learn. We are so thankful for the amazing support we received from the fall carnival. The generosity from our families is so appreciated. This year we hope to reach our \$25,000 goal in fundraising that will enable us to replace the matting on the playground. We have had so much fun wearing our costumes to school and parading for our parents. Soon we will have our Thanksgiving Feast and be reminded of how blessed we are to always have full bellies, family and faith.***

***As this busy season begins, please stop and take a moment to take it all in. Skip a meeting or a practice to spend a little time doing something as a family. Embrace your children during this time and include them in the season. Make cookies, wrap presents, give more than you receive. The years fly by, so enjoy the moment! Read an extra story at night, snuggle in bed on Saturday morning, and simply be grateful!***

***This Thanksgiving, count your simple blessings! Surround yourself with unconditional love. And thank God for the many gifts you've been given!***

***Happy Thanksgiving,***

***Leigh Ann Downie—Economy***

***Director***

### Dates To Remember...

- November 1 - Make Up Picture Day and Pajama Day
- November 8 - Family First Dinner out at Stuft Pizza
- November 12 - NO SCHOOL!!! Happy Veteran's Day!
- November 16 - Thanksgiving Feast @ 11:30am...Everyone is invited!
- November 22 & 23 - NO SCHOOL!!! Happy Thanksgiving!



### Chapel Time...

Please join us at 11:15am in the sanctuary.

November 7, 13, & 21



### In Our Classroom...

In November we invite our families to share their traditions as well as their cultures. We will be talking about the different things we do to celebrate the holidays and learning that we all celebrate differently! We will be discovering our five senses and talking about all of the many things in our lives that we are thankful for.

### **Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!**

Thank you to everyone who helped and participated in the fall carnival! It was our best one yet! Our \$25,000 goal for the year is designated to replace the matting on the playground.



### Readiness Corner:

We realize our kiddo's don't come with a manual to help parents navigate their development so we thought a little tid bit of information on readiness may be helpful! Did you know that social development happens in stages just like physical milestones? Young preschoolers often come to us in the solitary play stage. They play alone, may not know the other kids names, and parents often worry. Don't! Next they move into parallel play (somewhere between 2 & 3 yrs usually). This is when they say they're playing with a friend, they may be playing next to each other, but the play is totally different from what their friend may be doing. Somewhere between 2 1/2—4 yrs we start to see cooperative play evolve. The children really interact, assign roles, create a scenario and really interact with each other. "Developmentally appropriate" stages in all development is 6 months on either side of the child's chronological age. So if your child is 4 1/2 and isn't yet involved in cooperative play, don't worry!

