



NOVEMBER 2009 NOTES

The days have grown much shorter, and seem to be flying by. Thanksgiving is just a little over 2 weeks away, and the beginning of Advent is a week from this Sunday. Take the time with your child to thank God for some of His wonderful gifts. Here's what is going on at Theophany this month:

❖ **Joe Corbi's Pizza & Cookie Dough Fund Raiser**

We will begin our Joe Corbi's Fundraiser next week. You will have the opportunity to buy and/or sell cookie dough and pizza kits. If each child sells 3, the school will profit \$800.00! Flyers are being mailed to the school, and I will get them in mailboxes as soon as I receive them. Orders will be due back by November 23rd, and our delivery will be on Wednesday, 12/9/09 at 1:00pm.

****Be on the lookout in mailboxes for your supplies!****

❖ **All-new Coffee Talk**

Monday 11/9 & Tuesday 11/10 from 9:15-10:15

A few years ago I started a program called, Coffee Talk, which gives families an opportunity to sit and chat about important topics in their lives and experiences. I would like to start this up again! My goal is to make this a monthly get together, and get some feedback from families about issues/topics they would like to discuss. If you would like to join me, please let me know. During our first meeting I also need some help with putting together newsletters....so it will be great if we can chat & fold at the same time! Siblings are welcome and I hope that you can make it.

❖ **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Twice each year we hold parent/teacher conferences. This year on December 3rd, **we will be closed**, to allow for teachers to meet with parents to go over your child's progress report. There will be a sign up sheet outside your child's classroom starting in late November. Please sign up for a time between 8:30 and 12:00 that works best for you and your family. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with your child's teacher.

❖ **Just A Reminder:**

Applications for the 2010-2011 school year are due by November 30th. If you would like to "lock-in" your space please be sure to return your application by Monday, 11/30/09. Any application received after that date will be processed on a first-come, first-serve basis with all new students.

❖ **Scholastic Book Orders**

November Firefly and SeeSaw orders are due back by Monday, 11/16/09. Checks are made payable to Scholastic Book Club or place your order on-line at www.scholastic.com/parentordering (user name & password are case-sensitive)
Class User Name: TheophanySchool
Password: school
Orders will arrive back before Thanksgiving break.

❖ **Dates to Remember:**

November 11th: CLOSED – Veteran's Day

November 15th: 3rd Tuition Payment due

November 25th – 27th: CLOSED – Thanksgiving Break

November 30th: Applications due back to "lock-in" space

December 3rd: CLOSED – Parent/Teacher Conferences

December 23rd: 12:00 pm Early Release for all students

December 24th – January 1st: CLOSED – Christmas Break

❖ **Upcoming Events:**

December 7th – December 18th: Hat & Mitten Drive

We will be collecting winter hats & mittens for the Needham Food Pantry. There are many families in Needham that receive aid from the Food Pantry/Community Council. They are in need this winter of new Hats & Mittens for children and adults. We are teaching the children about giving to others who are in need, through the story, *The Mitten Tree*. We would appreciate any new hat and mitten donations that you are able to provide. We will be delivering the hats and mittens to the Community Council on Monday, 12/21/09. Thank you in advance for helping us support such a wonderful cause this holiday season. Be on the lookout for our Mitten Tree, which will be located in the hallway.

❖ **Article of the Month**

In past years I have sent home articles for parents to read about topics related to family life, child rearing and holidays. This month I have included two articles entitled *Thanksgiving, the Result of One Woman's Persistence & It's Not Turkey, and Building your Child's Vocabulary*. My hope is to continue this process and provide many articles of varying topics for the rest of the school year. If there are topics that you would like to see included, please do not hesitate to let me know.

*******WISH LIST*******

- * Paper towels
- * Hand soap refills
- * plastic spoons
- * scotch tape

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to see me. Thank you for all of your support. We appreciate it!