



GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHILDREN'S CENTER

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November Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

- 11/1 November Tuition due**
- 11/11 GCC closed Veterans Day**
- 11/19 Family Event Stone Soup Lunch**
12:00 for family & friends
- 11/28 & 11/29 GCC closed for Thanksgiving Holiday**
Hope all of you have a blessed Thanksgiving Holiday!
- 12/15 GCC Preschool Children Sing in church at 9:30 & 11:00 Sunday**

November Highlights

- Themes:** Giving Thanks!
- Chapel Theme:** A Little Lunch! The Story of Jesus and a Hungry Crowd
- Bible Verse:** "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;" Ps. 107:1
- Color:** Brown
- Shape:** Square

Community Events

- 11/3 Daylight Savings Ends
- 11/7 6 pm Aliso Viejo Veteran's Program
- 11/11 11am Irvine Veteran's Day at Bill Barber Park
- 11/14 11am Aliso Viejo Children's Concert #4
- 12/1 Aliso Viejo Winter Holiday Event
- 11/1-2/17 Irvine Spectrum Holiday Ice Rink
- Visit www.planadayout.com for family activities

November Share Time

- 11/7&8 Share something brown**
- 11/14&15 Share a square**
- 11/21&22 Share something for which you are thankful**

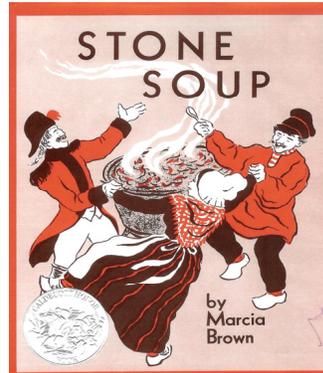
Director's Corner

Our Harvest event was a huge success. The children and parents had a great time meeting new GCC friends, playing games and getting to sit in the big Red Fire Engine from our local Fire Department. A special thank you goes to the Clark Family (Ryder's parents) for working with Tanaka Farms to get us all our pumpkins that the children and parents had fun decorating.

Mark your Calendar for our next family event. Tuesday, November 19th a "Stone Soup" Lunch for parents, friends and of course our GCC children. Our special lunch originated from the story "Stone Soup" by Author Marcia Brown. Ms. Brown is a resident of Laguna Woods who donated two

signed books "Stone Soup" and "Cinderella" to the opening of Geneva Children's Center. We want to thank her for the donation of these two books. We know that children for years to come will be able to enjoy her stories.

Author Marcia Brown is an



American writer and illustrator of more than 30 children's books. She has won three annual Caldecott Medals from the American Library Association. We want to thank Lou Mayers a member of Geneva Presbyterian Church, who is a weekly volunteer at the church office for connecting us with her neighbor Ms. Brown and letting her know about Geneva Children's Center. Thank you ladies for your commitment to our program and to the GCC staff as they encourage the love of reading to children of all ages.

GCC direct telephone line is 949-581-2200 please make note of our new number.
Sincerely,
Mrs. Sherry

Mrs. May's Preschool and Pre-K

Wow! What an awesome group of children and parents! The children are bonding nicely making new friends. We have taken time to get to know one another, share who is in our family and what we like about school. This month was all about Community Helpers, so our books and other classroom activities centered on:

- Farmers
- Firefighters
- Police Officers
- Vets, Doctors and Nurses
- Construction Workers
- Taxi Drivers

A favorite activity was a floor puzzle of different Community Helpers. The children also enjoyed 3 piece puzzles showing the helper at work. In dramatic play they were able to dress up as a favorite community helper. Many of our litera-

ture selections focused on these helpers and the work they perform. In our block area they were able to construct a small town with community buildings and helpers. The children enjoyed assembling a firehouse Lego set and playing with fire trucks complete with working sirens. Science and sensory experiences included:

- Planting lima beans and sharing pictures of plant growth
- Using a working stethoscope to listen to our heartbeat
- Water play with fireboats
- Making a tornado bottle and working fountain bottle

A big thank you to Elizabeth's parents Mr. and Mrs. Njorge for sharing with us the duties of taxi service and nursing care! Thank you also to all who attended our Fall Harvest Open House. It was fun visiting

with all the families, playing games, checking out the fire truck and visiting with the firefighters!

November a month for "Giving Thanks", we will focus on our environment and the many things God has given us. Literature selections will share the First Thanksgiving and the many blessings given to both the Pilgrims and the Native Americans.

- The CA preschool framework domain we will be focusing on is science.
- Letters: T, L, W and X
- Numbers: 4 and 5

Parent Teacher conferences will be offered on November 14th and 19th. A sign-up sheet will be available the first week of November. I look forward to sharing with all of you.

In His Service, Mrs. May

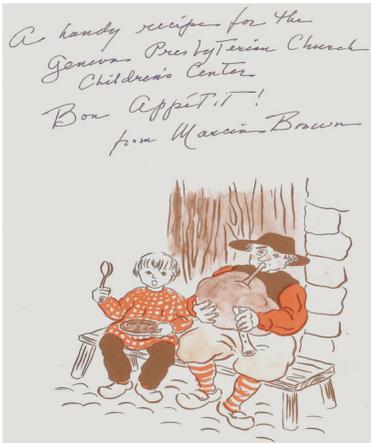
GCC Family Event November 19th Stone Soup Lunch

Mark your calendars now for our November Family Event. We will eat "Stone Soup" for lunch, and read, Stone Soup by Laguna Woods resident, Marcia Brown, Tuesday Nov. 19 at noon.

This will be an all school, all family and friends event. All Monday, Wednesday, Friday students are encouraged to come for lunch on Tues. Nov. 19, 12:00 pm.

This Caldecott Award winning book, signed by the author will be the focus of our event.

Don't miss this fun, free, family and friends event at GCC!



“News from Our Two’s”

We are having an exciting time learning in the two's class. In October we studied community helpers. We read several books about how Doctors, Nurses, Firefighters, Police Officers and Construction workers serve our community. We learned a community helper song and a song with each of our names.

In math we sorted colors, and worked with vehicle puzzles. In art we made a firefighter hat and hose and a traffic light. In science we planted lima beans and used a magnifying glass to look at a pumpkin.

In dramatic play we dressed up like a doctor, construction worker and a chef.

We had a terrific time at our Harvest event. We played games, decorated pumpkins and saw a real fire engine. It was a great month.

In November we plan to talk about being thankful. We will add the color brown and the square shape to our learning. Don't miss the November lunch event Stone Soup, it will be fun.

In His Service, Mrs. Stirling

Pastor Mike's 'Thankful' Chapel

Geneva Children's Center is so very thankful for our Chapel Time with Pastor Mike.

Each week every class hears from God's Word, learns our Bible verse and sings a few chapel songs. Pastor Mike leads Chapel every Wednesday and Thursday.

Last month the children listened to, "The Pumpkin Parable" by Liz Curtis Higgs. They did en-

joy the story and the children have been heard singing the newly learned songs on the playground and at lunch time.

The chapel theme for the month of November will be A Little Lunch. The Story of Jesus and a hungry crowd.

The Bible verse for the month is "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;" Psalms 107:1.

*"Train your children right
from wrong, and when they
are grown they will do right."
Proverbs 22:6 (C. E. V.)*

November Music:

Joy, Joy, Joy

I've got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy down in my heart. Where?

Down in my heart. Where?

Down in my heart.

I've got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

Chorus: And I'm so happy, so very happy.

I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

Repeat Chorus



If I Were a Butterfly

If I were a butterfly, I'd thank you, Lord for giving me wings. And if I were a robin in a tree, I thank you, Lord, that I could sing.

And if I were a fish in the sea. I'd wiggle my tail and giggle with glee. But I just thank you, Father for makin' me, me!

Chorus: Oh, you gave me a heart, and you gave me a smile. You gave me Jesus and you made me your child. And I just thank you Father, for makin' me, me, me, me!

Mark Your Calendar

December 15th Christmas Music Event

All GCC Preschool children will be singing during the
9:30 & 11:00 Worship Services

