

# November

## Mark Your Calendars

**Daylight Savings Sunday,  
Nov. 1st**  
Set your clocks back one hour.

**No School**  
**November 25-27th**  
**Happy Thanksgiving**

**Thank you to all the parents who helped us with our field trips to Post Canyon and Rasmussen's. We couldn't have done it without you!**

### Feast Schedule:

- 11:00-11:45

Allie Doss	Troy Rockett
Grace Willis	Olivia Kardol
Abby Schrankel	Bryn Heinemann
Tagert Bardin	Coby Kaplan
Massimo Blanco	Finn Mikkelsen

- 12:00-12:45

Annika Trainer	Rose Hopkins
Emma Titus	Bergen Rust
Helena Swihart	Julia Meyer
Isis Stenn	Abby Kelly
Thorsen Welch	Walker Dunn

No need to bring anything except your appetites!

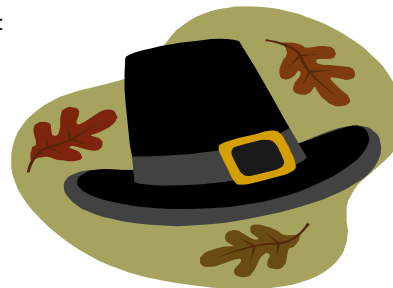
## Curriculum Highlights

Heading into this third month, here is what we will be working on. Many of the kids will finish up the last of our 26 single letter phonograms, and will work on saying the sounds with increased speed and fluency.

The others will be working on the letters, l-w. We refer to these letters as "line letter" because one begins with a line when writing them. Additional line letters include, b,e,h,i,j,and k.

In our math curriculum, our shape of the month is the

square, the colors are: brown, yellow and orange. Throughout the month the kids will work patterns,



graphing, sorting, comparing/contrasting, number recognition and writing.

Our thematic units will include: Transportation Station, and Thanksgiving.

In our Transportation Station unit, we will learn about different types of transportation and things that "go". From trains to balloons, bikes to pony's, if it can take us or things from one place to another, we're on it.

Our Thanksgiving unit will include a look at how the holiday came about, and ways that we can show thankfulness.

## 4th Annual Thanksgiving Feast

Please make plans to join us for our Thanksgiving feast on Tuesday, November 17th. We will be having all the holiday favorites: turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, and of course, holiday pie. You will find your child's des-

ignated feast time in the column on the left. Because of space limitations, we are inviting parents and siblings only. Please remember to keep a close eye on younger siblings, as many of the toys here at Smart-E-Pants may

not be appropriate for younger children. **Please let us know if you will be able to join us.** And, as always, even if your child does not normally attend on this day, we would still love for you to join us.

## Holiday Giving Program

For the past 6 years Smart-E-Pants has participated in several different programs that help those in need during the holiday season. We have collected food for local food banks, we have adopted individual families, and we have purchased clothing, books, food, and other necessities for chil-

dren in Africa with the help of Samaritans Purse.

This year we are again going global, and will be partnering with the Kiva organization.

On the reverse side of this newsletter you will find information regarding Kiva, how it works, and how you can contribute.

Last year Smart-E-Pants was able to loan \$300.

So far close to \$80 has been repaid. We will be adding this money to any raised over the course of the next 2 months, and the total will be matched (up to \$100) by Smart-E-Pants.

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Here's what you and your student can do to help. Over the next two months we would like the kids, to find ways of earning money that they could then contribute to our Kiva fund. Parents may also donate. At the end of December, the donations will be tallied and then added to the existing money in our Kiva

account. We will then select and sponsor another Kiva entrepreneur. We will receive email journal updates from the business we sponsor, and as the loan gets repaid, the money will then be re-loaned.

We want the kids at Smart-E-Pants to realize that we all have a global responsibility to help those who

might not be able to help themselves.

The Kiva organization has been written about in President Clinton's book "Giving," it has been promoted on both the *Today* show and *Oprah*. And has a wonderful website. Find out more information at [www.Kiva.org](http://www.Kiva.org).

## What Does Kiva Do?

### We let you loan to the working poor

Kiva lets you connect with and loan money to unique small businesses in the developing world. By choosing a business on Kiva.org, you can "sponsor a business" and help the world's working poor make great strides towards economic independence. Throughout the course of the loan (usually 6-12 months), you can receive email journal updates from the business you've sponsored. As loans are repaid, you get your loan money back.

### We partner with organizations all over the world

Kiva partners with existing micro-finance institutions. In doing so, we gain access to outstanding entrepreneurs from impoverished communities world-wide. Our partners are experts in choosing qualified borrowers. That said, they are usually short on funds.

Through Kiva.org, our partners upload their borrower profiles directly to the site so you can lend to them.

### We show you where your money goes

Kiva provides a data-rich, transparent lending platform for the poor. We are constantly working to make the system more transparent to show how money flows throughout the entire cycle. The below diagram shows briefly how money gets from you to a third-world borrower, and back!

### We facilitate connections

Kiva is using the power of the internet to facilitate one-to-one connections that were previously prohibitively expensive. Child sponsorship has always been a high overhead business. Kiva creates a similar interpersonal connection at much lower costs due to the instant, inexpensive nature of internet delivery.

The individuals featured on our website are real people who need a loan and are waiting for socially-minded individuals like you to lend them money.

### Happy Birthday!

Abby Schrankel turns 4 on November 2nd, and Bryn Heinemann turns 5 on November 5th

### Feature Children:

Bryn Heinemann, and Allison Doss,

Amber gone Wednesday, November 11th.

Ms. Mimi, annika's grandmother will substitute.

### School Delays and Cancellations due to weather:

Please remember that we do not always follow the school districts closure schedule. Please listen to K105.5, call the gorge weather line at 386-1336, or Smart-E-Pants, 308-0900, with questions.

## Marvelous Marble Moments

Starting in November the kids will be earning Marvelous Marble Moments for a variety of good deeds. They will fill up the jar with marbles, and once the jar is full, we will celebrate by having an ice cream party.

## Holiday Christmas Caroling

During the month of November we will also begin learning the five Christmas carols that we will be singing next month at Hawk's Ridge and Down Manor. The words to the songs are attached so that you can practice them with your child at

home. Caroling times will be posted in the December newsletter.

## Jingle Bells

1. Dashing through the snow,  
in a one horse open sleigh,  
over the field we go,  
Laughing all the way (ha, ha, ha).  
Bells on bobtails ring,  
Making spirits bright ,

What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight.

2. Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way

Oh what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh, HEY!

(Repeat 2)

(Repeat 1 and 2)

3. Second verse sung by Christopher Nelson, Grace Willis and Peri O'Connel

**Everyone (Repeat 2) 2x**

4. In a one horse open sleigh!

## Up on the House Top

1. Up on the house top reindeer pause  
Out jumps good ol' Santa Clause  
Down through the chimney with lots of  
toys  
All for the little ones Christmas joys  
2. Ho, Ho, Ho, who wouldn't go

Ho, Ho, Ho, who wouldn't go  
Up on the house top  
Click, Click, Click  
Down through the chimney with good  
Saint Nick  
3. Verse 2 sung by selected students

**Repeat 2)**  
**(Repeat 1 and 2)**  
4. Up on the house top  
Click, click, click  
Down through the chimney with  
Good.....St.....Nick!

## We Wish You a Merry Christmas

1. We wish you a Merry Christmas  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year  
(Repeat 1)  
2. Good tidings we bring to you and your  
kin  
Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy  
New Year

(Repeat 2)  
3. Now bring us some figgie pudding  
Now bring us some figgie pudding  
Now bring us some figgie pudding  
And bring it out here  
4. We won't go until we get some  
We won't go until we get some  
We won't go until we get some  
So bring it out here

5. For we all love figgie pudding  
For we all love figgie pudding  
For we all love figgie pudding  
So bring it out here  
**(Repeat 1)**  
6 And a Happy New Year

## Mi Hombre De Nieve

(to the tune of Frosty the Snowman)

1. Mi hombre de nieve,  
(the man of snow)  
Es feliz y esta muy gordo,  
(is happy and very fat)  
Con la boca, la nariz, dos ojos,  
(with a mouth, nose, two eyes)

Y en la cabeza un sombrero.  
(and a hat on his head)  
(Repeat)

2. La, la, la.....  
(Repeat verse 1)

3. Ta ta ta ta,  
Ta ta ta ta,  
Mi hombre de nieve,  
Ta ta ta ta,  
Ta ta ta ta,  
Mi hombre de nieve!

## Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer

1. You know Dasher, and Dancer, and  
Prancer, and Vixen. Comet and Cupid and  
Donner and Blitzen, but do you recall, the  
most famous reindeer of all?  
2. Rudolph the red nosed reindeer, had a  
very shiny nose. And if you ever saw it,  
you would even say it glows. All of the

other reindeer, used to laugh and call him  
names. They never let poor Rudolph, join  
in any reindeer games.

3. Then one foggy Christmas eve, Santa  
came to say, "HO, HO, HO" Rudolph with  
your nose so bright, won't you guide my  
sleigh tonight.

4. Then how the reindeer loved him. As  
they shouted out with glee. Yipeee! Rou-  
dolph the red nosed reindeer. You'll go  
down in history.  
5. Repeat versus 2-4  
6 You'll go down in his- tor- y.