



# IVY KIDS NEWS

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## Mark your calendar!

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>: Scholastic Book Fair at Ivy Kids
- 14<sup>th</sup>: Fall Festival 3pm-5pm
- 17<sup>th</sup>: Pearland Pediatric Dentistry Visits us
- 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>: Closed for the Thanksgiving Holidays



## Important Hearing & Vision Notice:

State law requires all children at the age of 4 that are in school to be tested for Hearing and Vision. We are making arrangements for a company to come screen our students for Hearing and Vision. You may have your child tested elsewhere, but we are required to have a copy of their screening results in their file. Please be on the look out for more details coming soon!



## Director's Corner



Good Day to Everyone!!

It has been a great time here for me at Ivy Kids, and I must say I am looking forward to a great year! I am working hard and moving forward with various changes. As our year moves onward into a new season, I have expressed our concern for proper shoes and clothing; please make sure your child is dressing appropriately for the weather.

Additionally, our Pumpkin Patch was a great success!! Classroom pictures were taken outside, and they will be posted on our website soon. You can purchase a copy for \$5.00. Please see the front desk to order your copy.  
(Infant B - Pre-K Classrooms)

We have two formal assessments a year, which take place during the Fall and Spring. The Fall Formal assessments will begin **Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>** in all classrooms. After the assessments are completed, the teaching teams will notify parents to view the results. Scheduled conference days are available on Fridays, please see your child's teacher to schedule a conference if necessary.

Please join us in participating in our first of many fundraisers over the next year. We are working towards raising money to restore and remodel our playgrounds. The class that raises the most money will win a Pizza & Movie Party!! The top three sellers will win an age appropriate prize! Good Luck to Everyone and Happy Fundraising!!

Have a Safe Holiday Season!  
Ms. Angela



## Happy Birthday!

- 1<sup>st</sup>- Mrs. Ylonda Green
- 1<sup>st</sup>- Emma Dodson
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- Camila Gutierrez
- 5<sup>th</sup>- Mrs. Cathy Merritt
- 5<sup>th</sup>- Jackson Landrum
- 6<sup>th</sup>- Mrs. Laila Bandali
- 7<sup>th</sup>- Katelyn Green
- 7<sup>th</sup>- Noor Hamid
- 8<sup>th</sup>- Ethan Dierks
- 14<sup>th</sup>- Jaylen Jammer
- 14<sup>th</sup>- Savanna Page
- 15<sup>th</sup>- Samantha Hagan
- 15<sup>th</sup>- Jasiah Landor
- 18<sup>th</sup>- Gyema Quansah
- 21<sup>st</sup>- Noel Asmann
- 21<sup>st</sup>- Kadija Gassama
- 22<sup>nd</sup>- Julian Jaime
- 23<sup>rd</sup>- Ms. Alecia Frausto
- 24<sup>th</sup>- Nicole Dawkin
- 26<sup>th</sup>- Eric Chen
- 26<sup>th</sup>- Evan Hearn
- 26<sup>th</sup>- Jordan McEachern
- 26<sup>th</sup>- Jayden Price
- 26<sup>th</sup>- Emma Taylor
- 26<sup>th</sup>- Rachel Zhou
- 27<sup>th</sup>- Hannah Fan
- 27<sup>th</sup>- Carmen Schultz
- 29<sup>th</sup>- Joshua Sokoya



## Librarian's Corner

Parents, get ready for our Book Fair! This is the time to add to your library at home by also helping our library grow at Ivy Kids. With our Super Reader Club going on, I know you would like some new and exciting books!

On Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00a.m. we are having "Grand-Muffins for Grandparents with their Grandchild" at the Book Fair!



The following are the "Featured Books" in the Ivy Kids Library:

~The Little Scarecrow Boy~

~Why We Have Thanksgiving~

~Round The Turkey~

~We Gather Together Now Please Get Lost~



We will also be collecting non-perishable food items for the Local Food Pantry for needy families. Items needed can be anything for a good Thanksgiving meal. A donation box will be located in the front lobby. Thank you in advance for all of your help!

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!  
Mrs. Cathy Merritt



## Talk of The Town!

Featured in the lobby ..."Talk of The Town" will display current communications from our parents. We absolutely love receiving positive feedback through emails, letters, pictures, etc. regarding your experiences with Ivy Kids. We have also recently added a "Community Bulletin Board" in the cafeteria; it will be updated with community events as they arise.

\*Please submit related information to: [frontdesk@ivykids.net](mailto:frontdesk@ivykids.net)



## Lunch Menu Updates...

I am happy to announce the November Menu is out!! It provides good nutritional foods; we have incorporated fresh fruits, soups, salads and even Breakfast for Lunch!! While providing healthier lunches and afternoon snacks, we feel the children could benefit from not having a morning snack. We would like for them to eat a good breakfast and hearty lunch. Their appetite may be decreased when we provide them with a morning snack, causing them to miss out on their nutrition during lunch. Morning snack also precedes very close to lunch times and breaks up extra curricular activities. We will also provide hot cereals and grits during breakfast twice a week.

We are also incorporating "Family Style" and the children will take part in clean up. Meal time should be a time for children to discuss the nutritional food facts and socialize with one another. Please check with your child's teacher for specific times; however, the general times are as follows: Breakfast 6:00a.m.-8:00a.m.; Lunch 10:30a.m.-12:30p.m.; Afternoon Snack 3:00p.m.-4:00p.m.

Ms. Angela





## Infant Room A

It's a Harvest of Learning and Fun!

November's Theme: "I Play"

Purpose: Our Infants will learn through playing with toys that will engage them in a range of age-appropriate sensory and motor experiences, which will help them explore their world.

We would like to extend a wonderful welcome to our new babies: **Crystianna Coleman, Haylee Watral, and Madeline Sommer**. We would also like to thank **Dalton's mom** for her donation of musical CD's for our classroom; we are really enjoying them!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Ylonda, Mrs. Mary, Ms. Pasley, and Mrs. Sharaneka



## Infant Room B

We are so excited about the upcoming activities we will participate in during the month of November. The theme for this month is "Terrific Tools". We will explore the various types of tools used by many different people. We will also continue to develop our basic sign language skills, such as "Please" and "Thank you". The basic colors: red, blue, green, and yellow will be reviewed as well. We would also like to welcome the following to our classroom:

**Ethan Dierks, Jackson Landrum and Ms. Dorothy Watts**

Mrs. Kery, Mrs. Levarn & Ms. Dorothy



## Toddlers

Our theme for the month of November is "Terrific Tools". Throughout this unit, we will be discussing the many different tools and what they are used for. In addition, we will focus on the letter "C", number "3", and the shape of a Circle.

Our class would also like to wish **Kadija and Jordan** a "Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday!" And last, but not least, let's give a big welcome to our new teacher, **Ms. Anitric Foster!**

Ms. Denise, Ms. Crystal & Ms. Foster



## 2 Year Olds

Our theme for the month of November is "Terrific Tools". Throughout the month we will use basic tools for different activities such as painting, counting, musical experiences and many more. This month's curriculum will revolve around various tools and other daily objects.

In addition, we will teach the value of pretend play and explore simple ways to promote learning during our daily activities. We will also focus on letters G, H, I, and J; the shape of a circle, square, diamond and oval; the colors brown, yellow, red and green; and the numbers 8, 9, 10, and 11.

Mrs. Trena, Ms. Krystal, Ms. Melissa, Ms. Alecia, Ms. Shaunte' & Ms. Veronica



## 3 Year Olds

Our theme for the month of November is all about "Terrific Tools". Throughout the month we will discuss how children use many types of tools in their daily lives, as well as watching grown-ups using different types of tools. We will also introduce the following: letters H, I, J, K, and L, numbers 4 and 5, the shapes star and oval, and the colors orange and brown.



Have a Happy Thanksgiving!  
Ms. Monica, Ms. Sonja & Ms. Christina



## Pre-K

First of all we want to thank you for taking time off your busy schedules to meet with us at "Meet the Teacher" night! We also want to welcome **Ms. LaShayla Fletcher** to our Pre-K team and greet the students who have transitioned into our classrooms this month; we are so excited to have you in our class: **Camila Gutierrez, Breyanah Vargas, Alyssa Teichroeb, Cameron Jordan, Madyson Patel, Rachel Zhou, Priya Thomas, Mohammad Gadalla, Steven Harbe, Carson Dolezal, Dylan Chou, Peter Van Hoof, Constance Benford, Ian Kelly and Daniel Chai.**

This month at Mrs. Rice's and Ms. Cindy's class we will be learning about transportation and exploring our "Off We Go" theme, while Mrs. Taylor's class will enjoy "Terrific Tools" as the monthly theme and learn how different tools help us perform our daily tasks.

Additionally, our 3 classrooms will be exploring letters B, O, and F, counting sets and learning new shapes. Once again, we would like to thank our parents for allowing us the opportunity to be a part of your child's life!

We hope everyone has a thankful and happy Harvest time!!!

Mrs. Maritere Rice, Mrs. Clementine Williams, Ms. Cindy Chambers,  
Ms. Janell Baner, Mrs. Brandy Taylor and Ms. LaShayla Fletcher



## School Age

We are looking forward to a wonderful month. We have fun & exciting crafts & activities planned throughout the month of November! Please remember to read the Parent Bulletin Board in our class to stay informed on upcoming events & activities.

**Reminder:** Pearland and Alvin ISD will be on Thanksgiving break from November 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know if your child will be here during this break.

Thank you!  
Mr. Bryon, Ms. Alicia, Ms. Ana & Ms. Leslie



**Parents: Please let the front desk know if you would like to post in our monthly newsletter!**