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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents:

As Thanksgiving nears, I'm reminded of how blessed I am and what I have to be thankful for. I'm thankful to serve as your director and I'm especially thankful for each of you – the children and families at Let Me Shine. Thank you for the opportunity to educate, nurture and care for your children!

Please join the staff, children and families of Let Me Shine in singing praises of Thanksgiving during our annual *Thanksgiving Chapel Service* and *Potluck Feast*. The service is Tuesday, November 26 at 11:30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend Chapel and invited to the delicious potluck meal following the service. Please watch for a potluck sign-up sheet outside your classroom door!

I'm happy to report on October's fundraising efforts. We received a check in the amount of \$385.63 for the mini photo shoots! Thank you so much, Jessica Hernandez, for your generous donation. Also, thanks to all who participated in 'Let Me Shine Day' at the Pizza Studio - we will receive a check for \$164.58. Yippee!

"Come; let us sing to the Lord! Let us give a joyous shout to the rock of our salvation! Let us come before him with Thanksgiving. Let us sing him psalms of praise." Psalm 95:1-2 NLT

In His Service,

Barb Ballif, Director



Let Me Shine's annual service project is **Operation Christmas Child** collection deadline **November 22**

Look for information in your child's cubby

THANKSGIVING CHAPEL AND FEAST

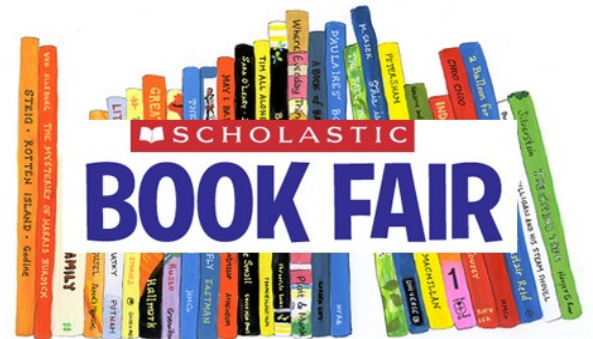
Join us

Tuesday,
November 26
at 11:30 AM.

The children of Let Me Shine are singing in the program, and we encourage parents to invite family and friends to this fun event. Sign up sheets for the meal are located at the classroom doors. Students and their parents from ALL classes are encouraged to attend!

THANKSGIVING BREAK

NOVEMBER 27-29



And
PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
November 4-8
Before & After School
See page 2 for details

Cold weather is coming and the Let Me Shine Staff wants to remind you that the kids need to bring appropriate clothing everyday for having fun this time of the year. YES, we play outside EVERYDAY (except when it is raining, there is a bad air quality alert or the temperature drops below 20). Fresh air and exercise are always the best! Tip: Snow Boots are needed only when there's snow - and snow pants are recommended when there is substantial snow. Refer to the list and always, always, LABEL, LABEL, LABEL your children's winter stuff with their name. Thanks so much!



TUITION PAYMENT INFORMATION:

(Remember to pay December's tuition before November 10)

Tuition is due the first of each month. Tuition received after the tenth of the month will be assessed a late fee of \$20.00. Tuition is paid in nine equal installments, August-April. April's payment is the last tuition payment for the year. If you have any questions about your payments, please see Holly in the preschool office!



Morning Bunch

Advanced notice is required!

Drop off time is anytime between 8:00am—8:45am. Please sign your child in as usual on the clip board at the sign-in table and bring him/her down to Miss Sabrina's

Room #8. Morning Bunch has story time, color time and game time! Make sure your child has breakfast before they come! Your child will be escorted to their classroom to begin their school day at 9:00am. The cost is \$6.00 per morning and you will be invoiced at the end of each month.



LUNCH BUNCH

Do you need an extra hour after school for a hair appointment, a doctor's appointment, etc.? Sign up for the Let Me Shine Lunch Bunch program!

Give it a try! Lunch Bunch is a hit with kids, and is convenient for parents. Sign up at check in, have a lunch packed for your child, and that's it! We'll take care of the rest. Pick up is at 1:00 pm, and the lunch bunch kids will be downstairs in the Terrace Room. Lunch Bunch is a lot of fun! We play games, have interesting activities, and the kids get to eat their lunch together in a social setting! Our fabulous Lunch Bunch staff helps the kids open their lunches, then they get to do floor tumbling, art, fun games, story time, even some science activities! You will be invoiced at the end of each month. The cost is \$7.00 per session.

For our
Let Me Shine Students
celebrating their big
day this month of

November

Happy Birthday!

to:

Garrett Coombs
Evelyn Gaisford
Wren Haskell
Anna Rutledge
Claire Rutledge
Henry Skidmore
Shepard Wasion

November 4-8

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES



Sign-up sheets are located near your child's classroom for times to schedule your Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Also . . . We ask your consideration in keeping your scheduled appointment and arriving on time. Our teachers' time before & after school is limited, and you may be scheduled back-to-back with another parent. Check out the Book Fair while waiting!!

FALL BOOK FAIR

Before & After School

Let Me Shine will once again host the semi-annual Scholastic Book Fair! This is an excellent opportunity to purchase quality educational books, games, crafts, etc. for your child. It is also a great time to get an early start on your Christmas shopping! Let Me Shine benefits from your purchases by earning points towards books for the classrooms. **HELPERS ARE NEEDED!!** A sign up sheet is on the sign-in table for those able to work at the fair assisting with sales. **This is a good way to earn your volunteer hours!**



Miss Cherry's Busy Bees



Dear Families,

Fall is my favorite season and I've had fun sharing this time of year with the kids. On our wagon rides, the little ones enjoyed singing our autumn songs and trying to catch the leaves before they hit the ground. Some of the activities we've done with the fall theme include; using our five senses while studying an apple, the story of Joseph teaching us about God's plans for us and the message of forgiveness. We also incorporated farming and the harvest. All October school activities featured a puppet show, pumpkin patch and our harvest celebration.



In November we will be getting ready for Thanksgiving and continue to talk about farms, food and being thankful. Parents-Teacher Conferences and our Book Fair are coming up on November 4th through the 8th. Please check your calendar and look out for sign up sheets. It is getting cold outside so start bringing mittens, hats and jackets please! Thank you for being a supportive family and grateful that I get to spend part of the day with your little ones.

Blessings, Miss Cherry

Miss Chris's Campers



We had so much fun dressing up at our Harvest Party. Fall is my absolute favorite time of the year—I love the cooler temperatures and beautiful colors. We have been busy participating in wonderful activities. So far we have been on a nature hike, visited a pumpkin patch and put our creativity to the test in the classroom creating crafts. I am very proud of my little campers, they are working really hard on writing their names and letters. I'm excited for Parent/Teacher Conferences so we can talk about how great the little campers are doing. Keep up the good work!

Blessings, Miss Chris

Miss Denet's Little Birds



Happy Fall!

I'm loving this time of the year and I'm enjoying each morning I get to spend with your child. All the kids are familiar with the class routine and comfortable enough with their friends to start sharing who they are. It really is sweet to observe them being kind, sharing, teasing, and encouraging one another. I hope their friendships are something you get to witness as the year goes on. Thank you for having such great kids! It is honestly my privilege to be their teacher this year. As the weather gets colder, please remember to bring hats and mittens to keep our sweet little birds warm.

Lots of Love, Miss Denet

Miss Kristina's Ladybugs



We had a wonderful October - the children have enjoyed watching the world around them change as we enter autumn. In November we will continue to discuss fall as we talk about trees and the changing colors of the leaves. We will also find out about firefighters and animals that hibernate. Parent-Teacher conferences will be the week of November 4th - please look for the sign-up sheet outside the classroom. As we gear up for Thanksgiving, we will be talking about the many blessings God has given us. One of the blessings I am most thankful for are my parent volunteers! The children have adored having visitors in to play games and run our big loom, and I am so grateful to the art preppers and playdough makers! If there are other ways that you would like to enrich our class please let me know. Lastly, don't miss our school-wide chapel program on Tuesday, November 19th. The children will be singing songs of praise and we will follow up with feasting and fellowship downstairs.

Miss Kristina



Miss Adair's Stars



Dear Parents,

I'm so excited for the month of November. We will be creating our classroom gratitude tree which will grow every day! We will focus this month on giving thanks for all the blessings we have. We will focus on all the things God has given us and the special gifts and talents he has given each of your children. We will also kick off this month with Parent-Teacher conferences. This is a wonderful opportunity to focus on your children and their strengths and how they have shined in my classroom. Don't forget to sign up if you haven't already. They will be held the week of November 4th. We will also be having our Thanksgiving program and feast. All parents and family members are invited. It's a beautiful program with songs of prayer and thanksgiving, followed by a feast! As we reflect on Thanksgiving, I want you each to know how grateful I am for your children and for all of your support. I have enjoyed this teaching job more than I can express.

Lots of Love,
Miss Adair

Miss Laken's Llamas



Happy Fall Parents!

October has been a really fun month with the kids. We have found so many ways to play with pumpkins in our room! Pumpkin soup and pie have been favorites. We've also been working on hammering golf tees into the pumpkins (the boys have LOVED that), painting big orange pieces of paper to make into pumpkins, and measuring how tall we are using pumpkins. Your children are such a joy to be with. I love watching them grow and change every week. They're always discovering new and exciting things! November has some fun things coming up so make sure you're checking your emails! I'm looking forward to seeing you all at conferences!

Love,
Miss Laken



Miss Alia's Music Class

Dear Let Me Shine Family,



We are hard at work on our songs for Thanksgiving and Christmas! Along with our program practice, we have continued our exploration of musical elements such as fast and slow, loud and soft and steady beat with songs such as "Engine, Engine" and "Wake up you sleepyhead." In our "Movement to Music" portion of class the students hear a piece of Classical Music and we move around the room waving scarves and moving our bodies to match what we are hearing in the music. Your child should be quite familiar with two Classical Music pieces now: "Rondo A La Turk" by Mozart, and "Spring from the Four Seasons" by Vivaldi. I encourage you to download these pieces and listen to them with your children and watch their face light up with recognition. As always we have such a great time in music and it is a joy to teach your children each week. Thank you for sharing them with me!

"Sing"cerely, Miss Alia

Miss Sabrina's Sweeties!

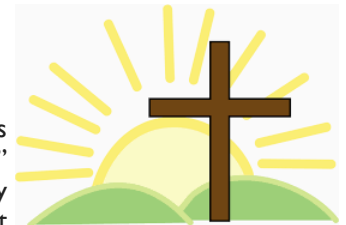


Hello Parents,

What an amazing month of October... Fall is here! We have had so much fun learning our letters, going on a pumpkin hunt, and enjoying our friends. Our pumpkin hunt led us to talk about how we are all unique and special in our own ways just like the pumpkins we picked. We learned about the letters "S," "B," "H" and "C." With the letter "S," we talked about how God is our shepherd and we are his sheep. For the letter "B" we talked about how God has given each one of us a special job to do like the honeybee; and whatever our job is we should do it for God's glory. We closed out the month with the letter "H" for "hen" and how God keeps us safe like a momma hen does for her babies, and we also talked about heaven and how that is our forever "home." I am so looking forward to Parent-Teacher Conferences and sharing the wonderful talents and abilities of your child. Each one is amazing! Much love and blessings to you and yours!

Miss Sabrina

Miss Lezlie's Sunshines



Dear Families,

What a fun month of October it has been! In the sunshine class we have been learning about the letters "E," "F," "G" and "H," creating funny feathered fishes and some spectacular spooky spiders and magical glitter pumpkins. We have enjoyed a puppet show featuring some funny fall characters and enjoyed a visit from the library; they sent a friend to read us fall stories! So fun!! We also went hunting for pumpkins and had the opportunity to show off our Halloween costumes to our friends! What a wonderful time at school. As fun as October and September have been... I am overwhelmed with joy to welcome November. It is officially the beginning of the most wonderful time of the year and officially the beginning of the holidays! November, and Thanksgiving specifically brings joy and gratitude to my heart as I'm given a big excuse to tell everyone in my life how much I appreciate them and how grateful I am for their friendship and love. I will be passing this tradition onto the kiddos this month, encouraging them to express their gratitude to everyone around them. The kiddos will have the opportunity this month to perform some great thanksgiving songs for parents! They've been working hard practicing these precious songs, so they can showcase their hard work during their fall performance. Stay tuned for dates! These kiddos bring a smile to my face and joy to my heart- they sure are precious little people! Lastly, I am looking forward to meeting with each one of you during Parent-Teacher Conferences! It has been wonderful watching your precious little darlings navigate their new classroom, form friendships and begin to feel more and more comfortable with their new classroom as they continue to learn and grow. Please sign up for a time to meet with me.

Hi
I'm Roland Westman but most people call me Rollie. I am 87 years old, I lived in Minnesota and have lived in Utah for about 6 years. I graduated from the U of Minnesota. I was an Army Artillery Officer for 2 years, was in music sales for 20 years, and was a ski instructor until I retired at 80. I still love skiing, bird watching, and travel. I sing in the choir on Sundays in Zion and go to yoga Mon., Wed, and Friday mornings here at Zion Lutheran Church.

I'm Martha Westman and am 76 years old. I have been married to Rollie for 48 years and lived in Minnesota and Utah with him all those years. I studied at the University of Wisconsin and at Stanford University in California where I learned about the development of speech and language in young children. I worked with young children in schools and clinics. Like Rollie I love Utah and we both spend lots of time skiing, camping, bird watching and traveling to far-away places. I teach Sunday School at Zion for preschool children and go to yoga classes with Rollie here at Zion.

We have 2 children and 4 grandchildren living here in Salt Lake City and enjoy frequent family get togethers. We would love to visit your class and hope maybe you can stop and peek in at yoga for a few minutes sometime.

With love,
Martha and Rollie Westman

In this season of thanksgiving and gratitude, I'd like each of YOU to know you're at the top of my list! Thank you for making our school and class family and community a warm place full of love and friendship. Gods blessings to you!!

Love, Miss Lezlie