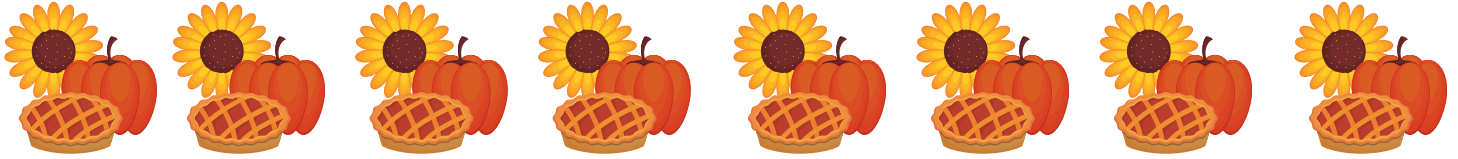


THE DRAWBRIDGE

NOVEMBER 2026



NOVEMBER THEME:

THEME:
THANKSGIVING & FALL

CHARACTER BUILDER:
GOD HAS BLESSED US

BIBLE STORY:
ABRAHAM

SCRIPTURE:
GENESIS 12-17

LETTER:
Gg, Ii, Tt

SHAPE:
OCTAGON

COLOR:
BROWN

NUMBERS:
7-9

DATES TO REMEMBER:

NOV. 11- VETERAN'S DAY-NO VPK

NOV. 12- **BROWN DAY!**
WEAR BROWN FROM HEAD TO TOE TO CELEBRATE THE
COLOR OF THE MONTH!

NOV. 17- INFANT-SOPHOMORE 2 FRIENDSGIVING
FEAST

NOV. 18- JUNIOR & SENIOR FRIENDSGIVING FEAST

NOV. 23-27- THANKSGIVING BREAK

NOV. 26- 27- HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
CENTER CLOSED

DEC 4- WINTHROP TREE LIGHTING

DEC. 11- SENIOR HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS PARTY!

DEC. 21-JAN 4- CHRISTMAS BREAK NO VPK



HELP US KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE!

Your access card serves as a vital key to the fortress of our school's security system. The doorbell, a sentinel of sound, is designed solely to beckon staff when an unfamiliar face seeks entry. For the well-being of all our cherished children, we kindly urge you to present your access card each time you cross the threshold into the building. As the world grows ever more vigilant, it becomes paramount that every parent and staff member embraces the safety measures we have woven into our fabric. Recently, that doorbell seems to echo a bit too frequently (it might even invade our dreams!). Should your access card falter or wander into the unknown, please grace the office with your presence, and we shall gladly provide you with a new one. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to safeguarding our school for all!

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A NOTE FROM MRS. JACKIE

It's Okay for Your Child to Be Disappointed

As we head into the holiday season, our children are surrounded by excitement, Christmas lists, toy commercials, special events, treats, parties, and lots of talk about what they want for Christmas. As parents, we love seeing our children happy. We want to give them wonderful experiences, make Christmas magical, and, when we can, give them the things they are hoping for.

But here is something that can be hard for all of us as parents to remember:

It is okay for our children to be disappointed. They won't always get the toy they asked for.

They may not get invited to every party. Someone else may get something they wanted.

They may have to wait their turn, share with a sibling, lose a game, or hear the word "no."

And while our instinct may be to fix that disappointment as quickly as possible, we don't always need to. Disappointment is an important part of childhood because learning how to handle the little disappointments now prepares children for the bigger ones later.

When we immediately give in because our child cries, change the rules because they're upset, buy the toy because they're disappointed, or rush to make every situation "fair," we may make them feel better in that moment—but we also take away an opportunity for them to learn how to work through a difficult feeling. We can acknowledge their feelings without changing the answer.

"I know you're disappointed. You really wanted that toy." can be followed by, "We're not buying it today." Both things can be true. Their feelings matter, and the answer can still be no.

We don't have to make everything equal.

Fair doesn't always mean everyone gets exactly the same thing. Children can learn to celebrate when someone else receives something special without immediately needing something for themselves.

Waiting is good practice. Not every want needs to be fulfilled immediately. Waiting for something special builds patience and makes receiving it even more meaningful.

Christmas doesn't have to be measured by the number of presents under the tree.

Some of the memories our children will treasure most won't come wrapped in a box. Baking cookies, looking at Christmas lights, reading together, attending church, making ornaments, helping someone in need, and spending time with family are the things that create traditions and memories.

And most importantly, as we celebrate Christmas, we have an opportunity to remind our children that Christmas is about so much more than what we receive. It is a celebration of the greatest gift we have ever been given, Jesus. This holiday season, don't be afraid of your child's disappointment. Sit with them through it. Help them name it. Love them through it. But don't feel like you always have to fix it. We aren't raising children who will never experience disappointment. We're raising children who know they can handle it when they do. And that may be one of the greatest gifts we can give them.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

ALAYA F.- 12TH

LUCAS L.- 17TH

LUNA E.- 24TH

