

# Legacy Primary School

December 2011



## Owners News

What a great turnout we had for our parent-teacher conferences and Scholastic Book Fair last month! Thank you for taking the time to come to school and visit with your child's teacher regarding his/her progress. We also thank parents who purchased books, and thank Tonya Lampe, Tammy Olson, Jen Rutherford, Rebecca Gregory, Maggie Celis, Marta Thomas, Karissa Burroughs, and Inna Goldman for volunteering at our book fair. We earned over \$400 in free books for our school!

This month brings our Holiday Music Program on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at St. Andrew's Church on 150<sup>th</sup> & Maple at 7pm. Invitations will be sent home on December 1 & 2, so check those backpacks. Legacy Primary School's music program is lead by Mrs. Joyce Miller. Mrs. Miller sees each class in our music room once/week and is giving our little students an excellent early music education. Studies show music education during early years stimulates a child's brain, leading to improved performance in verbal intelligence. There is a strong connection between musical training and cognitive skills. In a study published in the journal, *Psychological Science*, children ages 3-6 who participated in a music program that included training in rhythm, pitch, melody, voice and basic musical concepts showed higher verbal intelligence, enhancing their ability to understand words and explain meanings. So, as our motto states at Legacy Primary, "from small things come great beginnings"! Everything we're teaching our child today will have amazing long-term effects! We look forward to seeing you at our music program on the 13<sup>th</sup>!

Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm will be our second Parent Advisory Board meeting of the school year. All parents are encouraged and invited to attend, as this is NOT an exclusive group. We love to hear feedback from parents and work as a team in creating programs for your children during these meetings. We also enjoy the connections parents make with each other at these meetings.

We wish all our families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you for sharing your most precious children with us every day! They growing and learning so much at our school, we enjoy every minute with them!



© Mrs. Pedersen & Mrs. Baca



Thematic Units of Study

Winter (Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>- Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>) Christmas (Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>-21st)



**MANNER OF THE MONTH:**

Doing Something You Don't Want To Do

1. Don't say no.
2. Understand someone needs your help.
3. Don't throw a temper tantrum.
4. You will feel a sense of accomplishment.



**December**

It's December.

It's December.

Decorate the tree.

Decorate the tree.

Mistletoe and holly.

Santa Claus is jolly

Hear the bells.

Holiday bells.





### Musical Notes & Quotes: Mrs. Miller

For the past 2 ½ months students coming to Music have been experiencing many different musical activities. We begin each class with three music welcome songs, where we clap our hands touch our toes, wave to our neighbors and smile. All classes are now busy with their Christmas songs for the program on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Encourage your child to sing their songs for you each day. Special new musical instrument additions to the classroom are the BOOMWACKERS. Several classes have used them doing various rhythm activities. We will continue to use them more and more in the upcoming months. Our musical focus for December is on rhythm. We have been doing lots of clapping while learning to keep and feel the beat. This is something parents can do at home. Spend a few minutes each day helping your child clap and say his/her name in rhythm. On Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, students will have a special musical guest, as they learn about the TRUMPET.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the Christmas program.

Joyce Miller





## Kindergarten: Mrs. Timmermann

Dear Parents,  
November was a month full of activity!! Besides our normal curriculum, we had several guest readers, played fall bingo at Heritage Pointe with the residents, held parent/teacher conferences, and had a wonderful Grandparents Picnic! I especially liked this month because of the opportunity to talk with students' parents and

grandparents. Thank you all for coming in! I am very thankful to be part of their lives

☺ Mrs. Timmermann



## Pre-K: Mrs. Whitehill

It's been learning & fun in Mrs. Whitehill's Pre-K class. In November we hit the floor running working, working on ABC letters and sounds. The students' favorite action letter song was "Who let the letters out?" WE had many art projects, read much fiction & non-fiction books and had good talks about the Native Americans, Pilgrims and even what went on in the

Mayflower. We had a wonderful grandparents celebrations, and I thank all of you for your great support. We also have been working on writing our numbers, making patterns and counting to 20. I am very glad to be part of the LPS family. December will be quick but busy, so please watch your emails for special events.

☺ Mrs. Whitehill



## Pre-K: Mrs. Zessin

December is here and excitement is in the air! The kids are doing a great job practicing our songs for the Holiday program. What a fun night it will be! Get those cameras ready! If you have not had a chance to meet my assistant, Mrs. Knutzen, please try to at the program. She is a great educator and your kids love her! During the next few weeks will be discussing Winter

and Christmas. We will move forward with the alphabet and continue to work on writing. Thanks so much to all of you for attending conferences! We had 100% participation. What a difference it makes in your child's education when you stay involved. Thank you for your support! I wish you all a very, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! ☺ Mrs. Zessin

## Pre-K: Mrs. Miller

The month of November has been focused on Thanksgiving, what that "1st" Thanksgiving was all about and what kind of foods the Pilgrims/Indians ate. We had a GREAT Thanksgiving Feast- turkey and all the trimmings. Thank you to all the grandparents that came for Grandparent's

Day - it was so much much!!! Thank you also for coming to conferences. It's fun to visit about your child. We're now practicing our songs for the Holiday Program. Thank you for sharing your child with me. We have so much fun together.

☺ Mrs. Miller



## AM & PM MWF 3/4's: Mrs. Mingo

It's hard to believe December is knocking on the door and the holiday season is among us. November was a great month of working on letters, learning some sign language, continuing on our journals and getting to know our classmates better. Thank you to all the grandparents and special guests who attended the grandparent's picnic. It was a super event! We are hard at work on our holiday songs for

the big program. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 13th. The program begins at 7:00, but we will want the students to arrive early, around 6:30ish.

Feel free to get the kids started on a song and allow them to sing their songs at home. The more practice the better! As always, thank you for sharing your wonderful little ones with us. They are so much fun!

☺ Mrs. Mingo



## MWF/TH 3 & 4's: Mrs. Lepp

November is a great month to learn about being thankful. This was the main topic for the month. We talked a lot about families and freedom. Everyone enjoyed having lunch with their special family member. The children were actually more excited about their picnic than the Halloween party. Now that knows what's important!!! Thanks so much to everyone for your kind

words at conferences.

I am so happy to hear that the children love school and you are seeing growth. December brings all the joys of the season. We will be busy!

☺ Mrs. Lepp



## MWF & TTH 3's: Mrs. Stanek

Although November was a short month for us, we were very busy. We talked about Community Helpers and Thanksgiving this month. One of the things we were very thankful for was the visits from our grandparents. The storyteller also came in November and everyone was so entertained! This led us to one of our literacy activities, story retelling. The Three Little Kittens was

our story choice and the students did a great job! They were able to talk about plot characters and setting, in addition to being excellent actors. We are currently exploring magnets and using our scientific inquiry skills. Congratulations to Dylan! He is now older and wiser with a November birthday.

☺ Mrs. Stanek



## T/TH 2 1/2's: Mrs. Miller

What a great time we had with our grandparents!!! Thank you to all those special people that came. Thank you also for coming to conferences. It's always fun to talk about your little one. We are busy practicing our songs for the Holiday Program. Actually they are learning the words really well. Now will they sing that night????? It's just fun to see them either way. Thanks for sharing your child with me. I love them all !

☺ Mrs. Miller



## Enrichment: Mrs. Timmermann

Dear Parents,  
Wow! What an eventful month! Between finishing up our African projects, and preparing for our ending celebration-time flew! I am SO very proud of how hard these children worked in enrichment class to learn about Africa. I think they enjoyed it just as much as I did!! They sure seem to absorb a lot of fantastic facts! It was so wonderful to have Jack Moore bring phenomenal personalized books of his grandparents' trip to Africa. Layla Cromwell's aunt presented a super interactive lesson on her trip to China! Cooper Scott's grandparents showed us a memorable self-recorded trip to Africa and brought large extra pictures, pencils and stickers for the kids!! Our Thanksgiving feast was a sweet way to show our thanks. And the African Celebration was a huge success! Thank you so much for all of your support!  
☺ Mrs. Timmermann



## Enrichment: Miss. Danni

November was full of non-stop learning and fun! We had several guest speakers come talk to the Enrichment classes. A student's grandparents showed us their safari video from Africa and another student's aunt showed us many treasures from her trip to China (we even tried chamomille tea!) We were thankful for a plentiful Thanksgiving feast and we celebrated the many things we learned about Africa during our African celebration. Coming up in December, we will be focusing on the weekly themes; winter, hibernation, and of course, Christmas!! After the New Year, we will begin learning about Japan!

☺ Miss. Danni





**Legacy Primary School**  
 2207 N. 168<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
 Omaha, NE 68116

**Phone:**

402-884-2242

**Fax:**

402-884-2230

**E-mail:**

Pedersenk@legacyprimary.com  
 bacab@legacyprimary.com

“From small  
 beginnings come  
 great things”

**We're on the Web!**  
**Legacyprimary.com**  
**Check us out on Facebook!**

## Up Coming Events:

Legacy Primary School's next Parent Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for **Monday, December 5** at 6:30pm. Any parent with a child attending Legacy Primary School is invited & encouraged to attend. We'd love to see you there. Sorry, no childcare is available during meetings.

December 13<sup>th</sup> Holiday Music Program at 7pm. Please see details on invitations sent home December 1<sup>st</sup>.

December 19<sup>th</sup>-Open Door Mission presentation and collection of toys at

Legacy Primary School. Collect those coins between now and December 16<sup>th</sup>!

December 20<sup>th</sup>-Guest trumpet player (Thanks Hudson Rutherford!)

January 5<sup>th</sup>-Classes resume after Christmas break.

## Reminders

The October Scholastic book orders are due on **December 12**. Remember, you can order books online and earn free books for Legacy Primary School!

Winter Break is December 22<sup>nd</sup> to January 4<sup>th</sup>. Extended Care will be open on certain days for families enrolled. Please turn in blue forms to Melissa asap.

LPS building will be **closed** December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.

Students need to bring a labeled coat, mittens, & hat to school. Classes do go outside.

The Giving Tree project for December “Change for Change. We will be collecting coins to purchase toys for children living at the Open Door Mission. Search those couch cushions!

## Legacy Needs

Items for our Outdoor Nature Classroom:

- \*pinecones
- \*acorns
- \*twigs
- \*shells
- \*small rocks

-Dress up clothes (great way to get rid of your kid's old Halloween costumes)

-Scratch paper

-Extra clothes  
 (girls/boys socks and pants-sizes 5-7)



**Thanks for all you do!**  
 ☺ Legacy Primary School

