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## November

### Reasons to Rejoice

At this time of year I seem to make many lists, more than my normal amount. I have lists for what needs to get done between now and Christmas. Lists of events, people, places, errands and on and on it goes. Amidst my overuse of sticky note lists, I have a small notebook. It was inspired by Ann Voskamp's *One Thousand Gifts* book. I would highly recommend it and would even lend mine out. In her book Ann talks about what it means to be thankful for all things and how this changes our everyday life.

What is the purpose of the notebook? It is to write everything that I am thankful for. It is neat to watch the list grows as we write everything we are thankful for. For example; my family had to go to the grocery store. I wrote: thankful for car to get to store, for money to buy groceries and the ability to have so many food choices. Having a Thankful heart changes our attitude. It changes how we see the people, events and blessings in our lives. Being thankful points every thing back to God. In good and bad we

know that He loves us and is with us. Jesus truly gives us more than one thousand gifts to rejoice for,

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### From Jen Myers' Desk

October 26, 2015

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#### Special Reminders

- ☺ Kansas Reads event at Holy Cross, November 9
- ☺ Special Veterans' Day Chapel, please join us
- ☺ No School or daycare November 11 for Veterans' Day
- ☺ Preschool sing November 14
- ☺ Tuesday/Thursday school photos, November 19
- ☺ Thanksgiving Break, November 25-27

### Daylight Savings: November 1st

This coming Sunday, November 1, is Daylight Savings. Please remember to put your clocks back one hour. Daylight Savings often presents a hard transition for many small children. Their little bodies are so used to their current habits. They have internal clocks that tell them when it is snack or nap

time. It is very normal to have extra tears and meltdowns the week after Daylight savings. It takes a great deal of patience and love on adults part to help the transition. It usually takes a full week to get used to the change.



## Veterans' Day Assembly

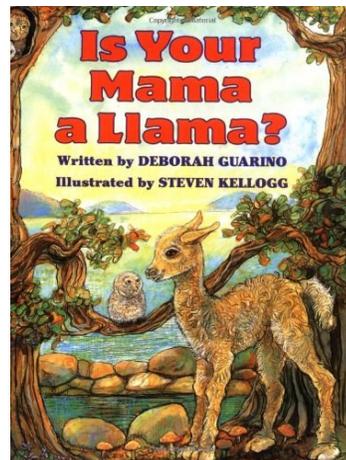
November 10, 8:20-9:20 a.m. We will be having a whole school Veterans' Day Assembly.

Veterans and currently serving Military Personal,

We would be honored to have you as our special guests November 10, 8:20-9:20 a.m. for a Veterans Day Assembly and reception. We will have the assembly in Holy Cross Sanctuary. We would like to recognize and thank all who have served our country. Following directly after the assembly we will have cookies.

## Kansas Reads

Kansas Reads to Preschoolers is an annual event that promotes reading to all Kansas children from birth through age five. Through the statewide program, parents, librarians and caregivers are encouraged to read the chosen title during a selected week and month. The program is sponsored by the State Library of Kansas. **Is Your Mama a Llama?** is the selected book this year.



## Preschoolers to Sing in Church

Saturday, November 14, our preschool students will be singing the opening songs for the Holy Cross church service. We will meet at 5:45 p.m. in the back of the church. Please be seated as you wait for church to start. The teachers will walk the students down to the front of the church. The students will sing and then be dismissed to sit with you. Please stand and wave to them so that they know where you are.

**After church there will be a meal provided. Your whole family is invited to enjoy dinner and fellowship. We look forward to hearing the children sing.**



Dear Parents,

The Preschool Christmas project will be Operation Christmas Child this year. Operation Christmas Child is a yearly project done by Samaritan's Purse. Shoeboxes are filled with fun and needed items. The boxes are collected, gone through and made ready to bless needy children all around the world. A gospel book in the child's native language will be included at the shipping location. We not only are blessing a needy child with something fun or useful but sharing the hope of Jesus too! For more information you can go to [www.samaritanaspurse.org](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org)

Each of our preschool classrooms would like to fill a shoebox for a girl and a shoebox for a boy. Listed below are suggested items. A great place to shop is the Dollar Store and Target's dollar area. Please involve your child by letting them help pick out the item and talk about the importance of helping others in need. **Our deadline for the boxes is Friday, November 13.**

If you have any questions please ask your child's teacher, Mrs. Myers or Mrs. Ann Harms. (she is the coordinator of this project)

Thank You,

Jen Myers

Suggested Items: dolls, toy trucks, stuffed animals, small musical instruments, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, stickers, school supplies, coloring books, hygiene items like toothbrushes or soap, combs, t-shirts, socks, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, a personal note from your family

DO NOT include: used or damaged items, war-relates toys (guns, knives, military figures), chocolate or food, out-of-date hard candies, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers or anything in aerosol cans



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## Contacting the director

I have an open door policy. I am here to serve students, their families and my staff. Please talk with me if you have any questions, concerns or ideas to better our program.

My office hours are 6:45- 11:30 a.m. You can also get in touch with my through email, [jmyers@holycross.net](mailto:jmyers@holycross.net), or call into school or stop me at church (I usually go to Holy Cross Saturday night service starting at 6 p.m.)