



*At Little Pearl, we are developing lifelong learners.*

November is here. It is also time for a change to our clocks. Be sure to "fall back" one hour on November 5.

We will take Christmas pictures on November 9. Information will go home soon about this. If your child is ordering a picture, she or he may dress in something special as long as it is school appropriate. You may send extra school clothes for your child to change in to afterwards. Please let the teacher know if you are doing so.

On November 10 we will be having "A Thanksgiving Experience". There are different times for the classes so please watch for the note that will be sent home and yes, you are encouraged to come if you can. This is one of our Title One parent involvement activities during which we will demonstrate with the children things you can do at home. You will also get a packet about similar activities to take home. Ms. Hankel will have a quick parent presentation about Title One. Ms. Stratton and Ms. Parish will hold a presentation on that morning also. Please see the note about Thanksgiving Experience for more information.

After our October Be Here Week, we had many children receive an extra recess! Be Here Week this month is the week of November 13. Those not absent, tardy, or checked out early will receive an extra recess. Please try to have your child here anytime she or he is not sick. We are having many children brought in late or checked out early. This disrupts your child's schedule and the flow of the classroom. If your child is sick we need a note explaining why your child was absent, and if it was three or more days, we require a doctor's note for the absence to be excused. If your child is sick a couple of days, a handwritten note from you is sufficient. Please date it, sign it, and put your child's first and last name on the note. This needs to be sent to us within two days of your child's return.

The classes performing and hosting Buddies' Breakfast this month are: Parish, November 3, and Collins, November 17. Notes will be sent home about these. Ms. Stratton's class and Ms. Arceneaux's class will perform and have a Buddies' Breakfast on December 1. On December 8, Ms. Smith will have her students perform and host a

Buddies' Breakfast. Ms. Boushie's Buddies' Breakfast and performance will be on December 15. Notes will be sent home about these.

Kindergarteners are invited to attend and perform at Pearl River's Christmas performance. This takes place at the town hall and is in the evening. The date this year is December 8. This is strictly voluntary and you will have to bring your child and remain to take him or her home. A note will be sent home about this in a couple of weeks. It will begin at 6 p.m.

LPE's PTA will host a Holiday Shop for students during the week of December 11. A note will be sent home about this from the PTA. Our Winter Wonderland will be in December. This is a day during which we have stations for the children to celebrate winter activities. We are still in the planning stages, so you will receive a note when this is finalized. This is also an activity to which you will be invited and is included as one of our Title One family engagement activities. The date and times are not yet set.

Our website has many aspects that you may want to check out. There is a list of our personnel, sites to visit, and Title One information. When you have time, please visit and give us feedback. The web address is <http://littlepearlelementary.stpsb.org> You can also go to STPSB.org and click on schools. Click on Little Pearl and you will be directed to the site. The STPSB app has a directory of schools that you can utilize also.

Please remind all in your family that pick up or drop off your child, that within the school zone, hands-on use of cell phones is against the law. We need all drivers to be aware of what is happening around them as they come into our car line and parking lot. This is for the safety of the children. Also, there is no smoking on campus even in the parking lot.

As you know, November is the month we give thanks. Veterans' Day is November 11. Thank you to any and all Veterans. I, as the principal, give thanks to the great faculty and staff that work at Little Pearl. There are no better people with whom to work. I give thanks that we have great parents that are involved and caring. I give thanks that we have such fun loving, lovable, adorable, and engaged children. They make me smile several times a day. We hope that we have given you at least one reason to give thanks for us. Have a happy Thanksgiving!

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