



# Kremmling Preschool Newsletter

November 20, 2024



**MISS BRITTANY'S MESSAGE** - "These past couple of weeks were fun, we used our imagination in many different ways. Some of the kid's favorite things were the felt and puppet stories of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Jack and the Beanstalk. We had orbeez in our sensory table with scoop tongs, shovels, and different sized cups and that was a huge hit. The kids enjoyed the nurse visit and seeing the glo bugs after washing our hands, learning the valuable lesson of proper hand washing. This week the children have gotten a big kick out of pretending to be turkeys. They are learning about manners and helpful habits and have all been eager to show off those wonderful characteristics. Happy Thanksgiving!"



**CRAFT FAIR FUNDRAISER** - We need your help! The preschool's Annual Craft Fair will be Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a fundraiser for the preschool and a great way to get involved! **Signup information came out on ParentSquare. Helping will go to satisfy your fundraising hours.** If you need help signing up, please reach out! Thank you! Also, if you are interested in being a vendor please see Michele for a form or want to make a donation, please contact Tori at 970-986-2547.



**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** - The annual preschool Christmas program will be December 12, 2024 at 6:30pm. We will have the program at the West Grand High School auditorium. **Mark your calendars and more information will come when we return from Thanksgiving break.**



**THANKSGIVING BREAK** - The preschool will be closed November 25-28 so that our staff may enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with their families. Happy Thanksgiving!



## **CALENDAR of EVENTS**

Nov. 25-28	Thanksgiving Break, Preschool closed
Dec. 7	Preschool Craft Fair
Dec. 12	Christmas Program, 630p
Dec.19	Pajama, movie, decorate cookies day
Dec. 20-Jan 5	Winter Break, Preschool closed

Please do not hesitate to call or stop by with any questions or concerns! (970) 724-9483 Michele DeSanti, Director

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## Impress your family with these Thanksgiving Day facts:

- **The first Thanksgiving was held in the autumn of 1621** and included 50 Pilgrims and 90 Wampanoag Indians and lasted three days. Many historians believe that only five women were present at that first Thanksgiving, as many women settlers didn't survive that difficult first year in the U.S.
- **Thanksgiving didn't become a national holiday until over 200 years later!** Sarah Josepha Hale, the woman who actually wrote the classic song "Mary Had a Little Lamb," convinced President Lincoln in 1863 to make Thanksgiving a national holiday, after writing letters for 17 years campaigning for this to happen.
- **No turkey on the menu at the first Thanksgiving:** Historians say that no turkey was served at the first Thanksgiving! What was on the menu? Deer or venison, ducks, geese, oysters, lobster, eel and fish. They probably ate pumpkins, but no pumpkin pies. They also didn't eat mashed potatoes or cranberry relish, but they probably ate cranberries. And no, Turduckens (a turkey stuffed with a duck stuffed with a chicken) were nowhere to be found during that first Thanksgiving.
- **No forks at the first Thanksgiving!** The first Thanksgiving was eaten with spoons and knives — but no forks! That's right, forks weren't even introduced to the Pilgrims until 10 years later and weren't a popular utensil until the 18th century.
- **Thanksgiving is the reason for TV dinners!** In 1953, Swanson had so much extra turkey (260 tons) that a salesman told them they should package it onto aluminum trays with other sides like sweet potatoes — and the first TV dinner was born!
- **Thanksgiving was almost a fast — not a feast!** The early settlers gave thanks by praying and abstaining from food, which is what they planned on doing to celebrate their first harvest, that is, until the Wampanoag Indians joined them and (lucky for us!) turned their fast into a three-day feast!
- **Presidential pardon of a turkey:** Each year, the president of the U.S pardons a turkey and spares it from being eaten for Thanksgiving dinner. The first turkey pardon ceremony started with President Truman in 1947. President Obama pardoned a 45-pound turkey named Courage, who has flown to Disneyland and served as Grand Marshal of the park's Thanksgiving Day parade!
- **Why is Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday in November?** President Abe Lincoln said Thanksgiving would be the fourth Thursday in November, but in 1939 President Roosevelt moved it up a week hoping it would help the shopping season during the Depression era. It never caught on and it was changed back two years later.
- **The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade began in 1924** with 400 employees marching from Convent Ave to 145th street in New York City. No large balloons were at this parade, as it featured only live animals from Central Park Zoo.
- **Turkey isn't responsible for drowsiness or the dreaded "food coma."** So what is? Scientists say that extra glass of wine, the high-calorie meal or relaxing after a busy work schedule is what makes you drowsy!
- **How did the tradition of watching football on Thanksgiving start?** The NFL started the Thanksgiving Classic games in 1920 and since then the Detroit Lions and the Dallas Cowboys have hosted games on Turkey Day. In 2006, a third game was added with different teams hosting.
- **Wild turkeys can run 20 miles per hour when they are scared,** but domesticated turkeys that are bred are heavier and can't run quite that fast.