

Dear Day One Families,

October has been full of fun and wonderful events. The PK students had their vision and hearing screenings, Pastor Appreciation, Nassau Bay Volunteer Fire Department drive by, and campaigning for the Day One election!

With the cooler weather vastly approaching, please bring your child with a jacket or sweater. Children continue to play outside on the playgrounds even when it is cooler. Please remember to label all belongings, including bottles, sippy cups, jackets and any other personal belongings.

### **COVID Emergency Health Policies**

Day One has received a COVID update from Texas Child Care Licensing and the Health and Human Services Department. The COVID Public Health Emergency regulations have been extended through December 21<sup>st</sup>. We value your continued support and patience as we navigate through COVID together.

## **Character Election Day**

Day One is having a lot of fun campaigning for this year's candidates – James Dean's Pete the Cat, Mo Willems' The Pigeon, and First Look's Ollie the Owl! The children have enjoyed the characters hanging around the building and are looking forward to casting their votes on Tuesday, November 3!

#### **Harvest Festival**

Day One has decided to keep tradition going and planned the Harvest Festival to be fun and COVID friendly on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Many of our usual activities have been replaced or moved to their classrooms to avoid large group settings. Though the event is much smaller than our past setting, the children will experience all the wonderful things Fall has to offer and how 'Jesus' Light Shines in Me'.

## **Thanksgiving Week**

Day One Christian Academy will be closed November 26 and 27. November 23-25 there will be no preschool. Care is available for students that follow the full-time calendar. Please indicate on the sign-up lists on the clipboards in the Lobby if your child will be needing care during the week of Thanksgiving.

#### **Immunizations**

Day One's annual Immunization Audit for the Harris County Health Department will be submitted on Monday, November 30. Please provide an updated vaccination record for your child if you have not already done so by Monday, November 16th. Thank you for your assistance as we keep all the children's records current.

# **Parent Chapel Video**

On November 18, the Toddler team will be represented with a great story about being thankful for all the people God puts in our lives and an activity for you to participate at home. The video will be sent to each family through email, posted to the Day One Website and Facebook page.



## **Start Your Christmas Shopping Now!**

Are you ready for the SCRIP Gift Card Sale? Not sure what SCRIP is? Here is some valuable information on the program and you may contact Kelly Money at <a href="mailto:kmoney@dayonechristianacademy.org">kmoney@dayonechristianacademy.org</a> with any questions.

**What is a SCRIP program?** "SCRIP" means substitute money. When you purchase a SCRIP card you are purchasing gift cards that are used just like cash. The SCRIP card is issued by national and local retailers where you already shop. These merchants want to support non-profit organizations and in return ask you to support them by shopping with scrip cards at their stores. Every purchase will earn revenue for our school.

**How can you help?** Order SCRIP card(s) using the form in your child's daily folder on November 16<sup>th</sup> and our school will earn a percentage from each card ordered.

**How to order the SCRIP cards:** Forms will be available through your child's daily folder and additional forms may be given at the Lobby Area. (1) Review the list of available SCRIP cards. (2) Complete the order form. (3) Submit your order form with payment to the office. The order will be submitted Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. (4) Your order will process in approximately 1 week. You will be notified when the cards are in and you may pick them up in the office.

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, the children and staff will be decorating the hallways with thankfulness leaves. To get the thankfulness leaves started, I would love to share a few things I am thankful for:

For the teachers, whose love and dedication to Day One shines each day. For the children's laughter and chatter in the building. For the support and generosity of all the families at Day One. For the supportive and encouraging individuals every day. For the little blessings from God that remind us of all the things we love. For the children and teachers that fill the building with love and grace. For all these things and more, I give thanks to God!

I would love for you to share with us what you are thankful for!

In His Service and yours,

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