

Hourglass Bulletin

November 2025 - Ms. Ryan - 810-632-2200 (EXT 127) - aryan@csaschool.org

Important Dates

November 10th - Parent Council Meeting

November 14th - 50th Day of School (Themed Spirit Wear Day)

November 19 and 20th - Dental Assessments

November 24th -28th - No School

Share Time

In November, students will have a wonderful time participating in a creative project inspired by the book *Turkey Trouble* by Wendi Silvano. After reading about the clever turkey who disguises himself to avoid becoming Thanksgiving dinner, each student will design their own unique turkey disguise to help it stay safe! During their November Share of the Month, students will proudly present their disguised turkeys to the class, explaining their design choices and how their disguises will help their turkeys avoid being found. It will be a fun and festive way to celebrate creativity, storytelling, and the spirit of Thanksgiving! This was sent home in a previous Tuesday folder and due November 3rd.

Highlights from the Hourglass Classroom:

Here is what the Hourglass students are learning this month

In math, we will explore composing and decomposing numbers by understanding partner numbers to make and take apart numbers from 1–10. Students will use fun activities, games, and manipulatives to discover different ways numbers work together. We will also begin deepening our understanding of addition within 10, learning to solve simple problems using pictures, objects, and number sentences. In literacy, students will continue to build their reading skills by practicing how to connect parts of a book using the word *then* to show sequence and understanding. During partner reading, we will focus on making a plan for reading time, helping our partners read on when they get stuck, and showing interest in what others say by responding thoughtfully about the story. In writing, we will practice telling stories across pages, adding meaningful details to our pictures, and hearing and recording sounds in sequence to stretch out our words. Students will also begin adding speech bubbles and dialogue to make their stories come alive. This will also learn how to reread and edit their writing to make it the best it can be. In word study, we'll focus on the letters *r, p, u, j, s, ch, f,* and *b*. We'll also introduce new sight words: *he, to, his, go, as, she,* and *by*. In handwriting, students will be introduced to our "skier" and "surfer" letters. Beyond our core subjects, we have some exciting themes and celebrations ahead! We'll launch a month-long exploration of **dinosaurs**. We'll also create our **November self-portraits**, capturing how much we've grown as artists and learners since the start of the year. To top it all off, we'll celebrate a big milestone - our **50th day of schools** - with fun, retro-inspired activities and spirit wear that highlight just how far we've come together!

Dental Screens

The State of Michigan requires that all Michigan kindergarteners have a dental screening.

There will be screens on November 19th and 20th for Kindergarten students.

If your child has seen the dentist within the past 6 months, we can accept a letter from the dental office stating that they were seen. You will need to provide a copy of the letter to us.

For more information about the dental screening requirement, please visit

<https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/adult-child-serv/childrenfamilies/familyhealth/oralhealth/koha> or

contact our local health department



November Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following student(s)!:

Amelia - November 4th

Your child can bring in a Birthday Treat or Birthday Trinket to celebrate their birthday. We have 25 students in our classroom. Please email me at least 2 days before you plan to bring treats in!

If your child has a birthday that falls outside of the school year, then we can celebrate their half birthday or any other day that you would like! Just make sure to email me!

Character Corner

This month in kindergarten, we will be learning about and practicing **gratitude**. Through stories, discussions, and activities, students will explore what it means to be thankful and how showing appreciation can make our classroom a happier place. We'll create a class gratitude chart to share what we're thankful for and talk about how simple acts like saying "thank you" or helping others can spread kindness. By practicing gratitude, students will learn to notice and appreciate the many wonderful things in their lives and in our classroom community.

Donation:

We would love donations to our Book of the Month so we can provide books monthly to every student for the remainder of the school year.

<https://shop.scholastic.com/viewCampaign?campaignId=3c24ec4b-8f65-4d2c-b708-fd42d64ff148>

Proper Outerwear/Changing Weather

As we move through October the temperature will begin to drop. Please make sure to send your child in with the proper outerwear to keep them warm and dry during our changing seasons! This year, we will only stay inside for recess if it is pouring rain, or below a feels like temperature of 0 degrees, so please ensure your child has the right garments, coats, gloves, hats, boots, etc. **DON'T FORGET TO LABEL EVERYTHING!** This will make it so much easier to sort through misplaced items. Please have a designated reusable bag that your child can put all their winter gear in. If you would like your child to leave this gear in the classroom from day to day, please email me so I don't send it home with them each day.

