

St. Mark Youth Enrichment provides innovative programs and services that cultivate the educational and social-emotional growth of youth and families.

Early Risers Before School Program

No before school program on November 27th and 28th- No School!

Themes for November:

Health and Wellness

Trees

Civil War History

October found the students enjoying fall activities with leaves, sticks, pumpkins, and multiple art sources. Creative writing continues to be a focused activity at many sites as students gain knowledge on how to write formal letters and use creative writing and drawing skills to address writing prompts given by staff. Each site continues to provide interactive centers focusing on homework, building, math, silent and partner reading, technology, motor games and creative art activities.

Thank you to Green Iowa, John Deere, Girl Scouts and Loras College for providing enrichment opportunities and for continuing to partner with us throughout the year!



Parent to Program Connection

Did you know that October 23rd was declared "Lights on After School Day"? Launched in October 2000, *Lights On After-school* is the only nationwide event celebrating after-school programs and their important role in the lives of children, families and communities. Lights On After-school attracts 1 million Americans to 7,500 events across the country. On October 20th, Mayor Roy Buol proclaimed October 23rd, 2014 as Keeping the Lights on After School Day! We know you have a choice when it comes to where your children go after school and we are honored to work with you as we serve nearly 200 students every day! St. Mark Youth Enrichment is truly blessed to have the community understand and support the need of before/after school programming for our youth.

We are also excited to welcome Tammy Clauer to St. Mark Youth Enrichment as a new Program Coordinator! Tammy lives in Lancaster with her husband and three daughters and joins Amanda and Melanie to help make program even stronger. With an education degree and a past music and band teacher, Tammy brings a lot of new energy and ideas that will be integrated into program. You will be seeing her around quite a bit at site, so be sure to stop and say 'hello!'



-Amanda Avenarius, Director of Programs

Step Up After School Program

No after school program on November 27rd or 28th -No School!

Students in the Step Up Program have enjoyed the fall weather with different crafts, songs, and even dances to celebrate the season. Some of the 4th and 5th grade students were able to help with Dr. Viner's garden and students also participated in enrichment from the Mississippi River Museum.

Thank you to all of our families who attended Math Night and the Halloween Costume Giveaway on October 21st. We had a great turnout and a lot of fun and look forward to making this a new tradition at St. Mark! We look forward to seeing you soon at our Family Field trip and Jingle Bell Hop!



Kid's Corner



Thanksgiving Tree

Materials

brown and fall colored paper
leaf template
scissors
glue dots, adhesive putty, or tape

Directions

Cut out a trunk and some branches and stick it to your wall. You can use glue dots but adhesive putty or even tape would work just fine. Once your tree is looking good, it's time to cut out some leaves. Trace the leaf onto four different colors of paper and cut them out. When you are feeling thankful for something, you can write it down on the leaf and add it to the tree. As the tree continues to grow, you will realize how much you have to be thankful for.

Upcoming Events!

Family Engagement

Family Field Trip

November 8th-Mindframe Theater-8:45-11:30 AM
Trolleys will pick families up at site who have
RSVP'd by November 4th

Sponsor Angels

Families who have signed up will be notified in December when their gifts are ready to be picked up and we will schedule individual times with you!



Jingle Bell Hop

December 14th-1-4PM-Grand River Center
Tickets -\$4/person

St. Mark families who RSVP to Beth by December 5th will be able to enter for free.

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