

Mission Educators Bulletin

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We can See Christ in all things. And be Thankful!

Reflecting normally by now we are all feeling a pinch from the winds whipping around us, the leaves have fallen completely and the bark of the trees is dark brown and brittle as they each ready themselves for the snow & cold that is most assuredly right around the corner. This year however, as I sit and write to you all...it's late in October, about 70 degrees and sunny outside. There is so much life left in the trees that are still shining with absolute brilliance ... colors of deep red, orange...bright



yellow...and even pop's of green are still painting our little cities and towns. In these wondrous sights, I see Christ in everything, and I am thankful!

This fall season is lasting longer than usual and giving us just a little more time to be out and about to enjoy time with family and friends ...I see Christ in that too... and I again am thankful. The warmer weather can be



helpful to our local farmers, allowing for extended grow time and a less challenging harvest...I see Christ in that... The warmer weather also makes it a little easier to get up in the morning and get the kids going on their way to

another day of learning...I see Christ in that. There are so many folks searching for a home in our area so, the longer the bitter cold stays away... the better, and I see Christ in that. My guidance in this month's letter is to always try your best to always see Christ in all people and all things and be Thankful that you can. See Christ in the sky as the sun is coming up; see Christ in the faces of your kids and in the faces of the total strangers standing next to you in the grocery store line; see Christ in your parents; your teachers; your neighbors; your local first responders. See Christ in all things and all people.....and be Thankful that you can!

Colossians 3:15 – "The Peace that Christ gives is to guide you in the decisions you make; for it is to this peace that God has called you together in the one body. And be Thankful"

Activity/Main Event/Idea

A few new ideas to encourage gratitude and thankfulness while also showing kindness to others and seeing Christ wherever we look.

- Build a gratitude tree or simply have students write down 1 thing they are grateful for each day this month.
- Have students go visit the elderly in the nursing or assisted living home. Write a family member they are grateful for & give them a reason to smile...this time of year it is especially hard to be alone.
- Have students bring in food items and personal care items to deliver them at the end of the month. Some examples in great need would be the Lincoln Center; Place of Hope & the Dream Center.
- Consider donating to CRS Emergency Relief Fund
- Encourage your classes to stop by the local animal shelter and spend some time cuddling the animals. It will be good for everyone!



Words of Wisdom:

"There is a calmness to a life lived in gratitude, a quiet joy"
-Ralph Blum

Don't Forget:

Native American Heritage Month

Nov 1st—All Saints Day

Nov 2nd—All Souls Day

Nov 1-2nd—Dia de Los Muertos

Nov 11th—Veterans Day

Nov 13th—World Kindness Day

Nov 19th—World Day of the Poor

Nov 28th—Thanksgiving

Nov 30th— Small Business Saturday
Support your neighbors, shop Local !