

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER, 2021

We had a great September. The children are doing great coming into school in the morning and following the classroom routine. We are looking forward to all of the fun Fall activities that will be taking place in our classroom and homes.

The children are beginning to learn the Sign of the Cross, Guardian Angel Prayer and Hail Mary. The Rosary will also be introduced and we will visit the chapel.

After learning about Johnny Appleseed, where apples grow, the parts of the apple, having a taste test and using descriptive words to describe apples and naming apple products, we made APPLESAUCE for snack! It was delicious!

Some Fall Math activities - Learning how a scale works, weighing apples and pumpkins with objects in the classroom while learning new words such as heavy, light and equal, number puzzles, one to one correspondence, sorting by colors or objects, rote counting up to 30 when doing calendar activities

October Themes: Fall Happenings, Fire Safety, Pumpkins, Forest Animals and Halloween
Begin learning the letters of the alphabet this month, the Wilson Phonics Alphabet, and Marching Around the Alphabet song. Practice writing names and naming letters in their names. Chanting/singing songs, rhyming songs, movement activities, alphabet puzzles, matching and identifying letter activities. Beginning to write names, writing in journals, art activities, cutting and gluing, beginning to learn concept of print, that words have meaning.

October 11 – Columbus Day- No School

October 14 – Picture Day – Children wear full dress uniform, including sweaters.

Parent Teacher Conferences - October 21 and 22nd. Dismissal is at 11:30. Look for information in the Wednesday Notes from the Office

PreK Platform – Seesaw. Thank you for registering and connecting to Seesaw. This is a valuable tool to help us stay connected. Look for postings of pictures from classroom activities during the week. I will also send notes and post activities periodically.

Halloween Party October 29, details to follow. Three day children are invited to attend school on the 29th.

Some Important Self Help Skills to practice at home – bathroom skills, wiping, pulling pants up and down without twisting underwear and pulling underwear up first, buttoning pants and skorts and flushing toilets. Many children struggle with these skills and we are always available to help flush the toilet or talk your child through a skill. However it is less stressful for them when they are comfortable and confident with taking care of their own personal needs. The bathroom can also be a bit scary for some children. The flushing of the toilets is loud, there can be another child in the next stall, the water is running, they are away from the classroom and Kindergarteners might be going in and out. It is a lot for a young child to handle. Practicing these

skills at home will help them be more confident. Thank you.

A Gentle Reminder about Arrival and Dismissal – please **DO NOT** get out of your vehicle. This is a safety precaution for you, your child and the teachers. Have your child ready to exit the vehicle when a teacher opens the door in the morning, blow a kiss and wish them a happy day. In the afternoon, please stay in your vehicle. A teacher will open the door for your child. When your child is seated, please move up and park under the basketball hoop to buckle your child or if you are comfortable, drive slowly to the parking lot and buckle your child there.

Please send in an extra mask to be kept in the change of clothes bag.

Please contact me with any concerns or questions via email or call the office if you need to speak to me. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Happy Fall!
God Bless you and your family!