



St. John Preschool
Wheaton, IL

October 19, 2009

Mrs. Scheel's Classroom Newsletter

Happy Monday!

We are so glad to be starting another fun filled week in preschool. We are happy to say the boilers are up and running smoothly which makes for a much more comfortable temperature. That said please continue to send warm jackets and such as we will be going outside to play when ever possible. We have managed to stay relatively healthy in our classroom and we thank you all for helping us to keep the germ count down. You have done a fabulous job of judging when your little ones would be more comfortable at home. I've had a few questions on how to contact me incase of illness. You are welcome to use my cell number just know I'll let it go to voicemail and check it when the students are not with me. Or you can send me an e-mail which I will check after school is out.

Look for more special notes on the back.



Prayer for our school year

Dear Lord,
Grant that we may grow to
know you better each day.
Help us to follow your example
and to let your light shine
through all that we say and do.
Amen

Circle Learning

For the next two weeks we will be learning all about our fall harvest most especially pumpkins. We are focusing on the parts of pumpkins - stem, seeds, vines, leaves, roots, flowers- and their life cycles. We are also learning about basic measurement, comparisons, differences and similarities, and creative ways to decorate or embellish our pumpkins.

Jesus Time

Wow are we having fun learning our Bible stories. We have wonderful memories for names and lessons. This week we meet Joseph and learn about his beautiful coat, his jealous brothers, his amazing dreams and how he forgives. This is a tremendous opportunity for us to explore how we treat others, and how we can learn to forgive just as Jesus forgives us. What important lessons. You will notice that your little ones have been bringing home their bible story on the back of the coloring page. Please take the time to read these together. Your child may even be able to tell you the stories all by themselves.

Music and Movement

Oh what a musical bunch we have! We are really enjoying learning our fall songs as well as some new tunes from Hap Palmer. We are really great at making our bodies match what the songs are telling us about. We will begin this week with a song from our church liturgy check out the back page for the lyrics. We will also continue working on our pumpkin song, scarecrow poem, and the all time favorite "Leaves, Branches, Trunk and Roots". On the movement side we have been exploring the many fun ways to get our bodies moving. We are becoming quite skilled at Follow the Leader and have greatly enjoyed the gym days playing with balls and tricycles.

Sing Along Fun

Surely it is God

Surely it is God who saves me.
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold
and my sure defense
and He will be my Savior.

Five Stuffed Scarecrows

Five stuffed scarecrows
in the corn rows,
The first one said, "Go away crows!"
The second one said, "I am very small."
The third one said, "I am standing tall."
The fourth one said,
"On my head I wear a hat."
The fifth one said,
"By my feet runs a cat."
Five stuffed scarecrows
in the corn rows,
Move left and right
as the autumn wind blows.



Big Orange Pumpkins

(Sung to "The Itsy-Bitsy Spider")

Pumpkins start as fat seeds
Planted in the ground.
Then they push up vines
That wiggle all around.
Soon pumpkins grow.
They're big and orange too.
Then you carve a jack-o'-lantern
That lights up and says, "Boo!"



Opportunities to Serve

St. John is a host site for the area Christmas Sharing program. This month we have the opportunity to contribute new toys and gifts for needy families in the Wheaton area.

November will be the month for collecting "like new" clothes and food as well as preparation for dissemination of the donations to the families. Thanks to all who generously support this service to our community. Our students will be taking some time next month to help sort the food that is donated.

Notes and Reminders

* Don't forget to send in a **SMALL** pumpkin for your child to use at school for the next two weeks. It will be coming home by the end of the month.

* Picture Re-take day is Tuesday Oct 20th. Retakes begin at 8:45 in the main campus. If your child regularly attends on Tuesday and you would like retakes just let us know. If you are in the 3 day class and would like re-takes just bring your pictures and your child to the main campus front entrance and they will direct you to the gym stage to meet the photographer.

* Fire fighter visits our 3 day program on October 30, 2009. Next week we will be discussing more fire safety and practicing a tornado drill as well with both classes.