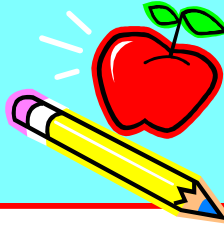


MORE PUMPKINS



St. John Preschool
Wheaton, IL

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Mrs. Scheel's Classroom Newsletter

Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a wonderful, restful weekend. We have been having so much fun with our pumpkins. This will continue this week as well. We will be decorating our pumpkins on Wednesday and Thursday. Watch for our masterpieces to be coming home.

Our three day class will also be having their visit from a Wheaton Fire Fighter on Friday. He will teach us fire safety tips. If you did not get a chance to place your book order last week and are still interested I will be sending that in on Tuesday. Also remember that information came home last week about our school's book fair which begins next week. Both are great ways to build your library as well as our school libraries. We have been enjoying our story times with our librarian Mrs. Mueller this year and she has been wonderful about bringing us fun stories to keep in our classroom book shelf.



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

We have been learning so much about the life cycle of a pumpkin and its many parts. We have also begun working on our very own pumpkin reports that will be finished this week and coming home. This has been a fun way to practice our counting, measuring, listening, and examining skills. Lots of fun for all!

Jesus Time

Joseph was a big hit with our preschoolers. The students really made the connection with how poor Joseph was treated by his brothers and how he forgave them just like Jesus forgives us.

We will be jumping into the story of Moses for the next two weeks. Yet again we are reminded that God takes care of us in all situations and that God has a special plan for each of us.

Music and Movement

We have a wonderfully musical group. They have done a fabulous job of learning the fall songs. They are also becoming familiar with the song "Surely It is God Who Saves Me". We are also learning a few sign language signs to go with it. I have left our lyrics on the next page as we will continue to learn these songs this week.

We will also enjoy an obstacle course or two this week as we explore the many ways we can move our bodies. We will be on balance beams, kicking balls, jumping, running, and following directions.

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.
- *Reminder that our Preschool classes will be meeting on November 5th and 6th. Preschool Parent Teacher conferences will be held at the end of January.
- *Wheaton Fire fighter visits our 3 day program on October 30, 2009. This week we will be discussing more fire safety and practicing a tornado drill as well with both classes.