

# St. John Pre-Kindergarten Newsletter

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October 13 - October 16, 2009  
Week Seven



## Heart To Heart Teaching and Reaching For Jesus

### Gathering Time:

- ♥ Fall Pumpkins

This week we will:

- ♥ Read stories about the pumpkin and how it grows and develops.
- ♥ Enjoy projects designed around our pumpkin theme.

### Jesus Time:

Theme: Jacob Marries / Jacob and Rachel Have a Baby

- ♥ Genesis 29 and 30

During our time together we will talk about how:

- ♥ God loves us with the greatest love possible.
- ♥ God knows all our needs and takes care of us.

Theme: Jacob Takes Care of Joseph

- ♥ Genesis 37:3, 12 - 14

In addition we will begin to talk about Jacob's favored son Joseph.

### Music and Movement

This week our children will enjoy:

- ♥ Repeating the song "All Night, All Day."
- ♥ Music and movement with beanbags and rubber activity mats.

### Prayer for our year

Almighty God, heavenly Father you have blessed us with the joy and care of your children. As we work with these precious children, give us calm strength and patient wisdom that we may teach them with joy and in love, following the example of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### Science Center:

Theme: Pumpkins

- ♥ This week our science explorers will have the opportunity to explore different size pumpkins and gourds through observation, weight, sizing analysis, and lastly sampling of the pumpkin seeds after roasting!

### Math Center:

This week our children will:

- ♥ Match the numerals 1 - 10 with the exact number of objects such as pumpkins, leaves and apples while in small groups.
- ♥ Complete a few "Fall" worksheets.

### Upcoming Dates

- ♦ October Chapel Dates: Oct. 22 (8:45 am) and Oct. 23 (12:45) **Please Do not forget your canned good or Pennies for Africa!**
- ♦ NO SCHOOL - Oct 12 - Columbus Day
- ♦ Wheaton Fire Dept comes for a visit: Friday, October 30 9:30 am/1:30 pm

## Language Arts Time



Using the Reading Street Curriculum:

This week our children will:

- ♥ Read *Sweet Dreams*.
- ♥ Build their vocabulary using their new amazing words; *rest, doze, float, hang, koalas, and sloths*.
- ♥ Continue to copy letters from a model and trace lowercase and uppercase letters.
- ♥ Work on their “question” of the day, each day.

“Jesus loves the little children.”

## Language Arts Cont....

- ♥ Continue to work on the proper holding of writing tools.
- ♥ Continue to practice writing their names legibly.
- ♥ Work on the first letter in the letter A booklet, work on the Letter A paper tiles, and work with the practice alphabet boards in small groups.

## Notes & News & More....

A quick few notes about next week:

- ♥ Oct. 12 - No School for all grades PS - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- ♥ Wed. Oct 21 Fieldtrip to Cosley Zoo (10a/2p); Due to the construction on the parking lot and now very limited parking, we need moms with vans who can take lots of car seats. NO siblings on this trip, no room! All drivers must turn in the Declaration Page from their auto insurance company showing proof of insurance before driving on any fieldtrip. Mrs. Gaede has more info on this! Please let me know if you can drive!
- ♥ Parent-Teacher Conferences for Pre-K will begin Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. Information will be coming home with your child on dates and times. Look for the form in your child’s folder today. Please check your home calendars and return the form soon after. Thanks.
- ♥ Today your child’s picture ID card came home in his/her folder. It is yours to keep. Enjoy!
- ♥ Did you know that October is Pastor Appreciation Month? We are working on plans to surprise and thank our pastors later in the month for their love and support of our Preschool. We are blessed by all they do for us behind the scenes as well as pray for our children, staff and ministry at St. John Preschool. We will keep you posted!

## October Chapel Schedule:

October 22 at 8:45 am / October 23 at 12:45 pm