

OCTOBER

Holy Family Pre-K 3

Letter from Director

Dear Parents,

We had a great month learning the following units: Feelings & Manners, The 5 senses, Beach & Pet Week. We also celebrated our Holy Mother Mary's birthday. What a busy month! The children are precious. It is amazing how quickly they have learned the schedule and rules. The staff feels truly blessed to have such wonderful jobs!

I am sure you have already asked your child what he/she did in school today. Normally, you may hear a response of "nothing" or "just play". This is very common. Often, what the child thinks is "just play" is in fact an activity to develop important skills, such as fine motor, gross motor, social, and cognitive skills. Play is children's work!

Clothing: Please remember to put your children in clothing that is easily removed for potty breaks. Elastic waistbands are the easiest for the children to undress & dress themselves.

Also, with the cooler weather approaching please keep in mind that some days may be cool in the morning, and quickly warm up. Remember when selecting their jackets for school, that our children do eat in the cafeteria and time does not allow us to take each of their jackets off and put them back on. Sweatshirts may be best, however it is your decision. **Please remember to label EVERYTHING with your child's name.** On color days the children do not have to wear their school shirts. Please let them wear the color of the month for that day. Also, children must wear tennis shoes for safety reasons.

Sweatshirts: For anyone in need of Pre-K 3 sweatshirts, they are available for \$15.00.

REMINDER: TUITION IS DUE BY THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH!!

Parties: Our headroom mothers will be in touch via email regarding several events and parties coming up. They may need help from other parents with organizing the details.

Field Trips/Special Events: This month we will be visited by the local Fire Department in observance of Fire Prevention week. We will also have a pumpkin hunt on the 26th and a Halloween party on the 31st. Each child will need to bring 3 mini pumpkins for the pumpkin hunt. The 3 mini pumpkins (smallest size, not "pie size") are due on the 24th. Please do not send them earlier as they tend to begin rotting.

Discipline: The children are doing a great job adjusting to school and their new boundaries. Your child's clip may move several times throughout the day because all staff members are taking an active role in the behavior chart. We will send notes home for exceptionally good days as well as exceptionally rough days. The behavior is handled at school, but we do appreciate reinforcement at home.

Thank you for the wonderful beginning of this school year!

Sincerely,
Leigh LeBlanc
Director

Service Hour Opportunity

In need of volunteers for the following tasks:

—flower bed weeding/sprucing; including the small bed beneath the Pre-K 3 sign

—If you are interested in "cut outs" or other take home work, please let us know.

Please let us know if you are interested in earning service hours for any of the above!

Curriculum

Unit: This month we will cover units on Dinosaurs, Fire Prevention, Fall Harvest & Seasons, Pumpkins and Halloween Fun. Our Bible themes usually coincide with the theme of the week. The Character Critter is Fairness. Nursery Rhymes for this month will be Itsy Bitsy Spider and Hey Diddle Diddle. Our color for the month is orange. We will cover letters E, F, G, H and I. Directional terms are over & under & on and off. Our shape this month is triangle. We will have our monthly fire & tornado drills on the 16th and enrichment on the 25th.

Group Photos: We will be taking Group Photos on the 3rd. Please dress your child in his or her **NAVY UNIFORM SHIRT ONLY** with any bottoms. Please have your child to school no later than 7:20.

Dismissal: Please remember that our dismissal time is 2:00 – 2:15. If you have an older child at HFS, please pick up with us first. We will be enforcing late fees of \$1.00/minute late. This also applies to pickup after 5:30. If you know that you will be arriving late, please give us a call to let us know.

Halloween Party: We will celebrate Halloween on October 31st. The children may wear costumes to school, but no masks or weapons will be allowed. **Also, please put your child's uniform under their costume.**

October 8th & 9th: We will not have school on the 8th or 9th. Have a wonderful Fall Break!

October 24th: Please bring 3 MINI pumpkins by October 24th. These pumpkins will be used for our pumpkin hunt. Please bring smallest "mini" size, as they are easier for the children to pick up and carry.

Service Hour Bucket: If you take something home for service hours, please remember to fill out the service hour binder. Thanks!

This Month's Highlights

10-2 & 10-30:

Library visits school @ 9:40

10-3:

7:30 am - Barberito GROUP photos (wear NAVY UNIFORM SHIRT)

10-8:

Nita's Birthday

10-8 & 10-9:

Fall Break

10-10 - 10-12:

Fire Prevention Week

10-11 & 10-25:

Orange Days

10-16:

Fire & Emergency Drills

10-24:

3 mini pumpkins due

10-25:

enrichment

10-26:

8:00 Pumpkin Hunt -Marian Hall Lot/FREE DRESS

10-31:

8:00 Halloween Party with Special Guest

BIRTHDAYS:

- Halle - 10th
- Anna - 24th
- Michael - 24th
- Claire - 27th
- Grant - 31st

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!
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