

# OCTOBER

## Holy Family Pre-K 3

### Letter from Director

Dear Parents,

We had a great month learning the following units: All About Me, 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 children think of as "just play" is actually 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 warm in the afternoon. **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 at school for \$15.00.

**REMINDERS: TUITION IS DUE ON OR BEFORE THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH!!**

**When sending snacks, please send enough for all 32 students!**

**Parties/Special Events:** Our room mothers will be in touch via email regarding any upcoming events. They will need help from other parents with organizing the details and supplying party food/supplies. This is an easy way to fulfill your service hours. Parents are allowed to attend parties, but we ask that siblings are not in attendance.

The Blessing of the Pets will take place on October 7th. We will not attend, but you are more than welcome to attend with your child then check them in late.

**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 your help in making this a wonderful beginning to the school year!

Sincerely,  
Leigh LeBlanc  
Director

### Service Hour Opportunity

An email will be sent to you in the coming week or so regarding service hour opportunities.

## Curriculum

**Unit:** This month we will cover units on Louisiana, Fire Prevention, Fall Harvest/ Seasons, Halloween Fun/Pumpkins and Food & Nutrition. 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 is a triangle.

**Group Photos:** We will be taking Group Photos on the 12th. Please dress your child in his or her **NAVY UNIFORM SHIRT ONLY** with any bottoms (no HFS uniforms). **Please arrive at school no later than 7:20 or your child may miss the group photo. If your child is taking re-takes, and wearing something besides the pre-k 3 shirt, please send it and we will change them between photos.**

**Dismissal:** Please remember that our dismissal 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.

**October 17th & 18th:** No school; Have a wonderful Fall Break!

**Pumpkin Hunt & Halloween Party:** We will have a pumpkin hunt on the 21st (parents invited). Please bring 3 mini pumpkins (smallest mini size, not "pie size") by the 19th (do not send them earlier). Our Halloween party will be on October 31st and parents are invited. The children may wear costumes to school, but no masks or weapons will be allowed. **Please put your child's uniform under their costume so we can change before lunch!**

## This Month's Highlights

**10-7:**

Blessing of the Pets

**10-10 - 10-14:**

Fire Prevention Week

**10-6 and 10-20:**

ORANGE DAYS

**10-8:**

Mrs. Nita's Birthday

**10-11:**

Enrichment

**10-12:**

Group Photos (***wear navy Pre-K 3 shirt***)

**10-17 & 10-18:**

Fall Break - NO SCHOOL!

**10-19:**

3 mini pumpkins due

**10-21:**

Pumpkin Hunt & FREE DRESS DAY

**10-25:**

Fire & Emergency Drills

**10-31:**

Halloween Party (Wear uniform under costume)

## BIRTHDAYS:

- **William M. - 1st**
- **Mrs. Nita - 8th**
- **Nyla - 28th**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**