



Believe it or not it is the first of October! Time sure flies when you're having fun and we are certainly enjoying our preschoolers! Please note that some of the children may hit a "bump" in the preschool road right about now. The novelty has worn off and the routine is setting in. Some may need a little more rest as our days are very busy and each week with centers adding and specials happening, it can be very tiring. Never hesitate to let me know if your preschooler has any concerns. Mary Lou and I are here to make sure your child (and you) feel comfortable with this very special experience. I continually tell parents that our role is to lay a foundation where your child feels happy and successful (as well as safe and secure) and if we can do that, then we have paved the way for future success.

I am hopeful everyone received their October calendar for Snack Provider and Center Helper. Please note that if you were not on the schedule, you will be on the November one. Please also note that if you are unable to make the center time, just let us know. We understand that things happen.



The month of October brings with it many activities. Next week Friday (10/12) we will visit Post Family Farms in Hudsonville for a pumpkin patch extravaganza. It is tons of fun with a wagon ride, donuts, story, farm animals (Mary Lou's personal favorite) and pumpkins. Please see the attached field trip form for details. All preschoolers are paid for by our wonderful Home and School Association. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend and please see the form for details on cost. You are not obligated to attend and if you are unable to please do not worry. It is always a fun way to meet other parents but there will always be other opportunities.

Wednesday, October 31st the preschoolers will dress up in costumes in celebration of All Saints Day which is November 1st. We do not celebrate Halloween here at St. Thomas but we do celebrate all saints. So we ask that you send your child in a costume depicting any one of the following: a saint, one of God's creatures, or one of God's messengers (ie. Cinderella, Super Man, Fireman, Strawberry Shortcake, whatever.) We will parade through the Holland Home as that is our Service Learning Project. Over the course of the year we participate with the Holland Home in various activities and this is the first for the year.



Our first letter person was a hit with the children. We will meet Ms. W this week and she brings with her the message of changing weather and seasons. The children will have many fun activities to learn hands on about the letter and it's sound. Next week we will spend time reviewing our first two letters as well as prepare for our pumpkin patch visit.

Library has been a HUGE hit but we need to remind you to return your child's library book. We check books out on Monday and you may return them any day of the week. Please send the books into the classroom with your child's folder and Mary Lou gets them down to the library. We cannot allow children with more than one book outstanding to check out another. Thanks for your help with this.



Spanish is also going well. Senora Marianna sends many sheets home to you in your child's folder. Look for lots to come over the course of the year.

Music is in the church basement for both groups now and they all seem to be having fun listening to and even in some cases getting into instruments. Kathy Proulx does a fabulous job getting to know the children and introducing them to the magic of music.



We go outside everyday. Dress your child appropriately as the weather changes. I am a huge outdoor fan and when our back playground is muddy we head out for our "power walks." Everyone benefits from fresh air.

Thanks for all the snacks, supplies, and gift cards. They will all be used. Have a fabulous week and know we appreciate your smiles, humor, and kind words.

God Bless

