



Dear Preschool Parents,

During this week and next we will take a step back from our letter people. We will continue to review the two letters we have learned (N and W) but we will shift our focus to two separate fall themes. In preparation of our trip to Post Family Farms on Friday, October 12th we will learn about pumpkins this week. How they grow, what they look like inside and out, and what they taste like. The children should have lots of fun with some hands on pumpkin activities. Then next week when we have just two days of school, we will do a short unit on the fall season; the changing of leaves and what happens to our sunlight.

Speaking of our Field Trip this upcoming Friday, please note the following: P.M. Parents we will not meet at school on Friday afternoon. We will meet at the greeting area at Post Family Farms at 12:45. You won't be able to miss me, I'll be waving wildly from the front porch. A map to Post Family Farms will be in your child's folder this Wednesday. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding this trip. You will drive to and from the field trip with your child. If you are unable to attend, please let me know as soon as possible.

Post Family Farms has a fun set of activities for us upon our arrival. We will take a ride in a wagon to the pumpkin patch and all of us are able to select a pumpkin to bring home. We will take a tour through the barn and visit many of their animals. The children participate in a short play on how pumpkins are grown and then the best part—we get to eat the very best donuts I have ever tasted. I am not a donut fan but these are delicious. Please be aware they will take orders and have the donuts ready for you when our visit is finished.

On a different note, the preschoolers as well as all other St. Thomas students will have their hearing and vision screened by the Kent County Health Department Monday, October 8th. You will be notified in writing if there is any concern about your child's vision or hearing.

Eventually our weather will change and we will need jackets and sweatshirts. Please do not forget to label your child's outerwear. Many of them know what is theirs and many of them stare when we ask if an item belongs to them. Thanks for your help with this.

Lastly, do not forget, there is **NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19TH. OUR STAFF IS PARTICIPATING IN A DIOCESAN INSTITUTE DAY AT CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL.**

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