



The Early Childhood Corner

From the Teachers' Desk

Dear parents,

The first month of school is complete. The children are becoming familiar with the schedule and are more comfortable in the classroom environment. They enjoy looking at books in the Library Center, playing in the Home Living Center, building in the Block Center and creating things at the Art Center, as well as doing puzzles and small motor activities like the magnetic animals at the Fine Motor Center.



As the Preschoolers become more comfortable at school, we will be able to facilitate and encourage more socialization skills. Presently, some tend to play by themselves, while others have progressed to the next stage where they play next to each other. We are also working on

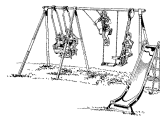
echoing prayers and songs, finding their names, cleaning up after snack and following a one step direction such as "Boys stand up". After they do that "Boys line up."

The 4K children are playing next to each other and most of the time are playing with others. We are working on sharing, taking turns, apologizing when we upset someone and following more detailed directions such as "If you have Dd in your name, line up at the silver circle."

In 4K, we have some children who are struggling to hold a pencil correctly and write their names. We are focusing on this and your help at home would be appreciated. Please remember that the only capital letter in a name is the first one.

Soon we will be checking addresses. If your child does not

know this information, you can practice it at home too. We have been taking walks around the grounds and going out to play whenever the weather is good.



We will continue to go out until it gets too cold or wet. Child Care goes out all year unless it rains or is below zero. Thank you for sending appropriate outdoor clothing for your child.

We are working on taking coats off without sleeves getting turned inside out and having the children put their coats on by themselves. You can help us by working on that at home. Have a great fall!

In His service,
Mrs. Leuck
Ms. Rajer
Mrs. Stiemke
Mrs. Zeuner

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Special points of Interest:

- On the day of our Fall Party, it is also a Royal Day, so your child can dress up as a Prince/Princess (PS) or a King/Queen (4K).
- Bring something for Show-n-Tell when you bring a snack or a drink.
- Learn about the visit from the librarian, Miss Britt

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Saved Junk

We can receive money for ink cartridges, used cell phones, iPod, iPad and large HP toner cartridges (usually used in machines in offices). When you bring them to school, they go in the large green topped box that looks like an ink cartridge out in the hall or in the black basket by the PS/4K classroom.



Picture Day

A photographer from Lifetouch/Shutterfly will be here on Tuesday, October 15. Children in Preschool and Child Care that day can have their picture taken sometime during class. Others will be able to sign up for a time to drop by. Please fill out and return the attached form. There is no obligation to purchase anything.



3 Year Old Preschool in October

Date	Jesus Time Themes	Additional Concepts & Skills
Sept. 29-Oct. 3	Abraham's Call	Fall red
October 6-10	Abraham's Son Isaac is Born	Fall #2
October 13-17	Joseph's Father & Brothers	Safety #3
October 21-25	Moses' Birth	Safety yellow
Oct. 28-Nov. 1	Crossing the Red Sea	Fairy Tales/Nursery Rhymes #4

School
Pictures

Tuesday,
October 14
9:00 am-
1:00 pm

Life Skill: Take coat on and off by yourself. Fix the sleeves if inside out. Practice zipping (4K)

Family Tool Box: Sing songs about Jesus.

Snack/Show-n-Tell

We would like to thank you for the nutritious snacks that have been provided so far. Just a reminder - on the day your child brings the drink or snack, he/she may also bring something to show to the class.

SCRIP (now Raise Right)

If you haven't given SCRIP a try, think about it. Some families saved over \$30 on a month of tuition as well as earned that amount for the Early Childhood Center.

Gift cards make great gifts too!

ShopWithScrip and MyScripWallet is also available so you can order electronically or have the purchase for immediate use on your phone.



Fall Parties

On October 30 & 31, we will celebrate with Fall parties. We ask that children **do not** come to school with Halloween costumes. St. Paul's policy regarding Halloween is printed as follows in the handbook. "At St. Paul ECC, we emphasize Jesus' love and forgiveness instead of frightening images of goblins, witches and ghosts. That is why we celebrate with

a special Fall party in our classes rather than a traditional Halloween party. Halloween can be an exciting time with plenty of make-believe. There are fun and safe ways to celebrate that are not spooky or scary for preschoolers. Our art projects during Halloween will include fall colors or things like pumpkins and beautiful trees instead of witches or devils".

We will have the party in our gym area (300 wing)
3AM from 10:30-11:30 am
3PM from 2-3 pm
4K from 10:30-11:30 am

This year the party falls in the week our theme is Fairy Tales & Nursery Rhymes.

We will have Prince/Princess Day on Oct. 30 & King/Queen Day on Oct. 31, so your child may dress up as someone/something in a book..



4K in October

Date	Jesus Time Themes	Additional Concepts & Skills
Sept. 29-Oct. 3	Abraham & Isaac	Fall Ll - leaves orange
October 6-10	Jacob & Esau	Fall Oo - owl #2
October 13-17	Joseph & His Brothers	Safety Ff - fire
October 20-25	Moses' Birth	Safety red #3
Oct. 27-31	Crossing the Red Sea	Fairy Tales & Nursery Rhymes Jj - Jack #4

No School -
October 17

Child Care
is available

Absences/Illnesses

You have been doing a great job of letting us know if your child is ill or will be absent! It is helpful for us in our planning when we know this. Thank you for your help. We especially need to know about the following: whooping

cough, chicken pox, impetigo, pink eye ringworm, strep, scarlet fever, fifth disease, mono, lice or COVID. These are contagious and we would need to notify everyone in the class.

Book Buddies

Book Buddies are now available.

See the attached information. Each child will bring one home to try in the next few weeks. You may keep it for a week and after that, you may check them out yourself.



Child Care Information

Child Care is off and running this new school year. We are happy to say that we have several new children and families joining us. It has been a pleasure getting to know everyone. We are looking forward to spending the year together, especially watching the children learn and grow.

During our first month together, we worked on learning rules and procedures, manners, what germs are and pets vs. wild animals. The children also learned about the Creation story and how God made each of them - special in their own way. They also got to meet and spend time with Pastor Adam, as he leads our Jesus' time once a week and occasionally stops in for a visit during our playtime.

As we begin the month of October, we will be talking about the season of Fall; including leaves and pumpkins. Fall also brings cooler weather. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather - as we go outside twice a day. Also, if you haven't already, please send an extra set of clothes that includes long pants and a long sleeved shirt.

We are looking forward to a great year. If you have any questions or concerns relating to your child and his/her progress, please feel free to approach one of the Child Care teachers. We would be happy to talk to you anytime. Have a great October.!

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Library Days

The Falls, Park & Library - 4K walked to the falls and then to the park. We had wonderful weather! We will try to do this again in May.

We ended the day at the library where Miss Britt read to us. She came to visit the Preschool classes the next day.

Each group heard 3 from this list: "How to Get Your Octopus to School", "On the Way to School", "Hamsters Make Terrible Roommates", "How to Give Your Cat a Bath", "All the Ways to Be Smart" or "Back to School Jokes". We put colored fish on a flannel board, counted them and sang a song.

The next library days are Oct. 8 for 4K and Oct. 9 for PS. Drivers will be needed at 10:50 am for 4K.

WMELS Standards

Positive Social Relationships

Social Competence:

- 1. Demonstrates attachment, trust and autonomy.**
- 2. Engages in social interaction and play with others.**

- * We comfort your child when they have difficulty separating from you or get upset.
- * We guide exploration of the classroom to help children find things to try on their own.
- * Free play allows the children to play near or with others as they are comfortable.
- * Guided play helps children interact with each other.

- 3. Demonstrates understanding of rules and social expectations.**
- 4. Engages in social problem solving and learns to resolve conflict.**

- * We spend time learning and practicing procedures in the classroom like taking turns talking, sharing, etc.
 - * Christian behavior is modeled by the teachers and practiced by the children.
 - * When conflict arises we help each child share their side of the story and find a way to fix the situation.
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