

P.M.

It is hard to believe that we have been in school for over a month. The children are doing a wonderful job of learning the daily routine of preschool. We are busy from the time we arrive until the time we load in cars and say our goodbyes. October brings a lot of fun happenings in preschool. We will be talking about fall changes, creating fun Halloween projects and working on basic skills we will build on the rest of the year. We will also be having a Halloween party. As you can see October will prove to be a very eventful month in preschool. I hope your child is enjoying his/her time at preschool as much as we are enjoying our time with them. Please note that we have several no school days in October. You will find these dates on your calendar.

What we are learning:

Letters: T, I, A, N

Number: 2 & 3

Color: Orange & Black

Shape: Square

Concept: Sorting & Patterning



Things to work on:

Naming shapes & colors

Recognizing first name

Writing First Names

Grasping writing tools

Scissor Skills

Bag About Me

We will be sending home the bag about me with every student throughout the next few months. When your child is the snack helper they will bring the bag home with them. Put an item in this bag and return it to school the next class day. The children love picking something from home to show his/her friends at school. This item will be sent home the same day it is brought to school. Please encourage your child to bring only one item to school.



Happy Halloween

Teddy Bear Tea Party

On Wednesday, October 4 we will be having our Teddy Bear Tea Party to celebrate letter "T" week. Your child is asked to bring a Teddy Bear to school that day. We have some fun activities planned for this special day with our "special friends". All Teddy Bears will return home the same day.

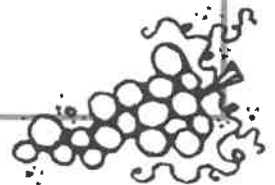


Volunteers

Please remember to volunteer in the classroom or drive on field trips you need to have completed the Safe Environment Training (formerly PGC) This is a diocesan rule that we are required to follow.

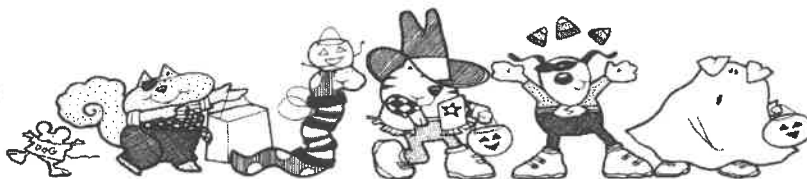
Snack

Thank you for all of the great snacks we have received this year. Just a little reminder that if you send items in such as grapes, apples or strawberries please take the time to wash them and cut them up for us. This makes our snack time much easier. Also, if sending juice, a bottle is preferred over juice boxes.

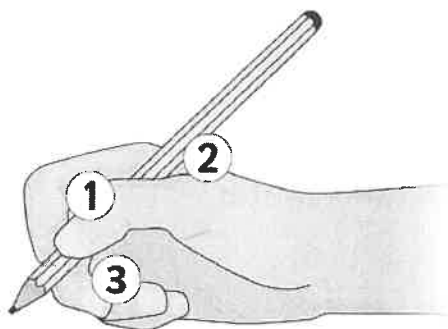


Halloween Party

We will be celebrating Halloween on Monday, October 30. The children will get to wear their costumes to school that day. We will parade through the school to share our costumes with the whole school. We will also have a few fun games for the children as well as a special Halloween "party treat". Look for a reminder note closer to the date.



How to Hold a Pencil



1. Put your thumb and forefinger just above the cone shaped part of the pencil.
2. Let the pencil rest between your thumb and forefinger.
3. Then put your middle finger underneath for support.



Pencil Grasp

If you would like to help your child work on their pencil grasp please refer to the diagram below. One thing we do at preschool is to have the children hold a cotton ball in the three folded fingers. Giving them something to hold seems to help encourage the correct "tripod grasp".

Field Trip

We will be taking a field trip to Ballard Nature Center on Friday, October 20. Please fill out the attached field trip permission slip. We will leave the school at 12:30 p.m. Field trip drivers need to be at school at 12:15 p.m. Please watch the weather and dress your child accordingly. I do ask that all students wear tennis shoes as we will be hiking the trails during our visit.

If you are driving please bring your drivers license and insurance card to the office and have it copied. Be sure to bring the copy to the classroom to give to me. Also, as a reminder, only children enrolled in the designated class will be permitted to attend field trips.

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE IN A CAR SEAT. Please be sure that you have a car seat for your child when dropping them off in the morning. Please mark it clearly with their name so we do not mix up seats. If your child does not have a car seat they will be sent back home with you. A permission slip is included with this newsletter.

Please be sure to sign and return it to school by Wednesday, October 4.

Field Trip Drivers

Julie Althoff

Andrea Storm

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Letter T 2 Number 2	3	Teddy Bear Tea Party 4	5	No School 6
Letter I 9 Number 2 No School	10	11	12	Library Day 13
Letter A 16 Number 3	17	18	19	Field Trip 20
Letter N 23 Number 3	24	25	26	No School 27
Letter Review 30 Number Review Halloween Party	31	Letter Learning Day		

- * Birthday Celebrations:
- Library Day: Children get to check out library books. Please return books within a week.
- Letter Learning Day: Add one item to your bag that starts with the letter sound written on your bag.

October

4 yr. old P.M. Snack Schedule

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
2	4 Teddy Bear Tea Party	6 No School
9 No School	11 Briggs	13 Axell
16 Rogan	18 Wyatt	20 School Provided
23 Lawson	25 Jude	27 No School
30 Halloween Party		

Please provide a nutritious snack on your assigned day. We also ask that a drink be provided. The drink needs to be either milk or 100% juice. Cups and napkins will be provided at school. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

*Birthday Celebration