

It is hard to believe that we have been in school for almost 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 here at school. 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.

What we are learning:

Number : 2 and 3

Color: Orange & Black

Shape: Square

Concept: Sorting

Skill: Coloring with correct pencil grasp

Things to work on:

Recognizing first name

Naming shapes & colors

Coloring Skills

Grasping writing tools

### 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.

## Trick or Treat

### Jackets

With fall comes cooler temperatures. Please be sure to check the morning temperatures and dress your child accordingly. We will hope to have time to head out to the playground a few days this month and it is always better to opt for no coat than not to have one at all.



## Halloween Party

We will be celebrating Halloween on Thursday, October 31. 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.



## Halloween Parade

We would love for parents and grandparents to join us for a Halloween parade on Thursday, October 31 at 10:20 a.m. We will be parading through the "big kid's" classrooms here at school and then finish our parade in the gym. We will end our morning with a few songs and then your child will be free to leave with you. We hope you can all make plans to attend our parade.



## Field Trip

We will be taking a field trip to Evergreen Park on Thursday, October 17. Please fill out the attached field trip permission slip. We will leave the school at 8:30 a.m. Field trip drivers need to be at school by 8:15 a.m. 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. A permission slip is included with this newsletter. Please be sure to sign and return it to school by Thursday, October 3.

### Field Trip Driver

Andrew Beeman

Amy Allred

Doug/Ashley Jansen

Richelle Volk



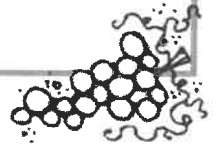
### Volunteers

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.

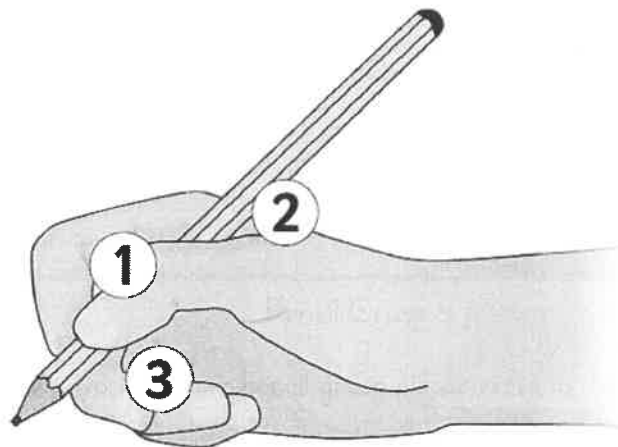
Also, if sending juice, a bottle is preferred over juice boxes.



### 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".

## 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.

# OCTOBER <sup>3 yr.</sup>

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15 Library Day	16	17 Field Trip	18
21	22 *Graysen	23	24 Orange & Black Day Bring It & Wear It *Theo	25
28	29	30	31 Halloween Party	

- \*Birthday Celebrations: Graysen Beeman 10/18 Theo Jansen 10/23

- Library Day: Children get to check out library books. Please return books within a week.

- Color Day: Have your child wear something & bring a picture of something that color to add to our bulletin board.

# October

## 3 yr. old Snack Schedule

Tuesday	Thursday
Molly 1	Nora 3
Nolan 8	Sienna 10
Amelia 15	School Provided 17
*Graysen 22	*Theo 24
Derek 29	Halloween Party 31

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 (a jug is preferred). Cups and napkins will be provided at school. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

\*Birthday Celebration



## RELEASE / REQUEST FORM - STANDARD ACTIVITY

We request that our child \_\_\_\_\_ be allowed to go on the field trip to Evergreen Park with St. Anthony's Pups' Patch Preschool (hereafter the "Organization") presently scheduled to depart on Thursday, October 17 and to return on Thursday, October 17 because we believe this trip will benefit our child both educationally and spiritually.

We understand that all rules of conduct and standards of behavior, as deemed by the Organization will apply to this trip and we have discussed these with our child. We further understand that we must assume all responsibility and liability for our child while traveling to, from, and during this trip. With this knowledge, we freely assume this responsibility and liability.

We also understand that it may not be financially feasible for the Organization to provide transportation for all those who are going on this field trip. Therefore, we understand that some participants may be traveling by bus or by privately owned vehicles. With this knowledge, we hereby consent to our child traveling to, from, and during this trip in either of these manners.

We further understand that the Organization is not responsible for any damages or accidents that may result from our child's actions or the actions of others. To the greatest extent possible, we release the Organization and the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, and all those acting on their behalf, from all liability for damages to or caused by our child as a result of this trip and we agree to indemnify them for any such damages.

**We hereby also give our consent for our child to receive emergency medical care during this trip.**

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please return to school by Thursday, October 3.**