



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:

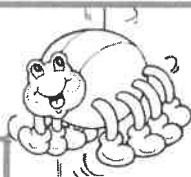
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Number: 2 & 3

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

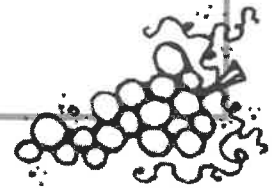
Volunteers

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 or individual wrapped bottles.

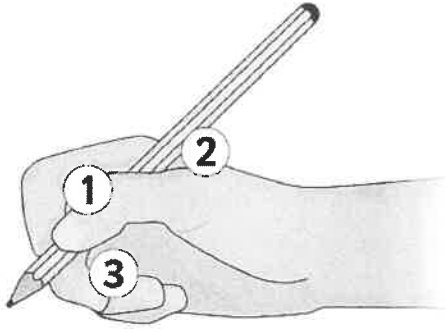


Halloween Party

We will be celebrating Halloween on Wednesday, 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. 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 Wednesday, October 23. 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 Friday, October 4.

Field Trip Drivers

Kara Huston

Tanara McDonald

Paige Hussey

OCTOBER P.M.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Letter T Number 2	1	2	3	4
Letter I Number 2	7	8	9	10
Letter A Number 3 No School	14	15	16 Library Day	17
Letter N Number 3	21	22	23 Field Trip	24
Letter M Number 4 *Elliott	28	29	30 Halloween Party	25
			31	No School
				Letter Learning Day

- *Birthday Celebrations: Elliott McDonald 10/29
- 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
	Ada 2	Alvarito 4
Brooks 7	Annie 9	No School 11
No School 14	Emma 16	Hadley 18
Jillian 21	June 23	No School 25
*Elliott 28	Halloween Party 30	

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 Ballard Nature Center with St. Anthony's Pups' Patch Preschool (hereafter the "Organization") presently scheduled to depart on Wednesday, October 23 and to return on Wednesday, October, 23 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 Friday, October 4