



hello OCTOBER



Our first month of school has gone by so quickly. The children are doing a fantastic job of learning the daily routine of preschool. We are busy from the time we arrive until the time we go home and say our good byes. October brings a lot of fun and learning here 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. October will be a very busy month for our preschool boys and girls. I am so proud of how well all the boys and girls are doing. We hope you are hearing about our fun filled learning days from your children. Keep practicing name writing and letter of the week recognition at home to support our in classroom work. Thank you for all you do.

Halloween Party /Halloween Parade

We will be celebrating Halloween on Friday, October 30. The children will get to wear their school appropriate costumes to school that day. Please NO WEAPONS or masks. We will parade through the school to share our costumes with the other grades. We will also have a few fun games for the children as well as a special Halloween treat!

We would love for families to join us for a Halloween parade on Friday, October 30 at 10:20 a.m. We will be parading through the "big kid's" classrooms here at school and then finish our parade in front of our families in either the gym or outside on the playground (depending on the weather that day). We will end our morning with a few songs for you and then your child will be free to leave with you from the parade.

Please check out with me before taking your child that day.

We hope you can all make plans to attend our Halloween parade.



Ms. Renee's
4 Year Old A.M.
Newsletter

What we are learning:

Letters: H, N, M, K

Number : 2, 3, 4

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

Birthdate

No School Days

Friday, October 9

Monday, October 12

Friday, October 23



Field Trip

We will be taking a field trip to Ballard Nature Center on Friday, October 16. Please fill out the attached field trip permission slip. Students will be dropped off at the normal class time, 7:50-8 A.M. Field trip drivers need to be at school at 8:05 a.m. We will plan to leave the school around 8:15 a.m. Please watch the weather and dress your child accordingly. We ask that all students wear tennis shoes or appropriate hiking shoes as we will be walking 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.

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE THEIR CAR SEAT. Please be sure that you have a car seat for your child when dropping them off in the morning if you are not a field trip driver. 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.

A few reminder:

- Please dress for the weather that day and wear proper shoes for walking the trails.
- Sign and return permission slip by Monday, October 5.
- Only children enrolled in the designated program are allowed to go on the field trip
- Label your child's car seat with their name on the back or side with masking tape!



Parent Field Trip Volunteers/Drivers

Ashley Dust
Rachel Thoele
Jessica Mottashed
Hillary Ellington
Leah Teichmiller
Kristen Doty
Matt or Hanna Page

* If you are unable to drive please let me know as soon as possible.



Snack Reminder:

Peanut Free Classroom

A few suggestions for peanut free snacks are below:

Teddy Grahams

Goldish

Oreos

Nilla Wafers

Cheez-Its

Pretzels

Animal Crackers

Fruit

Some Fruit Snack

Please check labels!

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at

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School phone

217-347-0419

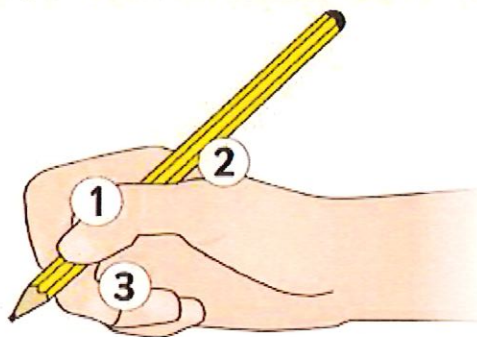
My cell phone

217-690-3725

If you would like to help your child work on their pencil grasp please refer to the diagram . A tip to try is to have the children hold a cotton ball in the three folded fingers. Giving them something to hold helps encourage the correct "tripod grasp"

(we call it the alligator hold at school also).

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.

Alphabet and Name Practice

Please encourage alphabet recognition practice at home. A great way to do this is by playing games. At times I will send games home for you to play with your child that we also play here at school. Another fun one is to get an Alphabet Memory Match game and play it with your child.

Start out with 5 letters and build on from that!

When your child is writing their name at home please encourage proper pencil grasp. The first letter of their name is only in an uppercase, the rest of their name must be in lower case formation. Thank you for all your support at home!

Jackets

As the fall weather approaches please be sure to check the morning temperatures and dress your child accordingly.

It can get cool waiting outside of the building and at recess.





Ms. Renee's October 4 A.M. Snack Schedule



Monday	Wednesday	Friday
		2 *Halle
5 Odette	7 Reed	9 No School
12 No School	14 Sterling	16 Yani
19 Beckham	21 Brooks	23 No School
26 Harper	28 Koen	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 (a jug is preferred over juice boxes). Cups and napkins will be provided by the school.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE A PEANUT FREE CLASSROOM. PLEASE CHECK LABELS AND DO NOT SEND ITEMS THAT CONTAIN PEANUTS. We have 16 students.

*Birthday Celebration: Halle



Ms. Renee's
4 Yr. A.M.

October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Letter I Number 2			1	2 Letter Learning Day *Halle
5 Letter H Number 2	6	7	8	9 No School
12 Letter N Number 3 No School	13	14	15	16 Field Trip
19 Letter M Number 3	20	21 Library Day	22	23 No School
26 Letter K Number 4	27	28 Letter Learning Day	29	30 Halloween Party

*Birthday Celebrations: Halle

- 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.



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 Friday, October 16, 2026 and to return on Friday, October 16, 2026 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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Return to School by: Monday, October 5, 2026