

Classroom Times

Teacher: Pre-Kindergarten: Miss Donna Olp

Date: October, 2008



MATH/LANGUAGE ARTS

This month's topics include Squares, Big/Middle/Little, Narrow/Wide, One-to-One Correspondence, Top/Middle/Bottom, Sorting, more Patterns, Inside/Outside. Please help your child recall his/her birth date, which we will begin practicing.

We will develop the theme "Firehouse" in Language Arts with the stories FIREHOUSE, FIREFIGHTERS, FLASHING FIRE ENGINES, and FIRE TRUCKS. Our special creative play center this month will include a pop-up fire engine and firefighter costumes and accessories. We are practicing the letters C, D, and E (including beginning printing skills and letter/sound associations). Our featured nursery rhyme is "Little Miss Muffet."

NOTES

*Happy October birthday to: Desiree (11), Mrs. Benedict (15), Dominic (16) and Elizabeth and Grace S. (21)!

*Don't forget: no school Thursday, October 9 AND no preschool classes Monday, October 20.

*We will celebrate Halloween on Thursday, Oct. 30. Costumes may be worn to school--no masks. Children may bring a treat to pass out; we'll make treat bags in school.

*We are off to a great start this year!

RELIGION/OCTOBER SAINT

Themes to be covered this month include Helpers, Church Family, Churches, Bible, and Halloween. We continue to focus on Old Testament stories on Mondays and Fridays (through Christmas). Children are learning prayer responses used during the Mass (i.e. "And also with you," "Thanks be to God," the Sign of Peace).

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI (10/4)
loved God's people and all creation with a strong and gentle love. He built the first Christmas creche and that custom continues all over the Christian world today.



SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES

We will be investigating Making Crayons/Colors, Fire Safety, Autumn Colors/Seasonal Changes, Pumpkins, and Bats. Our patriotic song for this month is "America the Beautiful." (Your child may wish to sing last month's song, "Yankee Doodle," for you as a solo!)

ART APPRECIATION

This month's featured masterpiece is "Arrangement in Grey and Black No. 1," by James McNeill Whistler. (Popularly known as "Whistler's Mother.")