

NEWSLETTER

ASSUMPTION PRESCHOOL AND PREKINDERGARTEN

This week's news ~ October 23-27, 2023

Preschool:

- **Tuesday**, we talked about pumpkin patches. Visits to the pumpkin patch, what do you see? We played the "5 Little Pumpkins" rhyme using pumpkins on a stick, and we created a pumpkin patch by counting out and drawing 5 vines and 5 orange and round pumpkins.
- We read "Going on a Ghost Hunt", "Which Halloween Costume?", and "Froggy's Halloween". We also told the class what our costumes will be.
- We counted out pumpkin seeds to match the number on pumpkins, and we sorted pumpkins into small, medium, and large sizes onto a pumpkin patch. We also played a pumpkin face matching game.
- We had indoor recess this afternoon, which we spent moving to an exercise video and following directions to "Bean Bag Boogie" on CD. We also had book time throughout the day.
- **Thursday**, we talked about Jack-o'-Lanterns. We sang a song about them, we made one using tissue paper, we made a name puzzle by cutting out pieces in the shape of one, and we recognized the patterns used to make faces using shapes on a Jack-o'-Lantern.
- We read two Halloween books and we heard some pumpkin facts.
- We spelled our names to the class and told them how old we were.
- We talked about different ways we praise God in chapel time.

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Prekindergarten:

- **Monday**, we had fun keeping time, singing opposites, musical directions and listening, during music time with Ms. Varon.
- We listened to directions and did our best cutting and gluing making a Jack-o'-Lantern.
- We read a Halloween book.
- We talked about the letter G,g, recognized pictures that start with G, and found names of children with G in them.
- We practiced reciting our full names (first, middle, last).

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- **Wednesday**, we talked about bats and their nocturnal habits. We read a book on bat facts, one of which is that bats don't suck human blood, only that of larger animals. We created a relief picture of a bat flying at night in front of the moon, using chalk. We also acted in a bat counting rhyme and said a bat poem.
- We practiced writing G,g and circled the "G" beginning sounds. We started learning the alphabet sign language along with 2 words.
- We talked about what to do when we need to calm down, with Sam and Andy during our social emotional lesson.
- We practiced for our first Mass on Friday. How to walk in reverently, Bless ourselves with Holy Water, and bow to the altar.
- Today was early release day.
- **Friday**, we attended Mass for the first time this year. The children did a great job walking over reverently, using the Holy Water with the Sign of the Cross, sitting quietly, responding appropriately, listening to the Homily, and leaving in a quiet fashion. We are so proud of them!
- Our subject today was skeletons. We identified the main bones in our body and what the bones' functions are. We made a skeleton picture using q-tips, which represented our back bone, ribs, hip bone, legs, arms, and feet. We danced to a couple of Halloween skeleton dances and read a book.
- We also had PE in the gym today with Ms. Eager. We tossed bean bags and caught them, we jumped from spot to spot, and we jogged on the big blue line.
- We visited the library and listened to a story read to us by Mrs. Kim. We also checked out a book for the classroom.

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- *Please remember, every Wednesday is an early release day at 2:00 p.m.*
- *One of our many goals is to teach independence to your child. We ask them to attempt all self-care (wiping after toilet, putting on shoes, putting on jackets, carrying their bags, hanging up their backpacks and coats, etc.) by themselves before helping if needed. We would appreciate if you would support this at home by allowing them to do as much as they can. They will surprise you!*

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Upcoming events in October-November:

- Mon., Oct. 30 – Principal's Coffee 8:00 a.m. library
- Mon., Oct. 30 – Prek children may wear costumes (if they can be played in at recess)
- Tues., Oct. 31- Preschoolers may wear costumes (if they can be played in at recess)
- Nov. 5th – Open House Sunday for Preschool and Kindergarten 11:30 to 1:30pm
- Wed., Nov. 8 - Casual Uniform Day (Tshirt/sweatshirt with school logo and jeans)
- Nov. 10th – No School – Veteran's Day Observed
- Nov. 15-16-17th– Book Fair is 8-3:30pm
- Nov. 17th – Grandparent's Day with Reception and Mass
- Movie Night – November 17th at 7:00 PM
- Wed. Nov. 15 and Thurs. Nov. 16 – Prek and Preschool FEAST days! (More info coming - not on webpage)
- Nov. 20-24- NO SCHOOL – Conferences/Thanksgiving Holiday

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