

EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

October 2017

Dear Parents:

In celebration of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, Mother Suz will lead a Pet Blessing for the Day School families at 9:15a.m. on Wednesday, October 4th. All pets of EDS families are welcome to this brief service of prayer for our furry, scaly, or wiggly animal friends. Parents should gather with pets in the breezeway, under the bell tower. The teachers will bring the students out to join pets and parents.

October is National Fire Prevention month, so we will be inviting Clemson University Fire Department to visit our school! The firemen will come to discuss fire prevention, home evacuation plans, and safety with the students. A fireman will put on his/her gear on show what he/she would look like when helping someone in a fire. They will also bring a fire engine and ambulance for the children to see up close!

The classes will be talking about Halloween, singing songs, and making creative masks this month. These "masks" are fun, child-friendly creations such as owls, spiders, and cats. On Monday, October 30th, all students will participate in a school Halloween Parade & Celebration with the masks they have created. Though it will be very casual, nothing extravagant, parents are welcome to come at 11:30 a.m. and watch their children parade around the Parish Hall. Children can depart with their parents at the end of the parade, as long as a parent tells the child's teacher that they are leaving. Children should not wear Halloween costumes to school. Please respect this request and understand that children who arrive at school in a costume will need to change into regular clothing. *2-Day 2K Class Parents – Please know that you are welcome to come and stay with your children in the parish hall at 11:30a.m., October 30th, if your child wants to participate in this activity.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Watkins

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SPECIAL DATES

- Oct. 1 Day School Sunday at Holy Trinity Church, 10:30a.m.
- Oct. 2-6 EDS Spirit Week
 - Monday Silly Socks Day
 - Tuesday Wacky Hair Day
 - Wednesday Class Colors Day
 - Thursday Favorite Character Day
 - Friday Clemson Tigers Spirit Day
- Oct. 4 Blessing of Pets, 9:15a.m. below bell tower
- Oct. 4 PAC Meeting, 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall
- Oct. 6 Tri-ART Field Trip: *Click, Clack, Moo*, depart at 9:00a.m. 3-Day 3K & 5-Day 3K Classes
- Oct. 6 4K Class Walking Field Trip Bowman Field
- Oct. 10 Tri-ART Field Trip: *Air Play*, depart at 9:00a.m. -4K Class
- Oct. 11 Jacob Dean Photography 3-Day 2K, 3-Day 3K, & 4K classes
- Oct. 12 Jacob Dean Photography 2-Day 2K, 5-Day 2K, & 5-Day 3K classes
- Oct. 16 Parent-Teacher Conferences, NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 26 Fire Drill
- Oct. 30 Halloween Parade, 11:30 a.m.
- Nov. 17 Stone Soup Celebration & Usborne Book Sale 11:00a.m. Parents/Grandparents are invited for lunch

REMINDERS

Sign-up for a Parent-Teacher Conference time with your child's teacher. Sign-up sheets are posted outside of the classrooms doors. Conferences will take place **Monday, October 16th**. The children will not have class on October 16th; there is no school and no extended care. Childcare will be provided in the children's chapel/library room for students during their parents 10-15 minute meeting with teachers. Please do not bring your child into the conference, for it is difficult have an open discussion in his/her presence.

Picture Days - Jacob Dean Photography will be at the school to take the children's portraits.

Wednesday, October 11th

3-Day 2K Blue Bird Class – Laura/Henry

3-Day 3K Yellow Bird Class – Duncan/Andrus

4K Red Bird Class – Nash/Campbell

Thursday, October 12th

2-Day 2K Blue Bird Class – Laura/Henry

5-Day 2K Blue Bird Class – Laura/Henry

5-Day 3K Yellow Bird Class – Russell/"B"

Note: Class Pictures will not be taken at this time, but instead in the spring.

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Extracurricular Activities



Creative Movement – Mrs. Duncan

First, I would like to give you an overview of what Creative Movement is and why it's important. It is much like P.E. (Physical Education), just for preschoolers. Each month, I will have a theme; such as shapes, animals, transportation, etc. We will start each class with some stretching and strength exercises. We end each class with a relaxing song and receiving a hand stamp for trying our best. Each week will be different. The children will learn a lot as we exercise and play games. It is a learning exercise class for preschoolers, and most love every minute!

Creative Movement went very smoothly in September with the theme of "Summer Things". The first week we pretended to go to the beach. We did some swimming exercises. We also built sand castles, pretended to be crabs and other ocean critters. The second week we were Bugs. We acted out the four butterfly stages. Playing musical flowers was a favorite. I also introduced exercise balls and we did various activities balancing and working on core strength. We will continue using the exercise balls throughout the school year.

I look forward to spending time with your children. They are all such a joy! Please make sure your child wears shorts/pants and sneakers on his/her Creative Movement day!

Music – Mrs. Andrus

September has been so much fun during music time! The first week we all sang a name song where each child stands up when they hear their names. This helped us to get to know each other! We also played rhythm sticks to the rhythm of our names. We sang lots of songs about apples and feelings and used number songs to learn about addition and subtraction. Math during music time! Learning can be so fun!

October will be a great month for music. We will sing and dance to songs about fire safety and, of course, Halloween. Our Halloween songs are fun and not scary (maybe just a little bit!) but it is all in fun! Thanks for sharing your children with me!

Spanish – Señora Russell (Mrs. Russell)

Saludos-Greetings! This year in Spanish we will focus on becoming familiar with vocabulary related to counting, the seasons, colors, food and family. Each week we will sing songs, play games involving movement and participate in craft projects that reinforce the vocabulary. Periodically, I will send home the craft projects and vocabulary word lists. Your children will have so much fun practicing at home with family. A fun way to start engaging your child in Spanish is to use simple greetings with them: Hola-Hello, Adios-Goodbye. Additionally, the Clemson-Central library has a Spanish section and many titles that include the Spanish vocabulary. The children all love to listen to Dora the Explorer and Skippyjon Jones books during our time together. I look forward to getting to know your children! –Senora Russell