

EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

October 2019

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 2nd. All pets, furry, scaly or wiggly, are welcome to this brief service of prayer. Children may bring a photograph of their pet or one stuffed. Parents should gather with pets in the breezeway, under the bell tower. The teachers will bring the students out to join pets and parents.

Since October is National Fire Prevention month, we will be inviting Clemson University Fire Department to visit our school. The firemen will 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 for the children to see up close.

Later this month, the classes will be talking about Halloween, singing songs, and making creative masks. These "masks" are fun, child-friendly creations like cats or owls. On Thursday, October 31st, all students will participate in a school Halloween Parade & Celebration with the masks they have created. Although it will be very casual, nothing extravagant, parents are welcome to come at 11:30 a.m. to watch the children parade around the parish hall. Children can leave 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. *3-Day 2K and 3-Day 3K Class Parents – Please know that you are welcome to bring and stay with your children in the parish hall at 11:30a.m., October 31st, if your child wants to participate in this activity.

There is much more going on at our school in October, so make sure to read the Special Dates section!

Blessings,

Suzanne Watkins

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SPECIAL DATES

- Oct. 2 Blessing of Pets, 9:15a.m. in breezeway below bell tower
- Oct. 4 Tri-ART Field Trip: *Okee Dokee Brothers*
3-Day 3K & ALL 4K Classes
- Oct. 6 Day School Sunday at Holy Trinity Church
- Oct. 9 PAC Meeting, 11:30a.m. in the adult library
- Oct. 17 Jacob Dean Photography
2-Day 2K, 5-Day 2K, 3-Day 4K and 5-Day 4K Classes
- Oct. 18 Jacob Dean Photography
3-Day 2K, 3-Day 3K, 5-Day 3K Classes
- Oct. 21 Parent-Teacher Conferences, NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 22-25 EDS Spirit Week
 - Tuesday Class Colors Day
 - Wednesday Mix Match, Wacky Wednesday
 - Thursday Favorite Character Day
 - Friday Clemson Tigers Spirit Day
- Oct. 31 Halloween Parade, 11:30a.m. in parish hall
- Nov. 1 Tri-ART Field Trip: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*
ALL 3K & ALL 4K Classes
- Nov. 5 Half-Day: No After School Care, 12p.m. Dismissal/Closing
- Nov. 22 Stone Soup Celebration & Usborne Book Sale
11a.m. Lunch; 12p.m. Dismissal/Closing for all Students
No After School Care

IMPORTANT DETAILS

Sign-up for a Parent-Teacher Conference time. Sign-up sheets are posted outside of the classrooms doors. Conferences will take place **Monday, October 21st**. The children will not have class on the 21st. There is no school and no extended care. Childcare will be provided in the children's chapel/library room for students during their parent's 10-15 minute meeting with the Lead Teacher. 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: Individual Portraits *Class Pictures will not be taken at this time, but instead in the spring.*

Thursday, October 17th

- 2-Day 2K Blue Birds, Mrs. B + Mrs. Carol
- 5-Day 2K Blue Birds, Mrs. B + Mrs. Carol
- 3-Day 4K Red Birds, Mrs. Duncan
- 5-Day 4K Red Birds, Mrs. Nash + Ms. Laura

Friday, October 18th

- 3-Day 2K Blue Birds, Mrs. B + Mrs. Carol
- 3-Day 3K Yellow Birds, Mrs. Duncan + Mrs. Andrus
- 5-Day 3K Yellow Birds, Mrs. Russell + Mrs. Melanie

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Extracurricular Activities



Creative Movement

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!

- Mrs. Duncan

Music

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!

- Mrs. Andrus

Spanish

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!

- Señora Russell (Mrs. Russell)