

EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

October 2020

Dear Parents:

We will hold Parent/Teacher Conferences on Friday, October 9th. This will be a time for you to talk your child's teacher about how your child is settling in at school and ask any questions about their school day. More details are provided on the Signup Genius form that has been emailed to parents.

Day School Sunday will be held on Sunday, October 4th. Holy Trinity's online 10:30 service on that day will highlight our teachers and students. The structure of the service will follow the pattern of the First Sunday service, with young readers, music from our Children's Choirs, and a children's message. Please join us as we give thanks for the life-giving and life-changing work of our Episcopal Day School.

Holy Trinity will continue the tradition of blessing pets of all sorts on Sunday, October 4th at 3:00 pm. Furry, feathered, or scaly--bring them to the Trinity Place Pavilion. We will bless our critter friends in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, pray a bit, and marvel at the vocal stylings of Falstaff, the Singing Lab. Bring your pets (leashed, crated, or held securely in your arms) and wear a mask. It will be a wild and woolly half-hour. You and your pet will be glad you came!

School pictures will be taken outdoors this year on Wednesday, 10/14 with a rain date of 10/28. The photographer, Sarah Amick (<https://www.facebook.com/Sarah-Amick-Photography-105162140980866/>), will be practicing social distancing and wearing a mask at all times. The theme will be Fall and colors in the background will be orange and yellow.

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 Friday, October 31st, all students will participate in a school Halloween Parade & Celebration with the masks they have created. 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.

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

Blessings,

Lauren Russell

SPECIAL DATES

- Oct. 4 Day School Sunday, 10:30 am, Holy Trinity Church
online service:
<https://www.holytrinityclemson.org/htv/>
- Oct. 4 Blessing of Pets, 3:00 pm, Holy Trinity Pavilion
- Oct. 9 Parent-Teacher Conferences, NO SCHOOL
By appointment through Sign-up Genius
- Oct. 12 School Holiday, NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 14th Outdoor School Photography (10/28 Rain Date)
- Oct. 31st Halloween Parade and Parties, Please no costumes, parade will be shared via social media
- Nov. 3rd Election Day Holiday, NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 20-30th Virtual Usborne Book Sale Fundraiser

EDS Spirit Week

October 19th-23rd

Monday: Class Colors Day
Tuesday: Hat Day
Wednesday: Tacky, Wacky
Thursday: Silly Sock Day
Friday: Team Spirit Day

All EDS students are invited to join the fun during Spirit Week. The week will start off with Class Colors Day. Yellow Birds may wear yellow and Red Birds may wear red. The week will continue with different attire themes each day. Please let your teacher know if you have any questions!

Instagram: [hteds_clemson](https://www.instagram.com/hteds_clemson)

Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/EDSClemson>

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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)