



"Children are the hands by which we take hold of heaven. ~Henry Ward Beecher

*From Lori* – October already? Fall is already here? Where did the time go? Our first month of school has flown by. Thank you parents for doing a wonderful job of encouraging their children as get dropped off, keeping goodbyes short and sweet. Teachers have been giving lots of hugs and reassurance as the children go about their new class routines. The transition from home to school is new for so many of our children. We have seen tears but they are gone within the first few minutes of class. We started chapel with our older classes and have enjoyed music with Miss Judy. The children experienced their first fire drill of the school year and they did a great job of listening and following directions.

It is exciting to anticipate all the changes that the Fall season brings to our neighborhood. God's beautiful palette of colors, crunching leaves, and that crispness in the air that finally tells us it's Fall.

We enjoyed the time we had together with you during our 25th Annual Parent Open House. I'd like to thank our Preschool Board of Directors for the delicious refreshments and hosting us for the evening.

Our first Backpack Buddies food drive was a huge success! Our next Backpack Buddies event will take place the first week in December. Thank you for your support! Your generosity gives the neediest children an opportunity for a weekend meal.

As many of you have noticed, the resident geese are moving about the church campus. I know that some of you are tempted to feed them but PLEASE do not feed them. We do not want to give them more encouragement to stay but to find other lakeside areas to take up residence.

## Child Development Notes

Building a math-rich environment for young children can be great fun. Autumn is a great time to begin the focus on math with some indoor and outdoor activities. Children can use their estimating skills by guessing how many cookies are in the cookie jar. The child with the closest answer can enjoy an extra cookie snack. Cooking is a great math activity. You can ask children to guess how many cookies the batter will make. Then enjoy the smells of baking as you await the results. Cooking is a great skill that can begin at a very young age. Children learn to measure, count, estimate, create shapes, and the best part....taste their creation. It's also a wonderful family time that provides for lots of interaction. While doing the laundry ask children to count out the pairs of socks going into the washer. Have them match the socks when they come out of the dryer. Counting pairs introduces them to counting and grouping by twos. Enjoy a scavenger hunt. Have children count how many windows are in the house, or count how many brown shoes are in the closet, how many windows and doors are in the house, or light switches on the walls. Go outside! Count the trees in the yard. Match different kinds of leaves, sort them, collect acorns, and visit a pumpkin farm. Autumn has so many beautiful living objects to learn about the world of mathematics. Sorting (by size, color, etc. ), matching, and sequencing different kinds of apples, pumpkins, and gourds is great fun. The more children can touch and feel the objects they are working with, the more the concept gets reinforced and mastered.

Another fun activity is to make collections of rocks, stamps, leaves, acorns, keys, stuffed animals, etc. Come up with ways to organize them--by size, color, or shape. Let your child come up with ways to create patterns or designs with small objects.

When playing with your child, use math words to describe what you are doing. Words such as more/less, empty/full, first/second, etc., front/middle/back, forward/backward, next, many/few, narrow/wide, some, half/whole, are just a few words that develop math skills in everyday activities.

The possibilities are endless! Involve your child in creating fun "math games" to play in daily routines. Let your imagination wander! ----Lori Tremper

## *Classroom Happenings*

**Miss Susanne and Miss Jennifer's Toddlers** – September has flown by. We have been getting to know each other and learning the routine in class. Our Toddlers are starting to handle separation in the morning a little more easily and are able to relax and enjoy playing in the room within minutes of you all leaving. In October, we are looking forward to welcoming Fall! We have lots of things planned for our Toddlers. This month we will learn about apples and the Fall harvest, pumpkins of course, and at the end of October we will have our Fall Festival. Our featured colors will be: red, black, brown and orange. We will also be talking about God's plan and how Fall is God's way of getting all his creatures ready for winter, with the harvest, storage of food, growth of thick, warm fur, and the changes in the leaves as trees and all of nature prepares for the winter rest. Please remember to send in jackets and check the weather report when getting ready for school. The cooler days are coming! *Love, Miss Susanne and Miss Jennifer.*

**Miss Kellie and Miss Rebekah's Twos** – What a wonderful start to the year! Our new friends are settling in and are adjusting amazingly well to school. Snack time and painting seem to be favorite activities and we will get to enjoy some special snacks this month as we talk about apples and pumpkins. We will also take advantage of the beautiful fall weather and go for walks to look at the changing leaves. *Love, Miss Kellie and Miss Rebekah.*

**Ms. Maxine and Ms. Suzanne's Twos** – September started out typically for the two year old children — in many cases a first-time experience. We have given lots of reassurance that this is really a fun, safe, and loving place to be. From the looks and sounds of the children, we think they are catching on quite well. They are noticing friends and finding new discoveries each day. Music is a happy time as we sing, dance and play instruments to new and old tunes. We look ahead to harvest time when we take a look at the world around us and how it is changing. New colorful trees, crunchy leaves, apples and a nip in the air! Maybe we'll even get to weigh, sort, and taste the apples before we turn them into a pie. We also want to explore what is

inside the big orange pumpkins that we see all around town. What fun! We feel very blessed to be able to watch this delightful group of twos learn and grow. *Love, Ms. Maxine, and Ms. Suzanne.*

**Miss Susanne and Miss Jennifer's Twos** – Our class has spent an active month getting to know each other and learning the routines of our class. The children all really enjoy circle time, music, art and of course playing outside. This group is extremely active and loves to dance at the end of the day in costume. In October, we are looking forward to welcoming Fall! We have lots of things planned for our crew of two's. This month we will learn about the Fall harvest, yummy delicious apples, pumpkins of course, and the finale for October will be our Halloween/Fall Festival. Our featured colors will be red, black, brown and orange. We will also be talking about God's plan and how Fall is the God's way of getting all his creatures ready for winter, with the harvest, storage of food, growth of thick, warm fur, and the changes in the leaves as trees and all of nature prepares for the winter rest. Please remember to send in jackets and check the weather report when getting ready for school. The cooler days are coming! *Love, Miss Susanne and Miss Jennifer.*

**Miss Mary Ann, Miss Sandy, and Miss Lee's Threes** – We have had a fantastic beginning to our new school year! We are learning the daily routine, how to walk in a line, share toys and most importantly making new friends. We enjoyed painting sea shells, and learning about sea animals and farm animals. October will be an exciting month as we watch the seasons change and fall weather arrives. Our class will be talking about owls, gray squirrels and pumpkins. We will cook delicious pumpkin muffins and finish out the month with a Fall celebration and costume parade. We are enjoying your precious children! *Love, Miss Mary Ann, Miss Sandy, and Miss Lee.*

**Ms. Diane, Ms. Alison, and Ms. Lee's Threes** – Ms. Diane's Threes are getting ready for fall! We will spend time learning about the signs of autumn, leaves, pumpkins, and apples. Our class will sample different types of apples and vote on

the ones we like the best. Then we plan to cook them and make applesauce! As we discuss the changes in the weather and the trees, we will take a nature walk and observe the leaves changing. Our class will also carve our very own pumpkin!

It will be fun to learn about God's world and what happens in the fall. Love, *Miss Diane, Miss Alison, and Miss Lee.*

**Miss Corene and Miss Georjeanne's Threes** – September has been a great month of getting to know each other and the children are wonderful! The children are making new friends and enjoy each other's company. They are learning how to pick up their toys and clean their places after snack! They are having such fun playing and learning in the centers. October themes will include; changing of the seasons, fire prevention, Pumpkins, Bats and Spiders. We will round out the month with a fall party! Love, *Miss Corene and Miss Georjeanne.*

**Miss Corene and Miss Grace's Fours** – We want to welcome Ms. Grace to our class! We are having a wonderful time getting to know the children and look forward to a successful school year! The children have adjusted to the routine and are making new friends. Our themes for the month of October are: Fire prevention, Fall Harvest (Pumpkins and Apples), and Bats to Spiders. We will incorporate these themes in our artwork and centers in our classroom. Our class will look forward to a Fall Festival on October the 25th! Thank you for sharing your class with us. Love, *Miss Corene and Miss Grace.*

**Miss Beth, Miss Verna, and Miss Julie's Fours** – We are off to a wonderful start to our school year. The Frogstastic Fours have been busy making new friends and becoming comfortable with the class routine. We look forward to an exciting, fun-filled school year! October will be filled with themes on Fire Safety and Prevention, our senses, and fun Fall activities. We will continue our number, color, and shape book and introduce the letters Z, H, and P. Thanks for sharing your precious children with us. Love, *Miss Beth, Miss Verna, and Miss Julie.*

**Ms. Marty and Ms. Letty's Fours** – We are having a great time getting to know your children. The month will begin with your children discovering some neat facts about the people who work in our community. There will

be time for tasting and comparing different apples, and then we will find out about pumpkins. We'll end the month having fun with bats and spiders. Love, *Ms. Marty and Ms. Letty.*

**Miss Jill and Miss Shirlee's Fours** – We have started the year off with friendships being renewed and new friendships formed. We started writing the alphabet and will continue with "frog jump" letters. We welcome the new season of Fall as we explore the beautiful changes that will take place this month. We will "discover" who Christopher Columbus is. We will be busy learning all about pumpkins, apples, creatures of the night, and harvest time. A Fall Festival will be shared with our other four year old classes at the end of the month. Love, *Miss Jill and Miss Shirlee.*

**Mrs. Rodwell and Mrs. Brownlow's Transitional Kindergarten** – Our class got off to a great start in September. Thanks so much for helping your children make a smooth transition back to school. Our classroom themes for October include: Apples, Pumpkins, Corn, and Spiders. The students will have an opportunity to sample different apple, pumpkin, and corn snacks. We will use these fruits and vegetables for graphing, counting, measuring, and creating patterns. Transitional Kindergarten will participate in a Fall Festival with the four-year-old classes. It should be a fun month for our class. Love, *Mrs. Rodwell and Mrs. Brownlow.*

**Miss Judy's Music Notes** – School is off to a great start and we're having such a good time in music. We are singing songs, playing instruments, and moving creatively. During October, we will be singing songs about pumpkins, colorful leaves, and harvest. We will play rhythm instruments and work on the musical concept of high and low. It is a joy working with each child. Thanks for sharing them with me. Love, *Miss Judy.*

### **Song of the Month**

#### **Leaves on the Trees**

(to the tune of Wheels on the Bus)

The leaves on the trees turn orange and red,  
Orange and red, orange and red.  
The leaves on the trees turn orange and red,  
All through the town.

The leaves on the trees come tumblin' down,  
tumblin' down, tumblin' down.  
The leaves on the trees come tumblin' down,  
All through the town.

The leaves on the ground go swish, swish, swish,  
swish, swish, swish, swish, swish swish.  
The leaves on the ground go swish, swish, swish,  
All through the town.

### ***Mark Your Calendar***

#### **October**

- 01: Preschool tuition due.
- 07: Last day tuition paid without late fee.
- 19-20: Bayleaf Fire Department visits Asbury
- 31: No Preschool – Wake County Teacher Work Day.

#### **November**

- 01: Preschool tuition due.
- 03-04: Photographer for individual and sibling photos. Just in time for the holidays!
- 07: Last day tuition paid without late fee.
- 11: No Preschool. Veteran's Day Observance.
- 23-25: No Preschool. Thanksgiving Holidays.

### **Announcements**

T-shirt and Sweatshirt Orders due by October 6.  
Additional order forms and some shirt sample sizes are available in the preschool office

Save your General Mills box tops and bring them to the drop box in the preschool office. Remember, all money earned goes toward the Teel Padgett Scholarship. A list of products is attached. Don't forget to link your Harris Teeter VIC card. The preschool number is 5751. Use the Kroger code in September's newsletter to scan when you shop. It will register your card for Kroger's education program. Thank you for your support of the Teel Padgett Scholarship Program.

Playground Information: The playground may be used after preschool (1:15 on lunch bunch days) with parental supervision. When the preschool is in session, only enrolled students and staff may be on the playground due to licensing regulations. If your child doesn't stay for lunch bunch, you will need to wait and use the

playground after 1:15 (12:15 on M, T, and F). We would like to ask that you pick up after your children. We have been picking up food wrappers and other trash after you leave. We do not have trash cans on the playground due to the attraction of bees and yellow jackets. Please remove your trash and bring it into the building or take it with you.

### **Security Reminders**

Our security system is armed during the day when your children are at preschool. The door bells at either ends of the preschool hallway are for adult use. Please do not allow your children press the bell when dropping off or at pick up time. Thank you!

### **Enjoy the City Books**

Over the next few weeks we will be winding down our sale of Enjoy the City coupon books. All proceeds from the sale of the books will go toward the Teel Padgett Scholarship Fund. Right now you will receive the 2011 book free with the order of the 2012 book which is scheduled to arrive this week! Take advantage of some additional savings for the rest of this year for free and support the scholarship fund.

### **General Mills**

We are busy collecting box tops for the Boxtops in Education program. When clipping boxtops, please remember that there is an expiration date on the boxtops. We cannot submit boxtops that are expired so do not drop those in the drop box. There are so many products and some stores are offering bonus coupons upon check out if you purchase General Mills products. Also, some products have double boxtops for back to school specials. Each boxtop is 10 cents toward the Teel Padgett Scholarship fund. Keep Clipping!

### **Bayleaf Fire Dept. Open House**

Bayleaf Fire Department will host an open house at their Station #1 on October 9. Go to [www.bayleaffire.com](http://www.bayleaffire.com) for more information and directions.

