

Miss Debbie's Mini 3s

October Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have already completed the first month of preschool. Your children are doing an awesome job! I am truly enjoying getting to better know each of them as well as seeing their new friendships developing. They have been busy exploring our classroom and trying new skills. They are enjoying painting at the easel, water coloring, playdough, building, dramatic play, puzzles, gluing, cutting, and even stapling! In just one month the children have become accustomed to our routines and are becoming more secure in making independent decisions and trying new things. I am also beginning to see much communication amongst themselves and more group play. They have started the Atrium, and already are exhibiting much reverence for our Lord. I think that He definitely created them to be little sponges at this age, absorbing everything they hear and see regarding our faith. I am so proud of them. Please continue to practice Grace before meals, making the sign of the cross, as well as praying the Guardian Angel prayer daily while at home. At his age, the children learn best through repetition. We are also working on hand washing...water first, then soap, making bubbles in their hands for 20 seconds (we sing Twinkle Twinkle Little Star during that time,) rinsing hands, drying hands, **then turning off the water with the paper towel used to dry their hands.** I know that the last step is probably different than what is practiced at home, but it is what we are to be teaching them as best health practices, so please try to implement it at home too.

I will be attending a Stewardship Convention at St. Paul's on Tuesday, October 1st with the Parish staff. Mrs. Savard will be subbing for me. She has already come into the classroom to meet the children, so I do not foresee any anxious kiddos. Miss Debbie

All Saint's Day Picnic

Please bring your blankets, chairs, games... and plan on joining our class in the Parish courtyard with a packed lunch for your entire family on **Thursday, October 31st at 11am.** Your child will be decorating a special All Saints' t-shirt to wear. It will be a great time for fellowship with other families and to meet your child's friends!

Important Dates

- Sat Oct 5th Pet Blessing at 9:30 in Parish Courtyard
- Tues Oct 8th Family Mass at 8:30 in main Church
No Before Care
- Fri Oct 11th Diocesan In-Service for staff
No Friday Enrichment
- Mon Oct 14th Columbus Day
No School
- Wed Oct 16th United Portraits – **Free Dress Day**
- Wed Oct 23rd Visit from Dental Hygienist
- Tues Oct 29th Trunk or Treat 5-7
Noon Dismissal – No Lunch Bunch or After Care
- Th Oct 31st All Saints' Celebration
Picnic in Courtyard at 11am

Trunk or Treat

Please consider decorating your trunk for this fun event. The more we have the merrier it is for your children! It will begin at 5pm in the Ramada for those of you who would like to pay \$20 per family to get some pizza, drinks, and glow in the dark necklaces for kiddos. Sign ups will be outside of your classroom. At 5:30, we will promptly have our costumed kiddos go to the parking lot adjacent to the preschool to begin trunk or treating. For newcomers, we ask that participating families bring a bag of candy and place it in the labeled container in the preschool office prior to the 29th. We will distribute this candy to the decorated cars until it is all gone...which usually only takes about an hour! We will lock the gate at Greenway at 3pm and place Caution Tape where it will begin. Those of you who would like to decorate your trunk can enter the parking lot off of 38th Street and back into the parking lot spaces by the closed Greenway gate. You can drive over the Caution Tape until it begins. Friends and family members are invited, just remember to include them with your headcount. **Please, we ask that weapons and scary costumes be left at home!**