



# October Newsletter

## Mrs. Miles

### Important Dates:

- Oct 10** - Home Room Parent Meeting
- Oct 11** - No School – Teacher In Service
- Oct 14** - No School – Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Oct 15** Carter's Farms / Petting Zoo
- Oct 28** – Noon dismissal NO LUNCH BUNCH OR AFTERCARE  
**Trunk or Treat** 5 – 6:00 p.m.
- Oct 31** – Free Dress – Halloween Colors but **NO COSTUMES**

For a Halloween make and take craft, each child will need to bring a hollowed-out pie pumpkin. **These should not be turned in any sooner than Thursday, October 31st** as they will begin to decay.

A "**PIE**" pumpkin - **NOT** tiny ornamental pumpkins and not a pumpkin pie... Please write your child's name on the bottom. Pie pumpkins are small pumpkins used to make pie. They are available at Fry's, Safeway, Walmart, or even Home Depot—ask the produce dept. For your reference, a pie pumpkin has been placed on top of our cubbies. The pumpkins will be returned at the end of the day as a beautiful fall decoration i.e. biodegradable flowerpot.

Dear Parents,

September was a busy month for Pre-K, it consisted of: Getting to Know Each Other and Establishing Agreements & Routines. We have settled into our daily schedules, made new friendships, taken on classroom responsibilities and had some enjoyable learning along the way. The children have been learning the Angel of God and Grace Before Meals prayers, practicing effective communication strategies, participating in Jolly Phonics, and starting to write their name using appropriate case i.e., upper case / lower case.

The month of October promises an equally thought-provoking month with the following overarching ideas: Respecting Life, Implementing Healthy Habits, and Spiritual Growth.

With All Saints' Day around the corner, we will discuss a handful of saints, holy men and women who have already gone to heaven, but, while they were alive, they glorified God. Please take a moment to notate a favorite saint on the signup sheet outside of our classroom. Additional experiences include: A "Saint Basket" that'll be circulated around the classroom, learning the song - *Fruit of the Spirit*, and creating special classroom t-shirts. Volunteers will be needed on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> to assist the children with tie-dyeing. Let me know if you're available. I will prewash the shirts and handle the rinsing of the dye. The children are encouraged to wear their spirit shirts on Thursdays, beginning November 14<sup>th</sup>.