



# October Newsletter

## Mrs. Miles

### Important Dates:

**Oct 1** – Installation of Fr. Cruz @ 6 pm Mass

**Oct 4** – Blessing of Animals 10 – 11 am

**Oct 9** - Home Room Parent Meeting

**Oct 10** - No School – Teacher In-Service

**Oct 13** - No School – Columbus Day /  
Indigenous Peoples' Day

**Oct 14** – Family Mass

**Oct 15** Carter's Farms / Petting Zoo

**Oct 30** – Free Dress – Halloween Colors but **NO COSTUMES**

Noon dismissal NO LUNCH BUNCH OR  
AFTERCARE – Go home, rest up, and return for  
**Trunk or Treat** at 5:30 pm

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 Spirit-Shirts that can be worn on Thursdays.

Remember to join our Facebook group so you can enjoy photos that are posted. St. Joan of Arc Catholic Preschool and Kindergarten, Phoenix

We need your help to make Trunk or Treat as memorable as possible. The more vehicles participating, the greater the fun. It isn't necessary to go all out in decorating your car. Something simple provides an additional experience for the kids. Open your trunk, throw in a few decorations and we'll provide the candy. If you are unable to decorate your car, please donate a bag of candy at the office.

