

Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center

OCTOBER

- 14&15 Fall Pictures
- 16 SAS Closed, TPD
- 18 Rattlesnake Festival
- 20 SAES Closed, TPD

NOVEMBER

- 11 SAS Closed, Veterans' Day
- 24-28 No VPK- (SHECC OPEN 24 & 25)
- 24-28 SAS & SAES Closed, Thanksgiving
- 25 SHECC Thanksgiving Soup Luncheon
- 26-28 SHECC CLOSED, Thanksgiving
- 30 Advent Begins

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to take this time to congratulate the family of Aurora Breedlove for winning the \$100.00 tuition credit. Thank you to all of the families who participated in our Cookie Dough Fundraiser.

Cookie Dough will be **delivered on Wednesday, October 8th, at 10:00 AM.** Please make arrangements to pick your order up on this day, as we do not have freezer space to store the boxes.



INFANTS

Fall is in the air! We would like to welcome Benjamin, Elizabeth, and Emma to the Baby Room.

Benjamin loves his floor time and the swing. He smiles and laughs every time you talk to him. He also likes to go outside and look all around.

Elizabeth loves outside time, especially the swing. She likes her floor time too. She is adjusting well to her new environment.

This is Emma's first week with us. We are enjoying getting to spend time with her and learning her personality.

Andrew loves to catch a nap in the swing outside. He will give you one of his beautiful smiles if you talk to him.

Leanna is trying to get on her hands and knees. She scoots all over the classroom. She enjoys sitting up to play with the toys. She still enjoys catching a nap in the swing outside.

Aamira has decided to run instead of walking. She takes off across the room like she's racing. She enjoys playing outside in the playhouse, sandbox, and pushing the car.

Demi is moving up to Ms. Rita's class. We will miss her, but know that she will have lots of fun exploring her new surroundings and hanging out with Kenzie.

With the beautiful fall weather, we will enjoy a cooler outside time. We will use our hands, feet, arms, fingers, and toes to paint with fall colors. We will make things like fall trees, leaves, and pumpkins.

Eating finger foods helps to build fine motor skills and well as eye-hand coordination. We love to watch the babies master the skill of picking something up and getting it to their mouth.

Thank you for your donations of snacks and wipes each month. They are greatly appreciated.

We are grateful for the opportunity to watch your child grow and learn. We love spending time with them and being a part of their life. As they get older and move from room to room, they will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Ms. Linda Ms. Teresa Ms. Phyllis

ONES

Welcome Fall! This month we will talk about fall colors, leaves, Pumpkins, and corn. We hope to welcome cooler weather. Along with that we welcome Demi to our classroom. We look forward to getting to know her.

Fall photos are scheduled for October 14th & 15th. Please have your child dressed in the clothes they are going to have their picture taken in, and bring a change of clothes in a bag. We will change them before going outside.

Halloween is just around the corner. On Friday, October 31st, we will celebrate with our annual trick-or-treat between classes. You are welcome to bring your child's costume. We will not be going to the other classrooms, but we will enjoy seeing all of the other children visit ours.

A special thank you to all those who purchased from our Cookie Dough fundraiser and/or our Scholastic Book



Fair. As always we appreciate your generosity to our fundraisers.

Ms. Rita

Ms. Sarah

Ms. Sandy

Ms. Jennifer



TWOS

Welcome Fall!!! We are so happy to feel your cooler days with soft breezes. Those dog days of summer were fun, but it is nice that the worst of the heat is behind us. Our October Unit Plan will cover learning about the fall season and the Halloween holiday. This will include sensory activities for both topics, plus how to dress for the changing weather and staying safe during Halloween activities.

Please make sure that your child has several changes of clothes in their basket for both warmer and cooler weather. As you probably know, our ever changing Florida weather could require both in the span of a few hours. What is the old saying "If you don't like Florida's weather just wait five minutes and it will change".

We are always looking for snacks for this group of friends... They are all like little caterpillars... Munch... Munch... Munch... So here are some ideas for snack donations: Crackers (saltine, butter, cheese, flavored, etc.), yogurt tubes, cheese sticks, applesauce, fruit cups, Newton's (fig or other), cereal bars, teddy grahams, graham crackers, rice cakes, vanilla wafers, pretzels,

popcorn (must be pre-popped with no hulls), combo's, Sun Chips, and last but not least GOLDENRICE!!! We also appreciate something to wash it all down with. Milk or Juice is a nice treat.

As always, if you ever have any questions, please feel free to ask. May the Good Lord Bless You and Your Family!

Ms. Shelley

Ms. Taylor



PRESCHOOL I

October is here and so is a new season. We are going to use the new season to learn about the weather, nocturnal animals, and pumpkins.

We have begun to discuss the difference in the four seasons. We will observe the weather on a daily basis and compare how it was the day before. Also on the agenda are a few science projects. One in particular will be to make rain. The kids always love this one. On a windy day we will take the scarves outside and dance. The next lesson will be nocturnal animals and their habitats. We'll go on an animal hunt, make a cave and a nest. This lesson is great for teaching positional words. Last we are going to explore with pumpkins. We will grow, count, color, dissect, and decorate them.



A special thank you to Scottie's Mom for purchasing new baskets and to Maggie's Mom for buying us 7 books from our Scholastic Book Fair. Also thank you to everyone who donated items on the wish list.

Ms. Vicki Ms. Sara Ms. Terri



PRESCHOOL II

Fall is upon us and hopefully it will bring us some cooler weather. The children have done a great job adjusting to their new environment. They can recognize their named spots at circle time, so to make things a little more challenging I will be making all of the spots the same color for this month. There is no doubt in my mind that they will have no problem with the change.

Our themes for the month of October are Apples, Trees, Pumpkins, and Halloween. Some of the activities we will be working on are tasting different types of food made from apples, making tree bark rubbings, and planting pumpkin seeds.

On Friday, October 31st, we will be having a Halloween party. Please keep an eye out for more details. Also this month the children will be working on a special artwork for our Square 1 Art fundraiser. Your child's artwork will be displayed on items such as mugs, key chains, and

calendars just to name a few. These items will make wonderful Christmas gifts.

I would like to thank everyone that brought in snacks and wipes. A special thank you to Torus, Casey, Carlton, Sara, Maggie, Genevieve, Elena, and Ms. Vilany for purchasing books from our Scholastic Fundraiser. The children love to hear new stories along with their favorites.

I would also like to thank Mrs. Sarah (Torus' mommy) for bringing in ingredients for our themed snack.

Ms. Liliana Ms. Gabby Ms. Vilany



VPK

Welcome October! This month we will be watching for changes in our weather along with welcoming our fall holidays.

We will begin our month with *Fall Harvest*. We will discuss the changes in our weather, different crops grown during the fall, along with the animals and how they get ready for the coming winter. We will read our Big Book *When the Leaves Blew in* and enjoy making and eating "Tree top treats".



From Fall Harvest we will move on to the *Night Creatures*. During this week we will discover what the word nocturnal means, practice our Math concepts of Classification and Patterning and read many stories about different kinds of Night Creatures. We will begin reading our Halloween Stories and start learning some Halloween Songs. For our Food Experience this week we will be creating an owl face with pineapple rings, cherries and a banana.

During our *Spider* week we will weave matching letter spider webs, learn some spider movement songs, use our spider web counting game and practice counting our calendar 1-31. We will be making and enjoying Spider Donuts.

We will continue making and reading our little books. We enjoy being the "illustrator" of our own books. We will also continue with our letters and sounds of the week as well as the songs that match.

From Spiders, we will move on to *Pumpkins and Halloween*. We will read many stories about pumpkins and continue reading some of our Halloween books, as well as singing our Halloween songs. We will explore pumpkins as we carve our Jack-O-Lantern taste pumpkin pie. We will weight, measure, and paint with different kinds of pumpkins and gourds. If you are able to donate any it would be appreciated.

We will celebrate Halloween on Friday, October 31, with our annual "Trick or Treat" between the classes and a special snack. If you are able to donate a bag of candy to help with our Trick or Treating it would be greatly appreciated. Please check all labels, remember we are a Peanut and Tree Nut free center.

When choosing a costume, please remember we have very young children in our center and all weapons should be

saved for home. Please watch for a sign-up sheet for more information.

Our Discovering God's World, religious education program, will offer us lessons about Celebrating Fall. Our study topics will be: God's Gift of People: Friends help one another; Each of us is special to God: We are learning to be good helpers; and God loves and cares for us: Many people love and care for us.

A special Thank you to everyone who participated in our Cookie Dough Fundraiser.

Thank you to everyone who bought books for our classroom from the Book Fair. We received some wonderful books and have really enjoyed them.

And finally, thank you, to all who are able to donate for our Weekly Cooking Experience as well as those who are able to help with our monthly snack.

Ms. Kathy Ms. Katie Sister
 Donna Sister Elizabeth Ms. Becky



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

October brings cooler weather and shorter days-we have lots of fun things planned for this refreshing time of year.



For the first week of October, our theme is Fire Safety. We have been practicing fire drills, and we will be discussing how to avoid fire hazards and practicing, "Stop, Drop, & Roll."

The second week's theme is Fall. We will gather fall items from our yard and see what we can make from the collected items. We will talk about why leaves change colors and why they fall off the trees in the winter.

The third week we will explore everything pumpkins. We will learn how to grow a pumpkin as well as explore the inside of one. There are so many things to learn with just this one special gourd.

Then it's Halloween time!!! We are going all out. We will make black cats made out of handprints, costume dress-up, trick-or-treat safety discussion, spirited party music, and lots more. Look for more information about our Halloween party.

Ms. Debbie Ms. Laura Ms. Alyssa

NOTES FROM CINDIE

Thank you for your generous support of our Cookie Dough and Scholastic Book Fair Fundraisers. Be sure to order your Christmas Greenery in November. We are using the funds from the greenery sales to purchase two new curriculums. The first is Sadlier "Discovering God's Child" Religious Curriculum for the Pre-School classes. This will replace the annual "Seeds Weekly Gospels" that we have used for several years. The teachers are very

excited to receive this reusable resource for their classrooms. The second is the new updated version of "The Creative Curriculum". Our Center has used "The Creative Curriculum" for many years and found that it is excellent in encompassing the whole child in learning. The Florida Office of Early Learning requires the 5th addition of "The Creative Curriculum" for 4 and 5 year olds (VPJK). This newest version continues the correlation with the Florida Sunshine Standards for Infants, and Toddlers all the way through to Preschool and Four Year old VPJK Standards. We are sure that these updated Curriculums will enhance your child's daily learning experiences.

During October and November our staff will begin the Diocesan Catechist Certification Training. The Modules will be offered here for anyone that would like to receive this training. October 1, 2014 is the Orientation and Module I will begin October 8 and run through November 12, 2014. The cost for Orientation is \$18.00 and the cost for Module I is \$ 20.00. We will offer subsequent Modules after the first of the year. You can register at the Diocesan Website www.dosp.org or contact Kathy Filippelli at the Diocese for more information.

Bishop Lynch has launched a "Forward in Faith" initiative to raise money for our Diocese that will fund much needed programs in the areas of Vocations and Catholic Education. There are receptions being held throughout the diocese to explain how the funds will be divided and used. Please visit the Diocesan Website for more information at www.dosp.org and follow the Forward in Faith link.

Staff Changes~ Ms. Rita Gordon has taken over the bookkeeping responsibilities. She will still be in her classroom with her beloved little ones in the mornings and



will be available for account questions in the afternoons.

Thank you Ms. Rita!

Have a great month everyone and try to go see those fall leaves before they are all gone!

