

# Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center

October 2019



*"Give thanks to the Lord who is good, whose love endures forever!"*

Psalm 107 Verse 1

**Celebrating 35 Years of Quality Catholic Christian Education!**

**October 15, 2019**

## The beginning of Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center

By: Toni Watkins

St. Joseph school started as a community school in 1888, the same time St. Anthony School in nearby San Antonio was started.

The school became public, but Benedictine sisters from Holy Name Priory at St. Leo continued to teach there until 1918 when Sidney J. Catts was governor. He fired the sisters.

San Antonio decided to turn its school into a Catholic institution and the people of St. Joe decided to vote the governor out of office.

The school was on private property- owned by Joe and Martha Nathe. (their granddaughter, Laura Hill has been with SHECC for 20 years.) In 1966, they deeded the property to the Board of Public Instruction of Pasco County.

Catts was out of office after only one term and the sisters returned to their positions. Nuns were still the principal and teachers when the school was closed in 1980.

In 1980 when San Antonio Elementary was built and the School Board no longer needed the property, it was deeded back to Martha Nathe, who in turn sold it to the Diocese of St. Petersburg so that Joe's wishes could continue to be carried out. Joe and Martha's love and concern for children remains with us today as this building and property continues to be used for children.

The frame structure that held children for so many years stood vacant for four years. The parish had no immediate plans for the three-room school.

The hard freeze of 1983 brought many changes to St. Joe. The citrus that was the livelihood for many families was gone as was the income. The stay at home mothers were going into the work force- many for the first time. Where were they going to take the children? Who was going to care for them? There were few local women that cared for children in their homes, but childcare was a new concept for many.

The summer of 1984 brought many meetings to decide that our little community of St. Joseph and Parish of Sacred Heart should care for children. Our pastor, Fr. Paul Romfh was such a strong supporter - he could envision the good that would come from this venture.

There was opposition - many felt that the women should be at home caring for the children- the men should provide for their families as they always had - they didn't understand the need for a child care center.

It was decided that we would use the building that sheltered children as the public school of our community for centuries. Two volunteers, Dick Currier and Francis Peloquin worked to remodel the structure and build furniture.

Soon, it was time to hire a director - the process was one that the advisory committee took very seriously. This committee was made up of our pastor Fr. Paul Romfh, Deacon Bill Connor, Linda Blommel, Roxine Barthle, Dick Fenton, and Virginia Gordon.



After applying for the position of director, I prayed a Novena - when I started receiving roses, I knew my prayers were answered. The first call came from Sr. Roberta Bailey asking if I would accept a position with her early childhood center. I told her I was waiting for a call from Sacred Heart. Finally, I received the call that the position of director was being offered to me.

I was given the first directive - to find an assistant director. Pat Barthle's name was given to me. I knew Pat. We attended church together, our children went to school together and were friends - still are!

I told Pat that I really needed her. I asked her to consider. Thank goodness, she finally accepted. We worked together for 23 years.

We were given the ultimatum by our parish - we were told- you have one year to stand on your own financially. Thorough hard work and careful planning we managed to make it. Our center remains financially self-supporting.

We had lots of work. We had nothing - no equipment, no toys, nothing. We had a baby shower and the community gave us cribs, toys, books and a little cash. The first DCF inspector said we didn't have enough to open with - she let us open anyway. A parishioner made pillows and blankets, and we still make sure that our children have pillows and blankets for nap time.

On October 15, 1984, we opened our doors to seven children. That didn't last long -- word spread and we grew quickly. We decided that if we were going to care for children, that we were going to do it professionally and give them the best care possible. Decisions in the beginning formed our center into an ideal place for children to grow and learn.



Within a few years, we outgrew the old school building. Francis Peloquin offered to build a new building for our children. Francis was a very special person that had unrelenting support and love for our center. He gave 20+ years in every possible way, but most importantly, from his heart. He will forever be our very own "St. Francis."

The building went up - men from the parish came on the weekends and evenings and were diligent in helping to complete this wonderful building for our children.

Within two years, we outgrew that building and once again, Francis Peloquin, who was 79 at this time, offered to build an addition with help from our parish and families.

Currently, we provide care for children ranging in age from six weeks to 12 years of age. We believe having such a wide range allows us to meet the needs of the entire family. We are proud to be caring for a second generation of children attending our center.

We are a Catholic Center - the children visit the church weekly for prayer, Bible stories, liturgical based discussion, songs and a little "church behavior lesson." All children pray everyday and have songs and Bible stories woven into their daily routine. We celebrate all the church holidays - as is appropriate for their age.

Our center has survived for the past 25 years with the help of so many dedicated people. Some of the original advisory committee has remained active and supportive. I can't even imagine how many meetings they have attended. Our parents, staff and friends have helped us with our many fundraisers. They have cut kumquats for us, made pies, sold pies, cooked fish, served fish dinners, washed dishes, sold cookie dough and other brochure items, worked yard sales - often in freezing weather, made repairs on our buildings and grounds.

Thank God for allowing us to care for His children. We pray for God's continued blessings as we begin our journey into the next 25 years.

*Toni Watkins wrote this for our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Ten years have come and gone like the blink of an eye. As with all things in time, change happens. The old school building that I began my career here in 1988 is gone now. I can still recall the smell of the chalk dust from the years of using the blackboards and the sound of giggles from children as they found the squeaky floorboards. A butterfly garden now invites children to play where it once stood. We have a new school building now, again thanks to the generous heart of our Mr. Francis.*

*Important things remain the same. Ms. Laura Hill is still here with us. The advisory committee still has some original members. Imagine, 35 years of meetings and dedication and prayers. We are still self-supporting and our commitment to the wellbeing and education of the whole child is as important as it was on day one and the need of an early childhood center is as great now if not greater than it was 35 years ago.*

*We pray every day at morning assembly for God to continue to bless this ministry, guide us and to continue to create a school that reflects His glory and love for all of us and to make us a beacon of light for the families that have placed their trust in us. We look forward to another 35 years of love, education and service children and their families in this community.*



## Notes from Cindie...

Welcome to the hustle and bustle of October! There are so many activities and events taking place this month that it could almost seem overwhelming! These events need volunteers to make them a success!

The St. Joe Fall Festival will take place on **October 5, 2019** from 10:00 am -4:00 pm here on the Parish Grounds. We need volunteers for the children's games and obstacle courses as well as bounce house monitors.

**The 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Week Begins on October 7-14 2019.** Each day of the week we will have a fun filled day to celebrate our wonderful families, children, and staff from Past to Present! Do not forget to snap a photo of your family in front of our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Sign and we will post it on our Facebook Page!

**Monday - Favorite Book Day!** Reading with children every day is the best way to teach them to read! We encourage every family to read 20 minutes a day!

**Tuesday -Super Science Day-** Each classroom will conduct a fantastic science experiment! Children love science, even if they do not yet know it is science. Nature walks and life science observations are wonderful ways to open the door to young minds

**Wednesday- Block Party!!** - Math, Geometry and Problem solving all take place in the Block Center! We will have a block building Contest and photograph all the wonderful Construction Projects by the children! Block and Construction building can be done with Wooden Unit Blocks, Legos, Paper or Foam Blocks, Straws, and the oldie but goodie Lincoln Logs!

**Thursday - Art Day!** Art develops fine motor skills, decision, and critical thinking skills, planning and reflection and enjoyment in accomplishments! By giving children open ended media to create with their imaginations grow and imagination is the key to invention!

**Friday - Field Day!** Outdoor! The Playground is an extension of the classroom! All the activities we do inside can be done outside with the added bonus of being able to Run!! Gross motor development and learning how to control their bodies is important for future learning.

**Tuesday, October 15, 2019-** Please join us at a Special Morning Assembly on our Anniversary Date at 9:00 am.

Our Celebration continues throughout the rest of the year! Our Class Pictures will feature a special 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Background and Our Graduation this year will be a wonderful commemoration of all the Children, Teachers and Staff, Past and Present!

**October 19 & 20, 2019** - We need Volunteers to help Donate Baskets for our Basket Raffle AND we need Volunteers to sell Tickets for our Raffle at the Rattlesnake Festival on Saturday and Sunday as along with our Trash to Treasures Art booth for children! Please bring in your Baskets for our fundraiser by October 18, 2019.

**October 31, 2019-** The Children will have a howling good time as they dress up for their classroom Halloween Parties. We are asking for donations of goodies to pass out as the children "Trick or Treat" from class to class! The children will have a party afterward in their classrooms.

We hope you have a wonderful October and a Safe Halloween!

Blessings,

Ms. Cindie

## INFANTS

Fall is in the air! I love when there is a cool breeze. The babies can still enjoy their morning stroll outside in the fresh air as we do morning assembly and eat our breakfast at the picnic tables and watch all the school kids come to school. They just love to socialize with them.

We would like to welcome all the new babies we will be getting in October. We will spend everyday time getting to know them and their schedules and all their needs. We will miss our sweet little Kenna as she will be moving up to Mrs. Katie's room. She will have so much fun with her new friends and space.

This month we will be exploring the colors orange, black, and green. We will make pumpkins, spiders, hands, and feet prints, and even fall trees we will use white paint to make ghost feet too. For Halloween, the children will be going classroom to classroom trick or treating so we would like for you to donate a bag of candy so we can give it out when they come to our room. It would be greatly appreciated. No Peanuts Please! You can wear your costume the day of but please have a change of clothes. We plan to have lots of fun this fall.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to ask.

Thank you, Happy October!

Mrs. Linda, Ms. Maryanne, Ms. Ashley

## One Year Old's

As we finish up working on our All About Me theme, we will be starting our theme on Apples and Pumpkins. We will paint both apples and pumpkins during the month of October. The class would like donations of different kinds of apples for us to try.

October is an exciting month because we will be learning all about pumpkins and how they grow. We would also like a donation of a few small pumpkins and one big pumpkin for us to carve. The children will love the chance to explore the pumpkins. I will be reading a few books that I have about pumpkins to everyone.

As the month is winding down, we will be having our Halloween party. On Halloween the children can dress up in a costume and we will be handing out candy to the other children who are trick-or-treating around the building. We ask that each family donate a bag of candy that is Peanut Free!!

Thank you to all the families who have made snack and wipe donations throughout the month. The children have loved all the books that were donated during the book fair.

Ms. Katie

Ms. Katelyn

Ms. Amanda

## Terrific Two's October News



Wow did we have fun last month. I hope you enjoyed the photos of the activities we did. Thank you so much to everyone who donated the supplies allowing us to do them. October will be another exciting month with many activities planned. We will post the supplies on the wishing whale just like last month and again will appreciate any donations made.

This month, our activities will be centered around pumpkins. We will start with using our sense of touch to explore a pie pumpkin. We cut the top off just big enough for one tiny hand to reach in and feel around without seeing what they are feeling. When we are done with the pie pumpkin, we will plant it in our garden for extended scientific examination as we watch it grow and hopefully produce more pumpkins. The week of Halloween we will carve a pumpkin and have sensory play with the seeds and guts, and we will also enjoy seeing jack all lit up during nap time. I would like to attempt some cooking activities this month as well such as pumpkin pie, pumpkin muffins, and pumpkin pancakes. Just like last month if you would like to bring in additional pumpkin flavored treats we will surely enjoy and appreciate them.

I would like to take a moment and share with you the importance of sensory play for toddlers. It may seem at times like we are just playing, having a yummy snack, or making a cute art project but all these activities provide opportunities for your child to use scientific processes



to explore and learn about the world around them. Sensory play includes any activity that stimulates a young child's senses of touch, smell, taste, sight, and sound, as well as anything which engages movement and balance. The benefits of sensory play include helping to build nerve connections in the brain, encouraging the development of motor skills, supporting language development, encouraging scientific thinking, and it's a good way to involve mindful activities which are beneficial to all children. We enjoyed exploring apples with all 5 of our senses last month. We used our sight to examine the different colors they come in and we peeled them to see what they looked like on the inside. We used our touch to play with the peels and pick out the seeds to plant them. We also made apple scented playdoh. We used our sense of smell while our cooking activities were going. We heard the apples crunching in our mouths, the sound of the peeler at work on the apples, and we listened to many explanations about the activities we did. Finally, we tasted many delicious apple treats. Sensory play doesn't only happen during our planned activities. It happens all day long in our everyday routines just like it does at home and you just may not realize it. When they find a puddle outside and play in it, make a huge mess with lunch or dinner, when they are putting weird things in their mouths, these are all ways they explore their environment with their senses. Creating time for your child, of any age, to engage in sensory play is imperative for their long-time learning and health.

I am sure we will start seeing some cooler weather soon so please check your child's basket and make sure they have at least two weather appropriate changes of clothes. You could also leave a spare sweatshirt or light weight jacket in there as well for those surprise cold fronts.



#### October dates to remember:

\*The annual St. Joe Fall Festival will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Please see the sign-up sheet for volunteer opportunities or just come on out and enjoy the fun and fellowship for the day.

\*The week of October 7<sup>th</sup> will be our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Week.

\*The Rattlesnake Festival will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. SHECC will having our basket raffle and a trash to treasures table for the children. We are looking for themed gift baskets to be donated for the raffle and volunteers to work the booth those two days. We will also have tickets for sale here at the school prior to the festival.

\*We will be having our annual Halloween Parade and party on Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup>. The parade will be around 9:30 in the morning. You should send you child to school dressed in their costume (masks not allowed) and pack a change of clothes so that we can change them after the parade. The party will start at 3:30 in the afternoon. You may come for the parade or the party or both if you would like but if you can't make it, we will post photos on our closed Facebook page and on remind.

Ms. Jenn Ms. Nicole Ms. Sandy Ms. Tiffany





**Parents...  
please drive  
safely when  
dropping off  
or picking up  
your children.**

Parking Lot Safety! Parents please SLOW DOWN in the Parking Lot and please HOLD your children's HANDS when crossing the parking lot.

Children do not understand the danger of moving vehicles and are small enough that you may not see them when driving. Please take every precaution to keep ALL the children safe.

There are important safety changes coming to the parking area in the next month consisting of One Way Direction traffic flow and Angled Parking Spaces. A notice will be sent home prior to the improvement.

Thank you,  
Ms. Cindie



### Important Dates:

Saturday 10/05: St. Joe's Fall Festival 10am - 4pm  
 10/07 -14: The 35th Anniversary Celebration Week  
 Monday: Favorite Book Day  
 Tuesday: Super Science Day  
 Wednesday: Block Party  
 Thursday: Art Day  
 Friday: Field Day

Friday 10/11: Apple Tasting Class Party @3:00pm  
 Monday 10/14 @ 9am: Special 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Morning Assembly  
 Saturday & Sunday 10/19 -10/20: Rattlesnake Festival  
 Thursday 10/31: Halloween Parade @ 9:00am

(For more information see Cindie's School-Wide Newsletter)

## Preschool 1A Newsletter

### Our Fall Unit will run from October 15<sup>th</sup> to November 27<sup>th</sup>.

The class will be learning about the season of Autumn, how and where pumpkins grow, wild turkeys, and the events of the first Thanksgiving. For each of these topics we will be reading special stories, learning new songs and finger plays and making fun crafts. The children will continue to work on their fine motor coordination by harvesting pumpkins with tweezers, filling pumpkins with sand, removing "spiders" from their webs and much more. During this unit there will be an emphasis on how thankful we should be that God created this amazing world with changing seasons, abundant and diverse fruits and vegetables and incredible wild life.

### Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am: Halloween Parade



Your child is welcome to wear a costume to school in the morning and bring clothes to change into after the Halloween Parade. The parade will begin around 9:00am. The children will be making Trick or Treat bags to use during this event. Please bring in a bag of pre-wrapped candy for our class to pass out by Wednesday October 30<sup>th</sup>. Remember we are a nut free school when purchasing the candy. We will have a special Halloween snack in the afternoon.

### Self-Help Focus for the Month

This month we will be focusing on *correctly using forks, spoons and cups*. We will be encouraging the children to use a spoon and fork whenever possible. Please pack your child items in their lunch which require these utensils. For example, instead of getting pouches for applesauce or yogurt, you could get the cups. At school, your child drinks water from an open cup. We ask them not to put their hands or food in the cup. If possible, provide your child with opportunities at home to drink from an open cup.



Happy Fall! Miss Sally, Miss Eloisa, and Miss Jess

# Preschool 1B October News

As we finish up working with apples, we will continue working on our Five Senses through Pumpkins. Each center will be set up with different activities for the child to be learning their five senses through touch, sight, smell and taste. Each week, we will be focusing on one sense along with working on their Fine Motor skills

- For the first week, we will be focusing on the sense of Touch, working with pumpkin seeds and the pumpkin insides while we cut open their own small pumpkins.
- The second week, we will be focusing on Sight, from the cut tops of their pumpkins they will be stamping them onto paper and looking at the different texture each one makes.
- In the Third week, the children will be working on smell, the children will be making Pumpkin Cookies with Sister Donna and experiencing all the different smells while making them.
- In the final week of this lesson, the children will be tasting homemade Pumpkin Seeds and donated Pumpkins snacks

Ms. Cindie and I have noticed the children are developmentally ready to be playing on the older Toddler playground. The children will be working on their balance and climbing skills. To help the child with those skills, we require that they wear tennis shoes with socks. This means that they may no longer wear crocks or slip on shoes. With doing so, it will not only help them out on the playground, but it will help them begin the learning process of taking on and off their own shoes with minimal help from the teachers.

## Upcoming events:

October 5<sup>th</sup> - Fall Festival

October 14<sup>th</sup> - 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

October 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> - Basket Fundraiser at the Rattlesnake Festival

## Reminders:

Parents, it is important that you sign your child In and Out every day, by doing so we can keep better track of which child is here.

Please no longer send Sippy Cups in your child lunch boxes, we are working on self-help skills in our classroom.

Ms. Monic

Ms. Victoria

Ms. Emma



## Pre-School II

Dear Families,

Another month has flown by and everyone is adjusting well. We welcome October with our pumpkins and bats unit, along with some fall cooking.

We will discuss the life cycle of a pumpkin and explore what is inside. Teaching life cycles to children is an excellent way for them to understand how things grow. As we explore pumpkins, the children will be using their five senses: What does the pumpkin sound like when you thump it? What does the shell feel like? What does the inside feel like? What does it smell like? What does it look like? What does it taste like? We will explore the pumpkin's stringy insides and review its parts and edible uses, while using math and science concepts.

Sister Donna will be cooking a special pumpkin treat with the children. They have lots of fun using math skills to measure and mix ingredients as they work together with friends to create something good to eat! The children will have an understanding that many vegetables come in lots of different varieties that all look and taste different, and that when you mix ingredients, they create something very special!

The last two weeks of October will be spent talking about bats. We want the children to learn that bats are wonderful creatures that can help our environment. We will discuss the life cycle of a bat, where they live, and what they eat. Bats have helped the regrowth of the rainforest by over 95 percent and they also help to distribute fruit seeds and pollen. Did you know that bats can eat up to 1000 mosquitoes per hour? On Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, the children will be allowed to wear their costumes to school. They will participate in our Halloween parade by trick-or-treating at each classroom. Please make sure that the children have a set of clothes to change into afterward. We are asking that you bring in a bag of individually wrapped candies to distribute. Later in the afternoon, we will have a small Halloween celebration in our classroom. I will have a sign-up sheet for donations.

Thank you,

Ms. Angie Ms. Celeste

## VPK A with Wrap

Welcome October! This month we will be welcoming our fall holidays and observing our weather changes. We will begin our month with the theme of the fall, leaves and colors. We will be discussing all about the Fall Harvest. We will be learning all about the changes in the weather the different crops that grow in the Fall, and the different animals that get ready for the winter. Our unit expands from the Fall to Spiders, apples, pumpkins to nocturnal animals. We will be exploring what Nocturnal really means and the facts about night creatures. During our study of spiders, we will weave matching letter spider webs, learn some spider movement songs, use our spider web counting game and practice counting our numbers 1-30. We will begin reading many Halloween stories and singing our Halloween songs. For Science and sensory we will be exploring with pumpkins, and apples. We will paint pumpkins and carve them to make jack-o-lanterns and taste pumpkin pie. We will also weigh, measure and paint different kinds of pumpkins and gourds. If you would like to donate to our classroom, we need various items to make this unit a success. We need pumpkins and pumpkin products, apples (all kinds) and apple products, Gourds (all kinds). We are also planning as part of our unit the Farm. Our class will be learning about crops, and how food is made and life on a farm. We will be making our own classroom butter with Sister donna. On October 31, 2019 we will dress up for Halloween the children will be participating in a school- center parade. The children will receive candy and the event is a fun trick or treat event for the children. When choosing a costume please remember we have very young children in our center and all weapons should be saved for home. If you would like to donate candy it would be appreciated, please remember we are a peanut free center.

Our Discovering God's world religious education program will offer us lessons about celebrating Fall. Our children do attend church on Tuesday's with Sister Donna. On Wednesday's, our children are engaged in a cooking experience. Our early childhood education domain we will focus on this unit will be the "social emotional development". The Social development refers to your child making and maintaining relationships. During early childhood, children cooperate with others, this skill begins to develop. Children enjoy being recognized and show empathy for others. In this special time in your child's life they are enjoying group games and starting to understand to play fairly. They understand the difference between fantasy and reality but, they really love imaginative play with their friends. A special 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 those who can donate for our weekly cooking experience as well as those who are able to donate to our monthly snacks.

Ms. Cindi & Ms. Ida

Galatians 6:9 "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up".

# VPK B



Dear Parents/ Grandparents/Guardians

Peace and Love of Jesus Christ be with you all!

What a great beginning we have had! Already into the 3rd month and the classroom schedules and activities are well under way. Children are happy and adjusting to the routines and rules of our classroom. Children are using their negotiating words to ask for what they want and trying to use their listening skills with their friends and adults. Children know where and how to use the material and equipment of our learning centers and how to put them away after their use. They are mastering in self-help skills. During snack time they serve themselves. Looks of "I Can't Do it" are turning into looks of "I DID IT!"

We would like to thank everyone who was able to supply school supplies, Snacks and all those who purchased Books for our classroom from our Book Fair.

This month we will be watching for changes in our weather, continue our study of the foundation of the Shapes and their mathematical terms, Math activities for building number sense to 1-20, Learning Alphabet letter, sound and we brainstorm to find the words that begin with that letter .

Our study topics this month include: ***Fall, Farm & farm animals, Spiders, Night Animals, Pumpkins, Halloween /Eve of All Saints day.***

We will learn how the weather changes throughout the year and how we call these changes "seasons". We will name the four seasons and describe characteristics.

We will learn about animals that live on farms. We will talk about the fact that many foods people eat come from farm animals. We will learn about the importance of keeping farm animals healthy.

We will be exploring Spiders & spider webs, read books about different kind of spiders, make spider web, and learn to sing spider songs.

We will be reading books and discuss about different kind of night creatures and we learn a big word "Nocturnal".

We will be reading books about Pumpkins, paint and carve pumpkins carving pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns, and explore pumpkin seeds. We are planning to make pumpkin pie with the help of our Sr. Donna, and we eat them so we would like to have some Pumpkins and gourds.

We will be learning about the celebration of Halloween and the eve of the celebration of All Saints. At the end of October, we will have Halloween snack party and "Trick or Treat" between classes. The weapons which comes with costumes please do not bring to the School. Towards the end of October, you will get more information about our Halloween celebration.

This month we are focusing on the ***Language developmental domain in our Literacy and Writing Center.***

To Develop Language Domain in our Literacy and Writing Center we provide:

- Variety of age-appropriate literacy games and activities. We encourage children to practice writing their name by supplying paper, pencils, markers, and dry erase boards at table in the literacy center and we help them to practice in writing their name. This will help children learn to write and reinforce topics they may be learning in our class.
- Alphabet Knowledge Materials such as fun books, blocks, stamps, magnetic letters, Alphabet vest and we teach them the alphabet and the sounds associated with letters and other alphabet activities.
- Interactive Games and Puzzles in our literacy center which will help children learn about the alphabet, sequencing, rhyming, matching, sentences, compound words, vocabulary, and reading comprehension.
- Sight Word Blocks to help children increase their vocabulary and identify common words.

We will be learning this month Skill Streaming Social Skills such as Saying thank you; rewarding yourself and Asking for help. And we will learn the Bible concept: God Loves me and always help me. And Bright beginning unit 2: The story of Joseph and His Brothers. We go to church every Tuesday at 10:30 am to pray and we pray every day in our classroom.

May God continue to bless your family!

Sr. Elizabeth & Ms. Debbie





## Before and After School

Fall is in the air and pumpkins are everywhere! This month, our schoolers are going to have a howling good time Pumpkin carving and toasting the pumpkin seeds to eat as well! The children will plant some of the seeds in our butterfly garden area so we can observe what happens to them over the next several months and maybe we can grow our very own pumpkins for next year!

Farms will be a topic of conversation as we research different types of farms and necessary equipment that farmers use to harvest their special crops.

We will also discover all the steps needed to get the farm goods to our homes. As we take a look at dairy farms, we will make a special Orange Butter to have with our toast for snack this month.

Math and Biology will take center stage as we talk about Spiders! The geometry of spiderwebs is amazing and we will learn about angles, symmetry, along with the different types of spiders that make different webs.

We will have an afternoon Halloween party on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> for the children and a Halloween Dance Off! Please see the signup sheet in the classroom.

You may have noticed the Relocation of the merry go round. Due to construction happening at the Church we are moving our Merry- Go-Round closer to the School building. The children are very excited about it!

Please remember to bring in your Themed Basket Donation for our Basket Raffle that will be held at the Rattlesnake Festival on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>!

We need many baskets to make our fundraisers successful! Tickets are available in the office for sale! We hope to see you at the Festival!

Have a great month and Happy Fall!

Ms. Debbie    Ms. Laura    Ms. Heather

# Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center Basket Fundraiser



Please Donate a Themed Gift Basket to raffle off at the  
**San Antonio Rattlesnake Festival on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**



All of your Basket Donations are Greatly Appreciated and  
Benefit the Early Childhood Center

**Please deliver baskets by October 18<sup>th</sup>**

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