

Mrs. Cruz's October Newsletter



Dear Parents,

I'm continually amazed by the growth I see in our students each day. Their enthusiasm for learning and exploring new ideas is truly inspiring. The beginning of this week, we focused on making predictions for our Apple Explosion experiment, and their curiosity and excitement filled the classroom. It was such a joy to witness! We're already looking forward to our Pumpkin Explosion experiment coming up later this month.

We're also looking forward to our class trip to the West Portal Pumpkin Patch on Thursday, October 16th. Permission slips were sent home on Monday—please be sure to return them, along with the field trip fee, by Wednesday, October 9th.

Each week, your child will bring home handwriting sheets that go along with our Letter of the Week. I encourage you to support their learning by practicing at home. Please continue helping them with correct pencil grip, writing from left to right, and starting at the top when forming letters and numbers. Remember, practice makes progress!

October is also a special month as we celebrate the Rosary. We've been practicing the *Hail Mary* and will begin learning *The Lord's Prayer* this week. Each child will receive their own set of blessed rosary beads from The Blue Army Shrine—a beautiful keepsake and a meaningful part of our faith journey.

Next week, we're excited to welcome a new student to our class—his name is Grant, and we're so happy to have him join our classroom community!

Communication is key to your child's success. If you ever have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me.

God Bless,
Mrs. Cruz

October Themes:

Virtue: Honesty, Fire Safety, Spiders & Pumpkins

Shape: Square

Color: **Orange**

Numbers: 3,4,5,6

Letters: Ee, Hh, Tt, Ii

Nursery Rhyme: Little Miss Muffet

Specials & Enrichments:

Tuesdays - Media (Library)

Wednesday- Gym

A Few Reminders:

- Please have your child practice packing and unpacking their backpacks.
- Please have your child practice putting on their jackets and zipping them up.
- Change out your child's spare clothes with the changing weather.
- If there are any changes in your child's scheduled pickup, aftercare, or contact information, please be sure to inform me as soon as possible. If you're picking up early, please sign your child out first at the big school then come to our building.

Songs and Prayers:

Rectangle Song

Mr. Rectangle is my name.
My four sides are *not* the same.
Two are long and two are short.
Count with me; 1, 2, 3, 4!

Where Do You Start Your Letters? (Tune: If You're Happy and You Know It):

Where do you start your letters?
At the top!
Where do you start your letters?
At the top!
If you want to start a letter, then you better,
better, better, remember to start it at the top!

Five Little Pumpkins:

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate
The first one said, "Oh, my it's getting late"
The second one said, "There are witches in the air"
The third one said, "But we don't care"
The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run"
The fifth one said, "We're ready for some fun"
Then "Ooh" went the wind and out went the lights
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight



Important Dates:

Tuesday, Oct.7th - Rosary Day

Thursday, 10/9 12:00 Dismissal
(First Thursday)

Friday, 10/10 No School Faculty Spiritual Day

Monday, 10/13 No School Columbus Day

Thursday, 10/16 Pumpkin Patch Trip

Friday, 10/24 ICS Trunk or Treat

Friday, 10/31 Halloween Parade and Party. 4's classes will parade around the Early Ed. building right after dropping off. Get your cameras ready!

No aftercare on Halloween

Firefighters visit TBD

Protecting God's Children Class 11/5
@7:00pm ICC Parish Hall

Birthday Celebrations:

Vinny 10/25