



AKK October Newsletter 2021

During these first weeks of school, the children and teachers have been having a wonderful time playing and learning together. Besides our two rules at preschool, (1. We stick together with our group 2. Only one child in the bathroom at a time) we have also been learning about and practicing taking turns and sharing during our "free choice" play time and

outdoors play time with a great variety of our preschool toys and activities. The children are becoming socialized.

Recent September/October Circle Time Themes: Feelings, 5 Senses, Healthy Bodies, Harvest, and Pumpkins.

Recent Bible Learning: God Made Me Special (Genesis 1:27), Mary and Martha (Luke 10), and The Boy who Shared His Lunch and the Pumpkin Parable.

Projects: The MWF class made fruit smoothies and pumpkin pancakes for snack, painted with string and corn on the cob and finger-painted orange pumpkins. They also made icky germs (Germs are ick! They make me sick!) and learned that their heart is like a pump! The children did a great job writing their names on leaves!

The TTH class painted adorable "photo-frame" apples to hang on our tree in the classroom, painted with feathers, Q-tips, and tooth-brushes! They marble painted beautiful leaves and made a Fall tree by painting fall colors with sponges. Both classes played with cloud dough, put stickers and stamps on the letter S, smelled many different scents in a smell test, and made treat bags for our Pumpkin Parties.

Weekly Alphabet Letters: F for Feather, S for Senses, X for X-ray, C for corn, and P for Pumpkin.

Team Time: In the MWF class only, our Kindergarten-readiness groups have been meeting each morning for 15-20 minutes. The teams are preparing for Kindergarten by practicing their listening and writing skills, as well as developing confidence in their ability to complete their own work independently. Each teacher designs her own curriculum according to the needs of the team. Please feel free to talk to your child's team teacher if you have any questions. We are available by phone or email between 12:30 and 1:30pm.

PARENT SAFETY REMINDERS:

- The Fire Marshal has asked us to please remind parents that children seven and under are NOT allowed on the stairs or the second level WITHOUT an adult attending them.
- PLEASE do not walk in the middle of the parking lot, but instead use the side pathway near the brick wall where the footprints are.

***SAVE THIS INFO: PUMPKIN PARTY!

- On October 28 and 29, we will have a "Pumpkin Party" at AKK. The children may dress up in a non-scary costume. We will be taking a class photo in the morning, after which time your child may change out of their costume to other clothing so that they may play outside more comfortably. If the costume your child wears is difficult to manage, you may consider using a "Pull-up" that morning.
- You may send in a "treat" (candy, sticker, etc.) for your child to pass out to the other children's take-home treat bags. (We will be making these bags at AKK.) Please do not send any homemade treats.
- Our MWF class has 29 students and the TTH class has 20. We will be making individual "Jack O' Lantern" pizzas for snack.
- October 29 will also be Teacher Christina's last day with us! Her sweet baby girl will be arriving the middle of November. Christina will be dearly missed by all here at AKK! Teacher Christie has been helping already in the MWF class and will begin on November 1st.
- Our wonderful, retired teachers will be subbing in the TTH class until we can find a permanent long-term sub for Teacher Christina.
- Thank you for the many cleaning supply donations! We appreciate your generosity very much!
- Have a wonderful October and a safe Halloween!



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