

Fall 2017 Little Blessings Newsletter

The field trip to Bates Nut Farm on October 5th was a great fun and learning experience! We enjoyed the fall weather as we ate our morning snack under the trees. The story time about pumpkins was a time for several of our children to help act out the story of how pumpkins grow. Elizabeth, Gabriel, Isla, Cayden, and Remy were the actors for the day. We all rode the hay ride around the pumpkin and gourd patch, & then we walked around the pumpkin area to find a good one. Each child chose the best one! Thank you to each parent who drove and or helped to supervise the children. We couldn't do it without each of you!

Special events:

-) **Harvest Pajama Party** (Tuesday, Oct 31) dress your child in pajamas for a fun filled day! Bring extra clothes to change into, if they want. Please keep safe if you go trick or treating tonight!
-) **Fall fundraiser:** We have begun our fall fundraiser = pre-ordering God's Creation 2018 wall calendars and pocket calendars. They are high quality calendars and make great gifts. The cost is \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. We also have pocket calendars for \$5.00 each. We will be handing out order forms for you. Please ask your family, friends, co-workers to purchase. We will make \$6.50 for each calendar and, \$1.50 for each pocket calendar sold. The funds raised will benefit our preschool.
-) **Making soup together:** As in the story of "Stone Soup", each child will bring a favorite vegetable to add to our soup. They will measure, pour, stir, and predict what changes might happen while the soup is cooking. It is a math and science activity that can stir up thoughts of kindness and generosity. Bring your child's favorite vegetable, washed and chopped on Monday or Tuesday, November 6 & 7. We will make chicken soup with rice.
-) **Thanksgiving Feast:** Thursday, Nov 16th, we will be having a special party for Thanksgiving. We will post a sign-up sheet; please let us know what item you would like to bring for this event.

Pre- Kindergarten Homework:

Each week, we will be sending home a page or more for your child to work on. Please return homework to school each week, and the teachers will acknowledge the child's accomplishments and put a sticker on it. The homework may be as simple as a tracing page, or it may be a writing page of a letter of the alphabet. We are working on helping the children learn how to hold the pencil correctly; however, it would also benefit your child to be reminded as often as needed. Help them to follow the arrows as well. These home activities are an addition to the work your child is doing at preschool. Remember to encourage them, and give them active break times. If they are too tired or stressed, give them time to rest and try it again another time. If you find your child struggling to hold the pencil correctly, or they don't want to finish their work, please talk to me. We can offer problem solving ideas for helpful solutions.

Family Photo:

Find a family photo to add to the homework for your child. We will be handing out a page to work on with your child, "All about my family!" We will temporarily bind each page in a book about "Our Families". Each year the children enjoy looking through the book to see everybody's family picture.

School Holidays:

Veterans Day on Fri, Nov 10th;
Thanksgiving Day, Nov 23rd;
Day after Thanksgiving, Nov 24th.

God bless each and every one of you! Kristen Erwin and Staff