

AM & PM PRE-K

OCTOBER

NEWS & INFORMATION

Dear Parents,

We would like to thank all our Pre-K parents for helping us get our new school year off to such a great start!

Thank you for quickly filling out and sending in all the forms you received at our Open House. We are very pleased so many parents have volunteered to help us throughout the school year. Just a reminder: please remember to send in your child's extra clothes if you have not already done so. Thank you for saying your "good-byes" at our outside doors. Your cooperation in this area is greatly appreciated. The children are handling our new arrival procedure just fine. We are greeted each day with so many pretty smiles. What a great way to start each day!

Reminder: With the safety of all our children in mind, we are asking you to practice the following procedures when bringing and picking up your children from Pre-School:

1. PLEASE DO NOT DOUBLE PARK AT ANY TIME. Having our young children walk between parked cars into the street is very dangerous. We will not release any student to an adult who is double-parked.

2. It is often difficult to park around the school, so please pick up your child and **LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.** This will provide parking spaces for other pre-school parents.

3. PLEASE SUPERVISE YOUR CHILDREN WHILE YOU WAIT. Do not let any of your children play on the front lawn or near the street. It only takes a second for a child to run into the street or fall and get hurt.

With the coming of cooler weather, please dress your child accordingly. We try to let the children play on the playground as long as the weather is

suitable, so please send jackets, sweaters, etc. Please remember to write your child's name in all coats, boots, book bags etc. During the winter months our two pre-school classrooms are usually very "toasty." Dressing your child in "layers" is a good idea. We often find sweatshirts are taken off and the children are comfortable in lightweight shirts. We will be sure to "bundle up" your child when he/she is playing outside or heading home.

Included in your October packet is an October calendar, October snack list, class list and Explorers library sign-up sheet. Look for our Pre-K Phone Chain in your November packet.

If you volunteered to be a library reader throughout the year, we will do our best to assign you the days you request. We try to be fair and give everyone a chance to read, so please understand if you are not scheduled for every date you write down.

If your child is registered at St. Anne's Extended Care, please let the Pre-School staff and Extended Care staff know in advance (notes or phone calls) what day/days your child will be attending the Extended Care Program. **Reminder: all Pre-School children may use Extended Care, but they must be registered. Extended Care can be used daily or occasionally. The Extended Care number is (610) 317-6392. Our pre-school policy at dismissal is as follows: If you are running late at dismissal time, please call the pre-school and let us know you are running late. We will be glad to watch your child until you arrive. If we do not hear from a parent and you are more than ten minutes late at pick-up, we will take your child to Extended Care. PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR EXTENDED CARE FORMS TO SCHOOL. THEY WILL BE SENT TO EXTENDED CARE AND USED ONLY IF YOU ARE RUNNING EXTREMELY LATE AND YOUR CHILD MUST GO TO THE EXTENDED CARE FACILITY.**

Again, thank you to everyone for helping get our new school year off to a great start. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please let us know. We will be happy to set up a meeting at your convenience.

REMINDER: PRE-SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 15!

The following are the special events planned for our AM & PM Pre-K classes during the month of October:

Favorite Color Show & Tell, Tuesday, October 2

Please have your child bring in any object today that shows off his/her favorite color. Be creative! If possible, have your child dress in his/her favorite color too!! We will try to guess your child's favorite color. Also, today the children will help make a crazy colored cake using neon food coloring. They will enjoy mixing colors, stirring, measuring and baking. Then we will be eating our crazy cake fresh from the oven!

Disabilities Day, Friday, October 12

On Friday, October 12, the children will be learning that everyone is different, no one is perfect...but we are all special. We will be using films, storybooks, pictures and hands-on activities to make our children aware that some children and adults have disabilities. We hope all our pre-school children will come away with a better understanding of the needs of disabled people. We also hope as our children grow, they will accept, support and show kindness and caring toward others different from themselves.

On Disabilities Day the children will have the chance to "read" from books written entirely in Braille and will see what their names look like written in Braille. They will get the chance to guess what is happening in the room using only their sense of hearing and will have to identify different odors using only their sense of smell.

Mrs. Raab's daughter, Kelly, who has been deaf since birth, will show the children her hearing aids and will teach the children the sign language alphabet. She will teach the children to sign a simple song and a book will be

read and then signed to the children. The children will see what their names look like in sign language. We will also let the children try to use their lip reading skills to figure out what is silently being said.

We will also have a wheelchair available for the children to examine and use. As a culmination to our Disability Awareness Day, all the children will take part in a Hop-A-Thon. The Hop will provide our children an opportunity to use their strong muscles to hop for a child with weaker muscles. If you would like to support your child's efforts and the Muscular Dystrophy Association, we are providing an envelope for a small donation. It is not necessary to send in a donation, but please take the time to talk to your child about disabilities and let your child know how proud you are of him/her for doing something thoughtful for someone else. (If you would like to send in a small donation, please make checks payable to MDA. Thanks!)

Prayer Partner Visit-Wednesday, October 17

Today we will be visiting with our third grade prayer partners in the Community Center for about an hour. The children will enjoy doing a craft together and will share a snack. We will be getting together with our prayer partners throughout the year. Our pre-school children always enjoy the attention of the older children and the third graders certainly enjoy helping our children.

C. Well Bunny Eye Safety Program, Tuesday, October 23

Ruthie Asmus, employed by the Center for Vision Loss, will again be joining us today. Using posters, pictures and a very cute, fuzzy puppet named C. Well Bunny, she will be talking to the children about eye care and eye safety.

Pumpkin Patch, Wednesday, October 24

On Wednesday, October 24^h, the children will each get a chance to find their perfect pumpkins for Halloween. We will turn the front lawn of the school into a big pumpkin patch. Our pumpkin hunts will begin on the front lawn at 9:00. Parents are invited to stay and watch the hunt. When all the pumpkins are found, the children will take their prize pumpkins inside to be decorated. We hope when you pick your child up at 11:15 you will be delighted with the wonderful pumpkin your child has created. (If the weather is not suitable for an outside pumpkin hunt, we will hold it in the Community Center sometime during the morning when the Community Center is available. Hopefully we will have nice fall weather for our outside pumpkin patch so parents will be able to enjoy watching the fun!!!

AM & PM Pre-K Halloween Parties-Wednesday, October 31

Our Pre-K class will be celebrating Halloween on Wednesday, October 31. Our party will be kept simple. We have a few children enrolled in our Pre-School who are not comfortable dressing up in costumes so we are asking the children not to come dressed in a costume for their Halloween party. If possible, please have your child dressed in orange or black on Wednesday. We have a lot of fun activities planned. The children will be bobbing for “pumpkins”, playing a swinging marshmallow game, making a Halloween craft and hearing lots of “spooky” Halloween stories. If you volunteered to help provide food for your child’s Halloween party and are not asked to help for Halloween, we will be sure to ask you to bring in snacks or treats for other holidays throughout the year. If any parents would like to send in something small to help fill the trick or treat bags the children are making, you are welcome to do so, but it is certainly not necessary. If you decide to send in goodies for your child’s class, please remember there are 22 children in our Pre-K class.

Happy Halloween!!!!!!!

**St. Anne's Pre-School
PRE-K CLASS**

**October
2012**

"Happy Halloween"

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Letter of Week:</u> C <u>Number of Week:</u> 2 <u>Shape of Week:</u> Circle	1	2 Favorite Color Show & Tell Making and eating <u>Crazy Colored</u> Cake!	3 All Fundraiser orders due today!	4	5	6
7 <u>Letter of Week:</u> D <u>Number of Week:</u> 4 <u>Shape of Week:</u> Diamond	8 Happy Birthday, Emily Alter!	9	10 October Firefly Orders Due	11	12 Disabilities Day	13
14 <u>Theme of Week:</u> Emotions <u>Letter of Week:</u> E <u>Review:</u> # 1-4	15 Pre-School Closed	16	17 Visiting with our Third Grade Prayer Partners	18	19	20
21 <u>Theme:</u> Halloween <u>Review:</u> Letters A-E <u>Color of Week:</u> Black	22	23 C. Well Bunny Eye Safety Program	24 Pumpkin Patch Day Happy Birthday, Howie Leuthardt!	25	26	27
28 <u>Letter of Week:</u> F <u>Color of Week:</u> Yellow <u>Number of Week:</u> "5"	29	30	31 Halloween Activities			

