

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pet Blessing	10/14
Fire Safety Puppet Show	10/3
Fire Truck Visit	10/10
Fall School Pictures	10/15 & 10/16
Fall Fun Festival	10/25
Costume Parade	10/31

SAVE THE DATE:
11/16 – Thanksgiving
Lunch

UPCOMING BIRTHDAY'S

Patrick K.	10/1
Von T.	10/6
Julia L.	10/7
Liam L.	10/11
Cynthia B.	10/16
Henry D.	10/23
Cirilda P.	10/25
Sage N.	10/25

DID YOU KNOW...

October is....

- * Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- * Clergy Appreciation Month
- * Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- * Do Something Nice Day 10/5
- * Fire Prevention Day 10/9
- * National Dessert Day 10/14
- World Pasta Day 10/25
- National Candy Corn Day 10/30

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We have so much in store for this month. We are so excited about our 3rd Annual Fall Festival - Friday, October 25, from 6:00 – 8:00pm!!! There will be so much for your little ones to enjoy such as a bouncy house, rides, lots of games, prizes, great food, yummy bake sale, photo booth and Trunk or Treat. We are asking any parents who would like to decorate their trunk for the kiddos to let the office know. Kids and parents please feel free to wear your favorite Halloween costume (nothing scary) please. In addition, we will have a silent auction, raffle, pumpkin decorating contest, and will end our evening with a costume fashion show!

Wristbands & Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$25 (best value) which includes unlimited access to the games and entertainment. Tickets will be sold in bundles of 10 for \$10, which will be available the day of the event. We will email details to you soon so you can be among the first to sign up for Trunk or Treat! Additional information will be sent out. All fundraising activities are in support of the enhancements the school playground.

National Fire Safety Month

One of the highlights of the month of October is our yearly visit from a Houston Fire Department puppet show and fire truck. On October 3rd and October 10th, our children love watching the puppet show as they learn important rules about being safe, being lifted on to the fire truck by the firefighters, trying to use the fire hose, and trying on some of the equipment. Most importantly, observing how the fire fighters look with and without their fire gear. Fire safety is then reinforced in the classrooms, and it's a good time for you to talk about fire safety at home as well!



GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS



"Are You Ready For Some Football"

We are raffling two tickets for the Texans vs Broncos on December 8th at 12:00. Winner gets fabulous seats (Row 124 Section H Seats 20 & 21) and a great parking pass close to seating area. The value of the tickets and parking is around \$700.00. The drawing will be held at the Fall Festival on October 25th. The raffle tickets are \$10 each...come in books of ten tickets. Please stop by the school office on Friday to sign out a book of tickets. **All proceeds go towards enhancing our school playground.**



HAND MADE QUILT

Warm up with this beautiful quilt. This quilt was made by the hands of one of our wonderful church members here at Grace. Stop by the church office for more information about this lovely quilt and to get your raffle ticket.

Costume Parade

Get ready for our costume parade on Wednesday, October 31st. First the kiddos will enjoy going to each classroom to knock on the door and say "TRICK-R-TREAT" to receive a treat from each class, then we will all line up to parade together to the Parish Hall to wave and dance for our loved ones. Please join your children in wearing costumes! We welcome any costumes, but if they are ghouls, goblins, or mummies...please make sure they are friendly and not scary or gory! Some classes will also have class parties in conjunction with Halloween, look for the announcement and sign-up sheets from your child's teacher(s).



CLASSROOM NEWS

INFANT 'A' BUTTERFLIES

Hello Butterflies Family! Amazing month of September filled with a lot of fun activities. Our babies were very busy doing a lot of sensory science and fine motor skills activities, but what the babies really enjoyed the most was the Art Project with Grandparents. We wanted to say welcome to our new student Everett Floyd, who seems to be comfortably adjusting to our class. Hard to believe how our babies are growing. Cole is now crawling and using a sippy cup. Elliot is beginning to roll over and learning to hold his bottle. Hannah is working hard to hold her bottle of milk. Madison loves to give smiles to her teachers, and Margaret is beginning to recognize familiar faces.

The beginning of October we are going to learn about Animals. Our class will have a stuffed animal picnic with parents' participation, they will bring their babies stuffed animals for that day. The second week we will learn about Community Helpers and have a visit from the fire truck. Next our babies will be ready to do the best pose for picture time. For the last week we will have a lot of fun doing the Fall Festival. For the last day of this month we will do the Costume Parade. Our babies will wear their favorite costumes. For all our fiends that won't wear a costume we encourage them to wear purple or black colors for that day.

Again, thank you parents for all your support. Nothing is possible without help.

Ms. Julia

Ms. Dina

INFANT 'B' HONEYBEES

Happy Fall Honeybees Family! September was fun for us in the Honeybee class. We enjoyed learning fruits & vegetables and also enjoyed Music with Candace Hunt. Our honeybees are growing; Lucy and Emmy are pulling up, standing, and trying to walk. Lars loves spending time in the car. Eden and Abby love story time. Ace loves music time and Rowan is starting to pull up. We are sad to say bye to Elizabeth as she moves to the First Step Kittens class, be we know she will learn a lot and have fun. Next month, October, we will be having fun learning about transportation. Some of the activities we are looking forward to is exploring different sounds of vehicles; creating our footprint car and tire track collage. We will also continue to enhance gross motor skills with yoga poses for car, helicopter and boat. We are looking forward to seeing the fire truck and the fire fighters. On October 2nd there will be a puppet show on Fire Safety. The Honeybees class would like to give a big welcome to Ms. Sylvia and Ms. Virginia as they join our infant team.

Thank you, parents, for all your support and thoughtfulness.

Ms. Roxana

Ms. Sylvia

Ms. Virginia



FIRST STEPS KITTENS



Hello, parents!!

September was an awesome month. Our kiddos enjoyed spending time with their grandparents. We would love to give the grandparents a huge hi-five for coming to the grandparent lunch. We had an amazing time, and it was nice meeting you.

Thank you for binging your child's favorite book to class. We the teachers enjoyed reading their favorite books to the whole class. We welcomed Ellie to First Steps, and said goodbye to George, who is going to the Pre-Toddler class.

The month of October we have a lot of amazing things happening. Ms. Cynthia is celebrating a birthday on the 16th of this month. The kiddos will attend the fire safety puppet show and they will get to visit the fire truck at school. The sign language of the month is "Thank you". We will be doing a lot of fun arts and crafts with the kids. On the 31st the kids will have a Halloween party and a Costume Parade.

Ms. Cynthia

Ms. April

CLASSROOM NEWS



PRE-TODDLER PUPS



As September comes to an end, but we enjoyed all the fun activities such as handprint frogs, E for egg craft, feather collage and paper plate fish. We loved meeting our children grandparents for our Grandparents Celebration. For the month of October, we will be focusing on the letter G, the numbers 1-10 and colors - blue, yellow, and green in English and Spanish. For art crafts, we will be creating little pumpkins, paper plate gumballs, friendly handprint ghosts, and baby giraffes. We will also be reading Ten Timid Ghosts, Two Little Witches, 5 Little Pumpkins and Little Giraffe Finger puppet book. We are looking forward to the Fall Festival, Halloween Party, and Costume Parade coming up soon. We would like to welcome to the Pre-Toddlers class our new teacher, Maggie, and our new student, George.

Thank you for all you do!

Ms. LaCarmen

Ms. Margret



TODDLER DOVES



Hello, Doves! We had a curious and appreciative September. We had our fabulous grandparents' appreciation day. We made a gift with our grandparents. We talked about All About Me, and Collage of Colors. We made colorful cars, color patterns, and color collages with shapes to reinforce the concept of colors.

October is harvest season. We will talk about apples, pumpkin, and fall leaves. We have a variety of activities planned to help us learn about nature and fall. We will make grape leaf rubbings, shakers with seeds, and a leaf collage.

We appreciate all of our parents for providing us with the opportunity to journey with your kids in the of the Doves' class.

Ms. Sabrina

Ms. Rokesha



BRIDGE ROOM TURTLES



September was a lot of fun. We explored the letters A through H and enjoyed using our centers to boost our imagination and creativity. In October we will continue with our letters, learning I through M using our Learning Without Tears curriculum and different things that starts with the letter M. For social studies, we will learn about fire safety such as who to call, what to do if our closets are in on fire, how to crawl if we are caught in a fire. We are looking forward to the fire safety puppet show and a visit from the fire truck. We are all excited about to the Fall Festival.... with lots of fun games, trunk-or-treat, and most of all the costume fashion show. On October 31st, the students are invited to wear their costumes for our costume parade during the school day. We are anxiously waiting to see what everyone will dress up as.

Thank you so much, Bridge Class Parents, for all you do to support your kids.

Ms. Stephanie

Ms. Eva

PRE-K THANKFUL 3'S

The month of September flew by really fast. For the month of October with a great amount of enthusiasm because this month is full of so many great events. To start off, our theme for this month will be Community/ Fire Safety. We will incorporate many fun activities to our pre-k curriculum to help our students learn more about fire safety and community leaders along with our school events like the fire truck visit and the fire safety puppet show. We will focus on letters H and I. Learning about the beginning sound of each letter, things that begins with the letter H, and how to form the letter H using our HWTears program. We will explore numbers 9, 10, and 11 thru sorting, matching, counting, forming the numbers thru a variety of writing techniques. We are also looking forward to our Fall Festival and our Costume Parade towards the end of the month. Our class will be having a costume party, and we will be using our five senses to learn more about pumpkins, painting a pumpkin, and working on our math skills with pumpkin seeds.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask us. Thank you for all your support!

Ms. Tania

Ms. Cindy

Ms. Jennifer

CLASSROOM NEWS

PRE-K FOUR GIRAFFES

During the month of October, Pre-K will focus on our community helpers such as the Mayor, police officers, firefighters, teachers, doctors, nurses, dentists, and mail carriers. We will be talking about different characteristics of these occupations, their uniforms and primarily what they do to make a difference in our lives. The Giraffes will also be using their five senses to explore various fun Fall activities like Apple Tasting and finding out what really is inside a pumpkin! We will continue to work on our counting from 1-100 forwards and backwards. At home make counting fun for your kids...use household items such as cheerios, cotton balls, buttons, and similar items, using muffin tins or colorful bowls for sorting. Help your child count out their favorite cereal and make necklaces, bracelets, and rings out of cereal. We will also introduce skip counting...like counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's. Introduce fun games such as Cootie, Don't Spill the Beans, Hi Ho Cherry-O, Chutes and Ladders, Candyland, etc. Remember make it fun and creative. We will also add vocabulary words to our math...like 3 is three. Towards the end of the month, we will post a sign-up sheet for special snacks for our Fall Party. Remember we are in this learning journey together!

Ms. Clementine

Ms. Ruby



Children's Bible Fun



This month we will begin by learning about the creation story from Genesis 1-2 as we celebrate the ministry of Francis Assisi with a blessing of our furry friends. We are asking for a picture of our children's pets, or their favorite stuffed animal that the students bring with them to Wednesday's Chapel. The second week we will hear the story of the Lost Son from Luke 15...In the story we learn about a boy who runs away from his father because he doubts his love but realizes through hardship that his father loves him very much and celebrated his return. On October 16th we will read the story of the Forgiving Prince from Genesis 37-46, which is the telling of Joseph, his brothers and his coat of many colors which is a representation of God's light. For the 4th week of October we will discuss Moses' Escape from Egypt from Exodus 3-13 and the burning bush which represents God's radiant glory as an aspect of His holiness. Moses and his family escapes from a Pharaoh and need God's help to be free. October 30th we will hear the making of the 10 Commandments in the story Ten Ways to be Perfect from Exodus 16-17 and 19-40. God tells Moses exactly what the people need to know to follow God's ways and be perfect in his sight.

We are looking forward to learning a lot about God's plans for us this October.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Welcome to our Grace Family...



Ms. Sylvia is our Co-Teacher in the Infant B Honeybees class. She has over 19 years of experience in early childhood. She loves children and believes that "Children are a wonderful gift from God and that children learn best with patience, love, and hands-on". Ms. Sylvia has her AS degree in Science and a BS degree in culinary arts. She currently working on her BS degree in Anthropology.



Ms. Margret is our Assistant Teacher in the Pre-Toddler Pups class. She has 6 years of experience in early childhood. Her philosophy is "Let kids be kids...let them enjoy exploring and adventuring into new things". She feels children learn best "with the love you give them and the attention shown to them." She is looking forward to starting her CDA class in January.



Ms. Sabrina is our Co-Teacher in the Toddler Twos Doves class. She has over 12 years experience in early childhood. She feels children learn best "at their own pace". Every child learns different and has their own special quality. Ms. Sabrina's goal is to assist "all children in reaching their highest potential." She has a AS degree in Business and working towards receiving her CDA credentials.



Ms. Diana is our Assistant teacher in the Bridge Turtles class. She has 5 months of experience in early childhood. She believes that children learn best "when engaged in fun activities". Her goal is to incorporate fun loving hands-on activities with the children in order for them to learn and fill their curiosity." Ms. Diana has an AS degree in Arts and working towards her BS degree in Science.