



Important Dates

November 21 & 22

Thanksgiving Feasts

November 23 thru 28

PRESCHOOL CLOSED

Reminders

for the 4 yr old classes ...

- **By November 10 & 11**, please bring in a white or light-colored pillowcase.
- **By November 15 & 16**, please bring in a white or neutral-colored cloth napkin, approx. 18"x18". Or your teacher can provide a napkin for your child at a cost of \$1.00.



Birthday Celebrations

Two's

Damian—November 5

Deacon—November 5

Nora—November 16

Three's

Charlotte—November 14

Faith—November 30

Four's

[no birthdays]

Tuition Reminders

DUE NOW ...

- Installment #2 of 3
- Oct. monthly installment

Severe Weather Alert

If the preschool is closed due to severe weather, the notice will be posted by



7:00 a.m. on: www.WFMZ.com
www.preschoolststephens.org

Preschool finished the month of October with parades and parties. Thank you for the donations for the parties. We hope you enjoyed watching the parade and songs. Besides Halloween, the children enjoyed other themes. Since October is Fire Prevention month, the preschool practiced an evacuation drill, in which the children were taught to line up quickly and proceed single file to the exit, and then walk to the enclosed playground. A few weeks later, the Bethlehem Fire Department arrived to do a timed fire drill test. We are very proud of all the children, in that the firemen reported all the children did great.

What we did last month ...

The 2 year old class practiced matching shapes and colors, imitated animals during our animal song, and practiced "stop, drop & roll" during Fire Safety Week. After reading the book *A is for Apple*, the children stamped leaves on construction-paper trees. The class liked using their hands to make hand-print spiders and x-ray prints. Their favorite book was *Knock, Knock Halloween* because they could press a button in the book which made the sound "ding dong".



The 3 year old class's October activities focused around the themes of Fall and Halloween. After reading *Count Down to Fall*, each child picked a Fall-colored leaf from a basket and placed it on the same color tree. The children learned about pumpkins when the teachers cut open a pumpkin and let the children observe it and even touch the inside. The teachers then carved a Jack-O-Lantern from it. The book *Harriet's Halloween Candy* was a jumping off point for a science activity: four candy pumpkins were placed in four different liquids (oil, water, milk & vinegar) to see which liquid would dissolve the candy. We also played several Halloween-themed games. A memory game involved children identifying which item—a skeleton, a leaf, a spider, a bat or a ghost—was removed from a tray. A felt candy corn game was played using various shapes such as triangle, circle, square, heart, oval and diamond. And another game had the children putting numbered monster cards in the correct order on a clothesline. Movement activities included using the sliding board to play "Climb the Mountain," and the children marched and played to the sound of rhythm sticks.

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The 4 year old classes started October off with Fire Safety Week and an awesome visit from the Bethlehem Fire Department. The firemen taught the children what to do in case of a fire and how to "stop, drop & roll." For our Halloween theme, we read *The Beast in the Bathtub*, *Go Away Big Green Monster*, and *Monster Chef*. We hope you liked all the neat projects the children brought home and that you had a chance to come out for our Costume Parade around the church's neighborhood! In addition to all the regular activities, the afternoon class was lucky enough to have one of the student's parents (who are both local chefs) come and make pizzas with the children. Having more time at preschool, the 5-day class also learned fun facts about bats and Christopher Columbus, and made and ate pretzels to celebrate "pretzel month." As we continue to work on the ABC's, please remember to have your child collect and bring in pictures corresponding to that week's letter.



GENERAL NOTE TO ALL PARENTS: Please check your child's school bag daily and remove any notes and/or documents the staff has sent home for you and your child's projects that they have done.

The preschool staff wishes you a very Happy Thanksgiving!

