

VPK

FALL NEWSLETTER

2017



OCTOBER

This month we will be watching for changes in our weather and along with welcoming fall holidays.

Study topics this month include: **Health and safety, Spiders, Night Creatures, Halloween and Pumpkins**

Health and Safety: We will be teaching health and safety. Inside as well as outside the classroom. Germs are not our "Friends"! Let's keep everyone healthy by proper hand washing. If there is an emergency? What do we do, call "911."

Spiders: We will weave matching letter spider webs. Learn some spider movement songs and also our spider web counting game.

Night Creatures: During this week we will learn a new word; nocturnal. Practice Math concepts and read stories of different kinds of night

NOVEMBER

Study topics for November:
Leaves, Families and Thanksgiving

We will be discussing *leaves* and their color changes from green to red orange, yellow and brown. What happens to them when they fall off the tree? Stories, songs and learning activities such as matching upper and lowercase letters on fall leaves. We will take a nature walk to collect and count different objects.

Families are gathering this time of the year. We will discuss who is in our families. We will also talk about how we plan to celebrate Thanksgiving with them.

Thanksgiving: Let's talk turkey? We will make turkey tracks practicing left to right progression. Create a Thanksgiving placemat, read many stories and learn Thanksgiving songs.

DECEMBER

Study topics for December:
Advent, Gifts and Cards, Cookies and baking, Christmas and The Holy Family

We will begin December with learning about *Advent*. This is a season of waiting and preparing for the birth of Jesus. Each week we will light a candle on our **Advent Wreath**.

- The first candle reminds us of the light of hope that the prophets had as they looked forward to a Messiah who would bring peace and love to the world.
- The second candle reminds us of the dark night when Joseph and Mary found light and warmth in the stable.
- The third candle reminds us of the love and joy which

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creatures. This will lead us into.....

Halloween and Pumpkins:

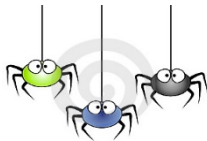
We will read stories about Halloween and sing Halloween songs. We will carve a Jack-O-Lantern and taste Pumpkin products

OCTOBER EVENTS:

Thursday Oct. 5 San Antonio Firefighters will be visiting our school. 9:30 am.

Saturday Oct. 28 St. Joe Fall Festival at Sacred Heart. Volunteers are needed. Sign-up sheet is on the sign in/out board in both classrooms.

Tuesday Oct. 31 Halloween Party and Trick or Treating among the classrooms



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As we all celebrate Thanksgiving we will discuss many ways we are grateful and thankful for everyone we have in our lives.

NOVEMBER EVENTS:

Friday Nov. 17 Thanksgiving Soup Luncheon at 11:00 am



We hope you have a very thankful holiday season with many of God's Blessings.

*Ms. Kathy, Sr. Donna
Ms. Janis, Sr. Elizabeth*

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announcement of the birth of Jesus.

- The fourth candle reminds us of the star which guided the magi to the stable where Jesus lay.

We will discuss gifts and cards. We will write letters to Santa. While practice writing our names. We will make cards for family and friends. We **Upcycle** old Christmas cards and use them for our own cards and decorations.

Cookies and baking: Yum, Yum! We will touch, taste, see, smell and even hear when we bite into them. We will create a sensory tub using flour and gingerbread mix. We will read the Gingerbread Boy and Girl. The Christmas songs we will be learning are: Away in a Manager, Go Tell it on the Mountains, The Angels Sing. Stories we will enjoy are: Asleep at the Stable, The Polar Express; Counting to Christmas, and many more.

December Events

Thursday December 7, Parent Appreciation Night 5:30-9:00
Dinner will be served.