



Dear Parents, Grandparents & Guardians,

May the Peace and Love of Jesus Christ be with you all.

What a great beginning we have had! We are already into the 3rd month and the classroom schedules and activities are well under way. The children are very happy and adjusting very well to the routines and rules of our classroom. They are using their negotiating words to ask for what they want and listening skills with their friends and adults. The children know where and how to use the material and equipment of our learning centers and how to put them away after their use. They are mastering their self-help skills. During snack time, they serve themselves. The looks of "I Can't Do it" are turning into looks of "I DID IT!"

This month, we will be watching for changes in our weather; continue our study of the foundation of the Shapes and their mathematical terms; Math activities for building number sense of 1-20; the alphabet by learning the letters and sounds of the alphabet and will brainstorm to find the words that begin with that letter.

Our study topics this month include: **Health and Safety, Community Helpers, Spiders, Night Creatures, Pumpkins, and Halloween/Eve of All Saints Day.**

The children will learn about germs; health and safety inside and outside of the class room; the importance of proper hand washing, brushing teeth, nutrition and exercise; and fire safety rules ... if there is an emergency, what do we do ... Call "911".

We will be reading books, role-playing and discussing healthcare workers, emergency workers, workers in schools, service workers, and government helpers. We will talk about how community helpers are of benefit to the community, and your child will be asked to share personal stories about his/her experiences with community helpers. We would like to make this month a fun and tangible learning month for our children. If you can come in and discuss with the children your career as a community helper or in the health and safety field, we would greatly appreciate it. Please let us know if you are available.

This October, we will be exploring spiders & spider webs; read books about different kind of spiders; make a spider web; and learn to sing spider songs. We will read books and discuss the different kinds of night creatures and will learn a big word ... "Nocturnal". We will also read books about pumpkins; paint and carve pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns, and explore pumpkin seeds. We are planning to make and eat pumpkin pie with the help of Sr. Donna. We would appreciate any donations of pumpkins and gourds.

The children will learn about Halloween and the eve of the celebration of All Saints. At the end of October, we will have a Halloween snack party and Trick or Treat between classes. All children are encouraged to arrive that morning dressed in their costumes. Please refrain from costumes that include weapons. Towards the end of October, you will get more information about our Halloween celebration.

Skill streaming social skills such as saying thank you, rewarding yourself, and asking for help will be covered this month. We will also learn the bible concept: God Loves Me and Always Helps Me and in the Bright Beginnings - Unit 2: The Story of Joseph and His Brothers. We go to church every Tuesday at 9:30 am to pray and pray every day in our class room.

We would like to thank everyone who were able to provide school supplies and snacks as well as those who purchased books for our classroom from our Book Fair.

May God continue to bless your family!

Sr. Elizabeth & Ms. Cindie