



# The Early Childhood Corner

## From the Teachers' Desk

Dear parents,

The first month of school is complete. The children are becoming familiar with the schedule and are more comfortable in the classroom environment.

They enjoy looking at books in the Library Center, playing in the Home Living Center, building in the Block Center and creating things at the Art Center, as well as



doing puzzles and small motor activities like the magnetic animals at the Fine Motor Center.

As the Preschoolers become more comfortable at school, we will be able to facilitate and encourage more socialization skills. Presently, some tend to play by themselves, while others have progressed to the next stage where they play next to each other. We are also working on

echoing prayers and songs, finding their names, cleaning up after snack and following a one step direction such as "Boys stand up". After they do that "Boys line up."

The 4K children are playing next to each other and most of the time are playing with others. We are working on sharing, taking turns, apologizing when we upset someone and following more detailed directions such as "If you have Dd in your name, line up at the silver circle."

In 4K, we have some children who are struggling to write their names. We are focusing on this and your help at home would be appreciated. Please remember that the only capital letter in a name is the first one.

Soon we will be checking addresses. If your child does not know this information,

you can practice it at home too. We have been taking walks around the grounds and going out to play whenever the weather is good. We

will continue to go out until it gets



too cold or wet. Child Care goes out all year unless it rains or is below O. Thank you for sending appropriate outdoor clothing for your child.

We are working on taking coats off without sleeves getting turned inside out and having the children put their coats on by themselves. You can help us by working on that at home. Have a great fall!

✂

In His service,  
Ms. Engelhardt  
Miss Kittelson  
Mrs. Leuck  
Mrs. Murphy  
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Mrs. Stiemke  
Mrs. Zeuner

St. Paul Early  
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### Special points of Interest:

- Check out the current participation in SCRIP
- We **do not** dress up for Halloween. There will be a fall party instead.
- Bring something for Show-n-Tell when you bring a snack or a drink.

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## Saved Junk

We can get money for ink cartridges, used cell phones, IPods, iPads and large HP toner cartridges (usually used in machines in offices). When you bring them to school, they go in



the large green topped box that looks like an ink cartridge. Which is in the hall. We just filled a large box with the collection we had from the summer and will get \$160. ✂

## 3 Year Old Preschool in October

| Date            | Jesus Time Themes          | Additional Concepts & Skills |
|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| October 5 - 9   | Joseph's Father & Brothers | Safety yellow                |
| October 12 - 16 | Moses' Birth               | Safety red                   |
| October 19 - 23 | Crossing the Red Sea       | Wild Animals #3              |
| October 26 - 30 | The 12 Spies' Report       | Wild Animals                 |

School Pictures

Tuesday,  
October 13  
9:00 - 11:00

**Life Skill:** Take coat on and off by yourself. Fix the sleeves if inside out. 4K zipping

**Family Tool Box:** Sing songs about Jesus.

## Snack/Show-n-Tell

We would like to thank you for the nutritious snacks that have been provided so far. Just a reminder - on the day your child brings the drink or snack, he/she may also bring something to show.

## SCRIP

So far we have sold \$1,650 in SCRIP cards and had a \$115 profit for the first 3 weeks of September.

If you haven't given SCRIP a try, think about it. Some families saved over \$20 on a month of tuition as well as earned that amount for the Early Childhood Center.

Gift cards make great gifts too!



**ShopWithScrip and MyScripWallet** is also available so you can order electronically or have the purchase for immediate use on your phone. ✂

## Fall Parties

On October 29th and 30th, we will celebrate with Fall parties. We ask that children **do not** come to school with Halloween costumes. St. Paul's policy regarding Halloween is printed as follows in the handbook. "At St. Paul ECC, we emphasize Jesus' love and forgiveness instead of frightening images of goblins,

witches and ghosts. That is why we celebrate with a special Fall party in our classes rather than a traditional Halloween party. Halloween can be an exciting time with plenty of make-believe. There are fun and safe ways to celebrate that are not spooky or scary for preschoolers. Our art

projects during Halloween will include fall colors or things like pumpkins and beautiful trees instead of witches or devils". ✂



## 4K in October

| Date            | Jesus Time Themes                                 | Additional Concepts & Skills            |
|-----------------|---|---|
| October 5-9     | God's Promises to Abraham (God Doesn't Forget Me) | Safety<br>Pp - police      octagon      |
| October 12-16   | Jacob's Troubles (God is Always With Us)          | Safety<br>Ff - firemen      #3      red |
| October 19-23   | Joseph & His Brothers (Forgiveness in Families)   | Wild Animals<br>gray                    |
| October 26 - 30 | Moses' Birth                                      | Wild Animals<br>Zz - zebra      black   |

No School -  
October 23

Child Care  
is available

**Life Skill:** Take coat on and off by yourself. Practice zipping.

**Family Tool Box:** Sing songs about Jesus.

## Absences/Illnesses

You have been doing a great job of letting us know if your child is ill or will be absent! It is helpful for us in our planning when we know this. Thank you for your help.

We especially need to know about the following: whooping cough, chicken pox, impetigo, pink eye ringworm, strep, scarlet fever, fifth disease, mono, lice or swine flu.

These are contagious and we would need to notify everyone in the class. ✂



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## COVID

As of now, the mask mandate has been extended to Nov. 18. If your child turns 5 in October or November, please send your child to school with a mask.

Our medical consultants are indicating there is more proof that if 2 people are masked and 1 has COVID, the rate of transmission is very low. Since we do not have the children masking, our rate of transmission will be much higher. So if your child displays any signs of illness, please keep him/her home for 24 hours. If the symptoms get better and no new symptoms appear, he/she may return to school. We know runny noses, sniffles and coughs are going to become more common as we enter the cold & flu season. We also know that COVID symptoms in children are more often stomach ache, nausea, diarrhea, cough or runny nose. This makes it more difficult for all of us to navigate through this.

Please let us know if anyone in your family comes in contact with someone who tests positive for COVID or if an older sibling has a case in his/her classroom.

We promise to continue to follow all health and safety protocols and thank you for your caution and diligence on everyone's behalf.

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## WMELS Standards

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### Positive Social Relationships

#### Social Competence:

- 1. Demonstrates attachment, trust and autonomy.**
- 2. Engages in social interaction and play with others.**

\* We comfort your child when they have difficulty separating from you or get upset.

\*We guide exploration of the classroom to help children find things to try on their own.

\*Free play allows the children to play near or with others as they are comfortable.

\*Guided play helps children interact with each other.

- 3. Demonstrates understanding of rules and social expectations.**
- 4. Engages in social problem solving and learns to resolve conflict.**

\*We spend time learning and practicing procedures in the classroom like taking turns talking, sharing, etc.

\*Christian behavior is modeled by the teachers and practiced by the children.

\*When conflict arises we help each child share their side of the story and find a way to fix the situation.

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