



St. Mary's Community Preschool Newsletter

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October Happenings!!

Fire Prevention
Week Visit from the
Tuxedo Fire
Department

Trip to Wright
Farm in Warwick,
NY

Harvest Party and
Trick or Treat at



Dear Parents:

October was action-packed at SMCP. As most of you got a glimpse, we were featured in The Photo News and The Times Herald this month. We take pride in the fundraising we do for our preschool and the activities we participate in for our community. Students, teachers, parents, caregivers, clergy, parishioners - we are one big family under God.

Mommy And Me Jubilee

Kathy Wright, Facilitator

Mommy and Me Jubilee is coming to a close for the fall session. We have had so much fun coloring, playing instruments, crawling through tunnels and playing with bubbles!

The winter session starts December 10th at 11 am in Bentley Hall. Come join us to sing, dance, read stories and enjoy a snack

The Promenade to
visit our seniors



together! Our last class was full so please register TODAY to hold your spot!!

Contact Kathy Wright CRider8680@hotmail.com or text/call at 845-216-6871 or call Lisa at St. Mary's.

Preschool Two Day

Sharlene Pizza, Head Teacher

Just as there are so many beautiful palettes of color outside there are just as many inside St. Mary's Preschool this month! The 2 year old students are off and running this month. We were delighted to have the Tuxedo Fire Department visit us during Fire Prevention Week. A few of us were there to check out the fire truck and see a fireman up close with all his gear on. Since then, a couple of the boys have been pretending to be firemen in the classroom!



We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day pumpkin picking at the Wright Family Farm in Warwick NY! Watching the kids on the hay wagon, picking their pumpkins and finding their way through the corn maze was so much fun. From that point on it was all about pumpkins, leaves and colors.

The children learn the calendar every school day and know that October can be chilly as we dress Mr. & Mrs. Bear in their Autumn clothes while they rake the leaves and pick their pumpkins too! We reviewed the colors red and yellow all month as well as our shapes, the circle and square! Our letters of the month were C, D and E.

The children were busy painting, as I'm sure you've noticed the different colors coming home on your children's hands and clothing! Speaking of hands, we introduced a bit of science to our harvest celebration by mixing a batch of pumpkin clay! I hope your kids

enjoyed playing with it at home as much as they enjoyed making it in the classroom.



Please continue to take moments during the day to reinforce sitting and listening. Just a little every day makes a big difference in the classroom. It's a blessing to be with your children through the week, and I hope you are hearing the same from your little ones!

Sharlene Pizza, Head Teacher
Michelle Kayser, Assistant Teacher

Preschool Three Day

Amanda Rabolli, Head Teacher

"Get Set For School" Curriculum

The students were introduced to the letter D and E this month. We created crafts corresponding to our letter of the week: D is for Doghouse and E is for Eagle. We also created our D dot worksheet and our E egg worksheet. Each morning we practice our previously taught letters as well as the letter of the week. We discuss the letter, how it's formed, the sound it makes as well as the clue word that begins with that letter. So far we have learned A is for apple, B is for boots, C is for car, D is for ducks, and E is for elephant. The clue word helps to reinforce the letter



sound.

During the month of October we celebrated National Fire Safety week. We played games to teach fire safety. Practicing "stop, drop and roll" and "stay low and go" not only was that a lot of fun and got us up and moving, but also allowed us to teach the children about what to do in the event of a fire. The Tuxedo Fire Department visited the students and gave us a tour of their fire truck.

For Math this month we have been focusing on more and fewer, counting, recognizing numbers and sorting objects. We have been using our Tag Bags to sort by colors.

Before we begin writing letters in our Readiness and Writing books, we work with our wood pieces to become familiar with our lines: big line, little line, big curve, little curve. We sang songs and were introduced to Mat Man. The students had fun building him using our wood pieces and following along with the Mat Man song. We polished wood pieces and sorted wood pieces. We wrote the letter L, F and the cross shape. We used our wood pieces to discuss letter formation and practiced how to form the letter L on our blue mats.

Language this month has given us the opportunity to practice our names, letters, sounds, and sorting letters and pictures. We have been focusing on going through our alphabet and recognizing the letter names. We began talking about capital and lowercase letter friends which are capital and lowercase letters that look similar: Cc, Oo, Pp, Vv, Ww, Xx, and Zz.

We continue to learn new vocabulary words each day. In the month of October we studied the School unit and began our Animal unit.

At the end of the month we had a Harvest Dress Up Party and enjoyed yummy snacks and a trip to the Promenade to Trick or Treat.

We are looking forward to November and all that it brings!



Amanda Rabolli, Head Teacher
Michele Kayser, Teacher Assistant

Preschool Five Day

Ida Payne, Head Teacher

"Get Set For School" Curriculum

October was such a fun-filled month at SMCP. We had a visit from the Tuxedo Fire Department for Fire Prevention Week. The children loved the chance to jump on to a real fire truck. We even made the newspaper! Who can forget the gorgeous fall day we had for our trip to the Wright Farm in Warwick, NY. The month came to a close with our Harvest Party and trip to The Promenade to visit our seniors in the community.....love those costumes!!





We start each day by praying that God will guide us, protect us, and promise to obey his word.....His love is perfect.

The students were very busy learning and exploring during the month of October:

Vocabulary: Squawker sat with the children during Word Time helping enrich their vocabulary with words from the categories My Body and Sky. They learn the meaning and correct pronunciation of words.

Handwriting: The introduction to Handwriting Without Tears teaches the students paper placement and proper pencil skills. This led the way to begin writing our Frog Jump Capital Letters F, E, D, P, B, R N and M in their Letters and Numbers for Me Books.

Math: Numbers and Operations - Solid understanding of how to count to find out "how many?" (quantity) is a foundation of all other math ideas. The students learned simple addition by counting objects in a set using different manipulative. They learned to connect numerals to quantities and learn to associate these quantities

with written symbols. The children also learned simple subtraction by taking away objects from a given set. The Wet-Dry-Try method was used to write numbers 1 and 2.

Language and Literacy: The students continued to explore words that **rhyme**. As children play with rhyme, they build vocabulary and learn sound patterns and combinations. The students realize that sentences are made of words and words are made of sounds. They learn to break a sentence into words and build a sentence with words. The students learned how to separate **compound** words into two words and create compound words with two familiar words. The children began to recognize word **syllables** by clapping to emphasize each part/syllable of a word.

We cherish the past and look forward to the future with great enthusiasm. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are less fortunate around the world.

Ida Payne, Head Teacher

Cynthia Dinan, Teacher Assistant

Calendar of Events

November 11 - Veteran's Day

November 21 - Grandparents Day



November 26-28: Thanksgiving

St.Mary's Community Preschool offers a variety of early childhood academic programs:

Mommy & Me Jubilee

Preschool 2-day

Preschool 3-day

Preschool 5-day

Community Social Enrichment



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