

## October Calendar 2011

### God Centered Education for Life

Dear Parents,

Our first full month of Kindergarten is coming to a close! It went so quickly! The students have learned so much already. They are settling in to the groove of how to do kindergarten. I am amazed at how well they work together. I have enjoyed getting to know their special little personalities. God has definitely blessed us with wonderful covenant children.

Our Fruit of the Spirit theme for the month of October is "Joy." Our theme verse from Psalm 95:1 says, "Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Our theme song will be "Joy." As in years past, the teachers will continue to watch the students for Christian Character traits. If they are "caught" being responsible, respectful, etc. their name can be put in the chapel drawing for a Medium Pizza Ranch pizza.

In Penmanship and phonics we will cover the letters Ss, Pp and Tt. **Any letter/sound review at home is very helpful! Be asking your child what sound do you hear at the beginning of \_\_\_\_? They do not need to tell you the letter; I'm just looking for them to be able to isolate the sound.** (For example, What do you hear at the beginning of Mom? They should respond with /mmm/. Another good question is "What starts with /sss/: bread, lettuce, or spaghetti?) **Engaging your child in the activities on the weekly reading home letter and mini readers is another way to ensure that the concepts we cover in class are being grasped and mastered by your child.** We'll spend October 19-21 reviewing the letters we have learned so far and doing some fun activities with The Little Red Hen and if time, Chicka Chicka Boom Boom. We'll also be working on our telephone numbers this month. (Some of us will continue to work on our addresses)

In math we will be finishing up our unit on patterns and will be beginning to work with numbers. We will be working with the numbers 0-5. The guessing jar will continue.

Our theme for **Show and Tell** during the month of October will be "Signs of Fall." Your child can bring or tell something dealing with the signs of fall. This could be a fall item s/he found, a fall picture/craft s/he made, a demonstration of what s/he knows about harvest equipment using toy tractors, etc. It is helpful if your children practice what they are planning to say about their item before they get in front of the class.

Our school will again be participating in the Pizza Ranch reading incentive program. We will begin this reading program this month. The Kindergarten reading goal is 50 minutes (approx. 10 minutes per night, 5 nights per week). This includes time your child is read to or spends time looking at books. (Reading the take home books definitely counts!) Your child can record their reading time by coloring one object on the monthly reading chart at the back of this calendar. Just send in the whole slip **at the end of the month**. Each month your child accomplishes the reading goal of this chart,, s/he will receive a certificate for a free mini pizza/kid's buffet. Happy reading!!

#### **October 4: Letter/sound: s New word: Like**

Memory Verse: review all verses learned so far. (short week!)

Show and Tell: **Keana**

**October 5: It's Seed Day! Bring seeds to mount on our seed poster. Look around your yard for seeds from plants, trees, or fruit and bring them along to school marked with what kind of seed you think it is.**

Show and Tell: **Macy**

**Do you know your days of the week or address?**

**Haley turns 6 years old on Friday, October 8. We will be celebrating today. Be sure to wish Haley**

**"Happy Birthday" when you see her!**

*The O'Brien County Naturalist, Charlene Elyea, will come and teach us about seed dispersal.*

*Guessing Jar goes home with: **JD***

**October 6: No School for Heartland Teacher's Convention. (Enjoy your day off! Your teacher has to go to school today!)**

**October 11: Letter/sound: p New word: a**

Memory Verse: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

***Yesterday was Columbus Day. Be ready to tell something about Christopher Columbus.***

**Makena turned 6 years old on Friday, October 7! We will be celebrating today. Be sure to wish Makena "Happy Birthday" when you see her!**

**It's Fire Prevention Week!** We will be walking to the fire station (weather permitting) to learn from the firemen. We will be riding back on the fire truck. **Dress appropriately! BE SURE YOUR PERMISSION SLIP IS RETURNED TODAY!**

Show and Tell: **Makena**

**October 12: Are you ready to shine for Jesus today?**

Show and Tell: **Stephen**

**October 13: Recite Romans 8:28**

***It's Popcorn Day!*** (I'll provide the popcorn)

**Do you know your address or days of the week???**

**A Sheldon Police officer will be coming to teach us about being a police officer and about safety.**

Show and Tell: **Tori**

*Guessing Jar goes home with Haley*

**October 18: Reading review of all words and sounds**

Memory Verse: "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth." Psalm 100:1

**The Little Red Hen**

**Macy turned 6 years old on Sunday, October 16! We will be celebrating today. Be sure to wish Macy "Happy Birthday" when you see her!**

Show and Tell: **Aidyn**

**October 19: Review day: bring an item that begins with Mm, Pp, Ss, or Aa. The class will need to figure out the beginning sound so keep what you brought a secret!**

**The Little Red Hen**

Show and Tell: **Carson**

**October 20: Recite Psalm 100:1**

**Finish The Little Red Hen (Chicka Chicka Boom Boom if time)**

*Guessing Jar goes home with Dylan*

Show and Tell: **Dylan**

**October 25: Letter/sound: t New word: see**

Memory Verse: "Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs." Psalm 100:2

Show and Tell: **Haley**

We will be working on our Telephone numbers this week.

**October 26: T-shirt Day: wear your favorite T-shirt. Tell us why it is your favorite T-shirt.**

Show and Tell: **JD**

**October 27: Recite Psalm 100:1-2**

**Carson turns 6 years old on Sunday, October 30! We will be celebrating today. Be sure to wish Carson "Happy Birthday" when you see him!**

*We will be going to Northwestern College to see some plays. We will be riding a bus so no car seats are needed! Yippee!*

***On Monday, it is Reformation Day! Be ready to tell one thing that you know about this special day!***

***Do you know your telephone number?***

*Guessing Jar goes home with Carson*

End of the first 9 weeks!

Thank you for your help this month!

In His service,

Mrs. Geels