

October, 2012

Dear Parents,

October has been such an exciting month for our class. Halloween is slowly creeping up on us, it is a time of seasonal excitement. Black cats, spiders, bats, jack-o-lanterns and ghosts have been invading our room. With this in mind, we have been keeping busy making fun art projects.

Some of our spooky songs and finger plays we have been learning are: "Black Cat," "Five Little Pumpkins," "The Goblin in the Dark," "Three Little Witches," "My Pumpkin is a Jolly Sprite," "I have a Cat," and "A Funny Old Woman with a Pointed Hat."

Besides preparing for Halloween, we have continued reviewing our colors and shapes. We have learned numbers 1,2,3,4, and 5, and The Letter People have introduced us to several new Alphabet letters. Since our previous newsletter, we now have learned about Mr. N and his Noisy Nose, Ms. W who wears Wonderful Words, Ms. P who has Pointy Patches, Mr. H who has Happy Hair and Mr. M who has a Munching Mouth. Please continue reinforcing scissor cutting at home. We are getting better and better!!! I appreciate your help. Also, please continue to work with your child on writing his/her name in upper and lower case letters.

Another skill that I have really been focusing on is following simple directions. Perhaps at home, you can give your child simple directions to do, and see if they can follow through with the task. My assistant and I are striving to have your children be more independent and do many tasks on their own without help. Ex.(Hanging up their own book bags, putting on their own coats, cleaning up after themselves). As your children start to learn these skills on their own, they begin to be more confident and have better self-esteem.

Each week we have continued learning a special religion lesson. The following is what we have covered so far: "God gave us Friends," "God gave us Helpers," (which on this particular week, it worked out perfect, as we enjoyed having a fireman visit our school) and "We are all members of God's Church." Ask your child about our visit to God's House.

I would like to Thank all of the Homeroom Moms who have helped put our Halloween parties together, and all the parents who signed-up to bring in goodies. Your help is greatly appreciated.

I hope that all of you have a BOOTIFUL, Safe and very Happy Halloween.

Sincerely,
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