

Ark of Angels

September 2009 Newsletter

From the teachers:

- **October tuition is due!**
- We had an exciting and enthusiastic first couple weeks of school. The children are learning to be independent from mom and dad, how to clean up after themselves, to sit, listen, and how to control their hands and voices.

Important Dates to Remember

10/6 Healthcare Summary is due

Looking ahead

10/20 School Pictures for Tuesday class

10/15 – 16 **NO SCHOOL** AM & PM classes

10/28-10/30 Class Halloween Parties... more info to follow

Reminders:

- **Keep your child home if he or she is sick and call or email to let us know.**
- Please remember to turn in your **Health Care Summary** by October 6th. If you are not sure if you have turned your in or have questions, you can call Cheryl @ 379-1269 or email her at colsen@stccs.com
- Please have a change of clothing in your child's backpack, including socks.
- Please **stay in your car** during drop off and pick up, and remind anyone else who will be involved in the transportation of your child.
- Please pull forward to buckle your child.
- We would also like for your child to get into the vehicle from the passenger side and climb across if necessary.
- Please continue to use your child's name card in the window for pick-up.
- Keep bringing in change for our variety of piggy banks. We use these funds to purchase things for our school that was not budgeted.
- If your child is eating lunch at school, remember to send a cup from home.

Monday Extended Day Lunch

Students from the Monday-Tuesday- Wednesday AM class have the opportunity to stay an extra hour on Mondays. We will have lunch that the children bring from home and we will provide the milk. Sign up for a single time or for an entire month. We do ask that you sign up by the start of class on Monday. There is a cost of \$8 per time, \$10/family, and the 4th time is free.

School Pictures

Our Tuesday AM & PM classes will have their pictures taken on Tuesday October 20th at 9:15 for the AM class and 12:45 for the PM class. Our Friday class will have pictures on Friday October 23rd at 9:15 AM. We will be going together as a class. We will send order forms home the week before pictures. Siblings are invited to have their pictures taken as well. If you have questions please talk to Cheryl.

Classroom needs:

Paper towels and napkins
Kleenex
5 oz or 3oz Dixie cups
Tape for dispensers
Dish soap
Latex gloves
Band-Aids
Markers
Arts and crafts supplies
Covers of old birthday or other cards
Used toys, books, puzzles
Paper, reams of white or colored or clean on one side scrap paper
Paper shredder

Virtus Training:

If you could not make it to the Virtus training session last week, there are other classes offered around the metro area. Go to www.stcroixcatholic.com >scsparents> Important forms and documents >for volunteers > instructions to register.

Going on in our Classroom:

- Science/Geography: We have completed our unit on the Ocean.
- We learned about ocean animals, including octopi; sea shells; and names of the oceans. We learned the little fish song.

Little Fish Song:

Little Fish went out to play.

He wiggles his fins and swims away.

He swims and swims in the ocean bright.

He opens his mouth and takes a bite.

- Apples: We are counting apples, coloring apples, sorting apples, making apple mazes, and dot to dot apple activities.
- Daily activities include: Learning our colors, shapes, counting, numbers, sounds, writing our names in lower case letters, and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- We are learning to sit in a group and listen to each other, sing together and learn our manners.
- Religion: We have studied the story of creation and colored a page or book about how God made everything and He saw that it was good.
- We had a hand-washing demo with the black light by a visiting nurse.
- Kindergarten Visit: Last week we went to visit Kindergarten. The children got a chance to see a classroom, the cafeteria and the gym. We saw lots of fun things and even got to sing a song, color pictures, hear a story and try out the 'Smart Board'. The Kindergartens have invited us back for lunch some day. Kindergarten is fun!

Coming Up:

- Science/Geography: Birds, Spiders, Texas
- Halloween
- Religion: Sharing and taking turns, The Our Father prayer
- Fire and Storm drills

Home:

If your child enjoys playing school at home and you would like to work on activities that we do in school, here are some of the following tips for helping them.

- Teach proper way to hold a pencil – Thumb opposite first two fingers
- Print name in lower case letters (except for first letter).
- Print letters and numbers the correct way, not what is easiest.
- Teach the sounds of the letters and the short vowel sounds.
- Count to ten, read to your child every day.