

# Ark of Angels

## September 2010 Newsletter

### ***Important Dates to Remember***

9/16 Preschool Potluck 5:30 St Michaels Social Hall  
9/17 **Book orders due**  
10/1 Coffee with Cressy  
10/8 Healthcare Summary is due (form found online)

### ***Looking ahead***

10/14 Preschool Pictures 9:15 Thursday class  
10/15 Preschool Pictures 9:15 Friday class  
10/19 Preschool Pictures 9:15 AM class  
12:45 PM class  
**10/21 – 22 NO SCHOOL**

## Preschool Potluck

Thursday September 16<sup>th</sup> we are hosting our annual “get to know you” fall potluck at 5:30 PM in St. Michael’s Social Hall. We will attempt to begin eating by 5:45 knowing that there are many activities happening at the beginning of the school year. We ask that each family bring a dish to share and Ark of Angels will provide the rest. Hope you can make it!

## From the teachers:

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

## Reminders:

- **Keep your child home if he or she is sick and please call or email to let us know.**
- Please remember to turn in your **Health Care Summary** by October 8<sup>th</sup>. If you are not sure if you have turned yours in or have questions, you can call Cheryl @ 379-1269 or email her at [colsen@stccs.com](mailto:colsen@stccs.com)
- Please have a change of clothing in your child’s backpack, including socks, underwear, bottoms and a top.

- 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 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.
- If your child is eating lunch at school, remember to send a cup from home.

## Volunteering Opportunities

We realized that we did not have a form for you to fill out if you were interested in volunteering or had ideas for field trips. If you are interested helping out with in anything on our list please send us an email or talk to us after class.

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> time is free.

## School Pictures

There are three different days in which we will be going over to St Croix Catholic to have our pictures taken to accommodate every class. . We will send order forms home the week before pictures. Siblings are invited to have their pictures taken as well, but parents please plan to attend with the younger siblings. If you have questions please call Cheryl @ 379-1269.

Thursday class	at 9:15 AM	on Thursday October 14 <sup>th</sup>
Friday class	at 9:15 AM	on Friday October 15 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday AM class	at 9:15 AM	on Tuesday October 19 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday PM class	at 12:45 PM	on Tuesday October 19 <sup>th</sup>

## Play-dough

We are in need of families taking turns making gluten free play dough at home twice a month. We will provide all of the supplies and recipe - we just need someone to prepare it for us. This would be a fun science experiment that you can do with your preschooler! If you are interested please let Karen or Cheryl know.

## Coffee With Cressy

"The Importance of Play for Early Learners"

Friday, October 1

9:15 am

Sr. Michael's Edith Stein Meeting Room

Mrs. Epperly will talk about the value of play for young children. Play is an important part of learning, yet it is often one of the first items cut in children's daily activities. More play versus increased learning continues to be an ongoing debate within educational systems. We might be surprised at how little time children get to play. Principal Epperly will lead a discussion about current research on this subject. This event is open to all — SCCS families, Ark of Angels Preschool families, tri-parish families and the public.

**Childcare will be available** in St. Michael's Parish Nursery; however, please call to reserve a space for your child/children by calling the SCCS office by Wednesday, September 29 at 3:00 pm.

### Classroom needs:

Paper towels and napkins

Kleenex

Tape for dispensers

Latex gloves

Band-Aids

Arts and crafts supplies (pom poms, ribbon, tissue paper, buttons, jewels, foamies ect)

Used toys, books, puzzles

Paper, reams of white or colored or clean on one side scrap paper

Paper shredder

### Going on in our Classroom:

- We are learning to sit in a group and listen to each other, sing together and learn our manners, how to wait to be called upon and to keep our hands to ourselves.
- We are starting to learn to recognize our written names, how to count objects, and how to recognize small numbers
- We've introduced the sounds of the letters "m" and "s"
- We are just beginning to introduce "The Pledge of Allegiance" and are taking turns holding the American flag.
- In Science: We are learning about insects and the cycle of a butterfly.

- We've been practicing hand washing and cleaning up after we are done with our work.

Coming Up:

- 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.