

Ark of Angels Montessori Preschool

November 2009

From the Teachers:

Thank you to all of the families who have donated the various paper products needed for our classroom.

Classroom Open House

We will be hosting an Open House for the families of our students to come in and visit, see what we've been working on and meet their friends. The Open House will be held during regular class times. Your child can lead you around the classroom on a fun scavenger hunt, show you what they have been working on and even show you how we have our snack.

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday AM class

9:00 Wednesday, December 2nd

Tuesday-Wednesday PM class

12:30 Wednesday, December 2nd

Thursday class

9:00 Thursday, December 3rd

Friday class

9:00 Friday, December 4th

Important Dates

11/6	PRESCHOOL IS IN SESSION
11/7	St Michaels Merry Mall at SCCS and St. Michael's 10:00 AM -2:00 PM
11/09	VIRTUS training at St. Michael's 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
11/09 & 10 11/16 & 17	Preschool conferences Preschool conferences
11/13	St. Croix Valley Faith Formation Kid's Carnival at St. Mary's Church 6:00 - 8:30 PM
11/16	Last Day to collect boxes for Operation Christmas Child
11/25 – 11/27	No School - Thanksgiving Break
12/2 & 4	Ark of Angels Family Day



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VIRTUS Training at St. Michael's

Monday, November 9th
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

This is for any parents or grandparents wishing to volunteer at SCCS or Ark of Angels Preschool, working directly with children. You have another local opportunity to complete the required Virtus training. The Archdiocese requires that all volunteers having direct contact with students must attend training on "Protecting God's Children." Pre-registration for the class is required. To register for this training, go to <http://www.virtusonline.Org> If you would like to read instructions on the registration process, you can find an instruction sheet on the SCCS web site:

<http://www.stcroixcatholic.com/files/stcroixcatholic/files/Virtus/VIRTUSregstrationinstructions.pdf>

Monday Lunch With the Teachers

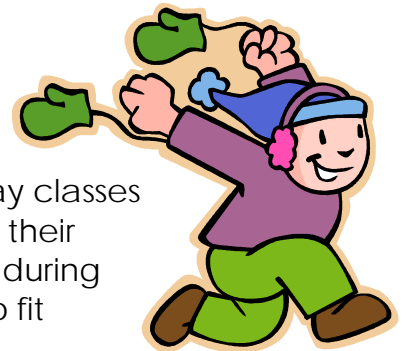
Every Monday we offer an extended day option for the Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday AM students. The children can have lunch with the teachers. You pack a lunch from home, we provide the milk. The cost is \$8.00 per time for 1 child, \$10 for 2 children payable on the day you choose to stay or you can pay ahead a month at a time. Attend 3 times and the 4th time is free. Hope to see you there!

Operation Christmas Child

Between now and **November 19th** we will be collecting shoe boxes filled with small gifts for children in need. This is a project sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. We have a couple of boxes here at school if you would like to just bring in a small gift and we will take care of the rest.

Outdoor Play time

We will be going outside on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The Tuesday AM class will be going outside first thing in the morning, so please have your children fully dressed in their winter clothes when they arrive. If your child is in the Tuesday PM class, Thursday, or Friday classes they will be going outside at the end of the day and going home in their winter clothes. Please label **ALL** clothing items, send shoes to wear during school and have a bag or backpack big enough for **EVERYTHING** to fit inside . . . including boots.



Encourage your child to dress themselves before coming to school and teach them how to zip. This will save us a lot of time and gives us more outside time.

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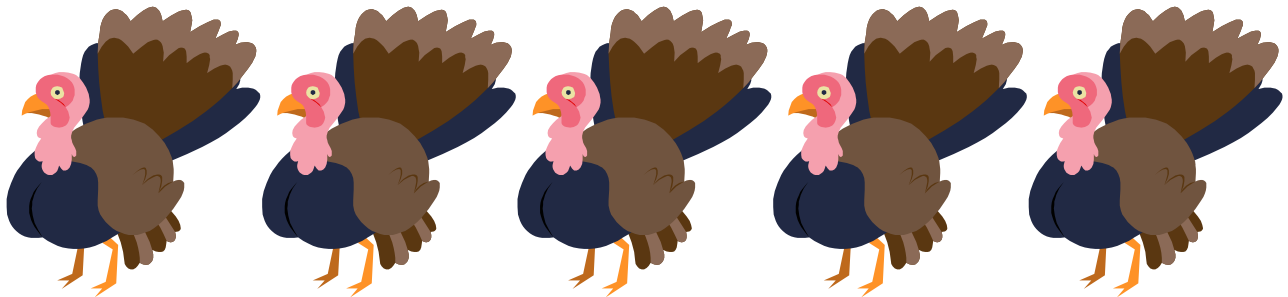
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During the month of October we have been learning about:

- Creation
- Sharing and taking turns
- The story of Noah's Ark
- Seasons and weather
- Spiders
- Continuing to learn letters and sounds
- Birds
- Halloween
- Continuing to learn the "Our Father"
- Counting together

In the upcoming weeks we plan to:

- Listen to stories about Moses
- Begin learning about Advent
- Collect shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child
- Learn about different kinds of transportation
- Continue practicing our counting, letters, shapes and numbers
- Talk about "Thanksgiving" and think about what we are thankful for
- Prepare for our classroom Open House
- Begin learning about Texas and Family Pets



*Five little turkeys are we.
We spent all night in a tree.
When the cook came along we couldn't be found
And that's why we're here you see.*