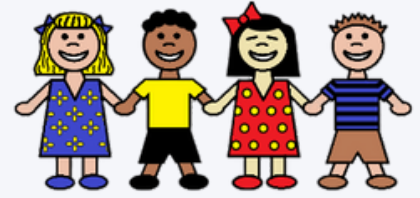


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IMPORTANT DATES

10/10	Fire Truck Visit
10/12	Staff Training
10/14	No School
	Parent-Teacher Conferences (Primary and Elementary)
10/18	Upper Elem Field Trip
10/25	Lower Elem Field Trip

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Thursday, October 10th will be a special day for our Toddler, Primary, and Elementary students as Temple Fire Department stops by with a fire truck to talk to our students about fire safety. The students will have an opportunity to tour the fire engine as well!

Primary and Elementary parents, please sign-up for a Parent-Teacher conference to be held on Monday, October 14th. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress thus far. It is best if other childcare arrangements are made during the conference so that conversations can be had freely. Except for conferences, the school will be closed on this federal holiday.

-- Mrs. Jennifer Watson



"The education of even a small child...
does not aim at preparing him for school, but for life."

- Maria Montessori

INFANT 1



We are excited to welcome the month of October and we're looking forward to the fall season bringing in cooler temperatures! Since October is a month filled with color, our language discussions will concentrate on the colors orange and brown. We plan to spend some time outdoors exploring fall leaves, gourds, and pumpkins. Please feel free to bring some in for the infants to see and feel!

During our Bible lesson this month, we will read Isaiah 40:8, "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." It will be a great time to show the infants all the changes this season brings us, but also how our God and His word stays the same.

This month is a good time to refresh your child's extra clothes and make sure that they are weather-appropriate. During October, we make trips to the garden to watch the birds and squirrels, and feel the autumn breeze. We are honored to have your support and the opportunity to educate and nurture your precious little one!

-- Mrs. Terri Wallace

INFANT 2



We are excited to share the fall season with our class throughout the month of October! We will be exploring pumpkins and leaves and spending more time outdoors observing the trees and spotting wild animals. We'll even be enjoying making pumpkin bread and muffins!

Here are some other activities we'll be doing:

- GROUP LESSONS** Christopher Columbus; Pumpkin lifecycle; Wild animals; community helpers
- PRACTICAL LIFE** Serving snack; opening and closing zippers and snaps; caring for our environment; vegetable washing; Plant watering
- COGNITIVE MANIPULATIVE** Sorting leaves by color; Pumpkin hammering; Transferring; DIY tugging box
- LANGUAGE** Read aloud books: *Who was Christopher Columbus?*, *Too Many Pumpkins*, and *Leaves*; Spanish: wild animals; "Hello, my name is..."
- BIBLE** Verse: Psalm 106:3
Story: Joseph in Egypt
- SENSORY** Tree bark rubbing; Smelling jars; Raking leaves in kinetic sand bin

We will also continue to work on skills of independence. Please partner with us by allowing your child to walk to and from class, carry their own belongings, and encourage your child to restore their toys at home before moving on to a new activity. Together we can help your child reach their full potential!

-- Mrs. LaDonna Ronelus

TODDLER

The month of October is always exciting as the weather changes, the leaves turn, and the holiday season grows closer. What makes this month especially exciting is the fire truck visit from Temple Fire Department. This is always a big hit with the toddlers! They love to see the shiny truck, watch the firefighters change into their gear, and hear the sirens as the truck pulls away. Leading up to this special day, we'll discuss community helpers and their important role in our city.

Check out the other great things we have planned for this month:

- GROUP LESSONS** Songs: weather; connection; directions
Discussion: Christopher Columbus; pumpkins; leaves; community helpers; vegetables; wild animals
- PRACTICAL LIFE** Washing and cutting vegetables; putting on shoes; wiping our nose; washing our hands
- MOTOR SKILLS** Hammering a pumpkin; exploring the inside of a pumpkin; planting a vegetable garden; stacking and connecting blocks; outdoor play; nature walks
- LANGUAGE** Singing and fingerplays; Spanish: calabaza (pumpkins), verduras (vegetables); animales salvajes (wild animals); profesionales de la comunidad (community helpers)
- BIBLE** Genesis 6:9-22, Noah's Ark
- ART** Sticker activities; dot painting; Noah's Ark craft

-- Mrs. Tammy Clausen





ELEMENTARY

October brings a welcome shift in weather. Praise God for cooler temperatures! We look forward to enjoying more time outside, especially in the garden as we begin our Fall planting. We will also be taking a field trip to Homestead Heritage where the students will learn about sustainability, self-sufficiency, and quality craftsmanship.

Here are some of the other things our students will be learning:

MATH Addition and Subtraction Facts; Introduction to Fractions (1st Level); Multiplication Facts
Geometry: Rectangles; Triangles and angles; Lines

SCIENCE Simple machines

CULTURAL STUDIES Countries and capitals; Timeline of life; Parts of a plant and classification; Statue of Liberty; String instruments

LANGUAGE Parts of speech: articles, adjectives, interjections; Grammar boxes; Spanish: Colors; Days of the week

BIBLE Joshua 1:9; 1 Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 4:2; Matthew 4:4

ART Puppet animal craft; Leaf, pumpkin or mushroom sewing; Color theory- warm and cool colors

Parent-Teacher conferences will also take place this month. Don't forget to sign up for a conference slot! We are looking forward to sharing your child's progress with you.

Mrs. Dolline Abraham
and
Mrs. Monica Walker

PRIMARY

This month the primary students will receive their first etiquette lesson in a series hosted by Dr. Sherry O'Donnell. They will also learn all about pumpkins, from seeds to muffins!

Here is our full lesson plan for October:

GROUP LESSONS Life cycle and parts of a pumpkin; North America; Astronomy; Percussion instruments; Ludwig Van Beethoven

SPANISH Classroom supplies; Days of the week (Dias de la Semana); Months of the Year (Los Meses del Año)

GRACE AND COURTESY Please and thank you; how to clean tables after eating; Folding laundry; Sweeping

ETIQUETTE Proper Snack

PRACTICAL LIFE Cooking: Spanish rice; Pumpkin muffins
Art: Moon and North America crafts

CULTURE Plant and animal classification; Stars, constellations, moon, solar system, planets

BIBLE Genesis 21, *Abraham and Sarah*; Joshua 1-4, *The Promise Land*; 2 Samuel 5:1-7, *The Temple, A House of God*

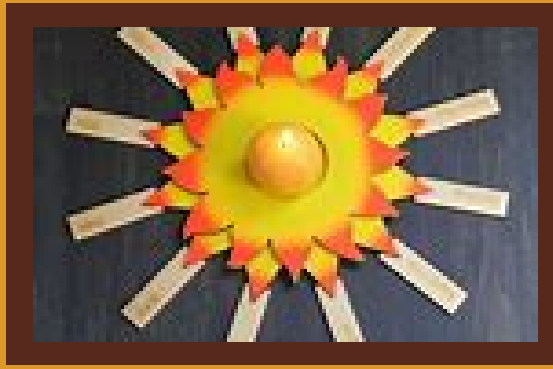
As the weather gets cooler, you can help set your child up for success by sending warm layers that zip open or have buttons. These are much easier for your student to put on and take off independently than something that goes on over their heads. They feel a great sense of pride when they can do this task for themselves.

Thank you for your support!

Mrs. Carmen Alvarado
and
Ms. Gwen Copeland



BIRTHDAYS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jordan Garza	Primary 1	October 3rd
Anson Wunderlich	Infant 1	October 5th
Hallie McNeill	Toddler	October 6th
Nora Vuong	Upper Elementary	October 9th
Katherine Demerly	Toddler	October 12th
Amina Anthony	Primary 2	October 12th
Iris Tran	Primary 1	October 19th
Larimar Gamio	Primary 1	October 20th
Audrey Sisco	Upper Elementary	October 20th
Riley Edwards	Primary 2	October 23rd
Dylan Baker	Primary 2	October 23rd
Brooks Parish	Primary 1	October 25th
Ashliam Montalvo-Ponce	Lower Elementary	October 27th

Primary Etiquette Enrichment

Beginning in October, our primary students will have the great privilege of participating in a series of etiquette lessons hosted by one of our founders, Dr. Sherry O'Donnell.

Each month, Dr. O'Donnell will present a different etiquette topic as an extension of Montessori grace and courtesy lessons. As we move through the series, children will have an opportunity to work with the materials in the classroom on a daily basis.

Lessons will be given on table manners, proper usage of silverware, napkins, thank you notes, phone etiquette, eating soup and bread, glassware, and many more.

Be sure to check out the lesson plans each month to see which etiquette lesson your child will be learning and how you can cultivate their new skills at home!



HALLOWEEN REMINDER

DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, WE WILL BE CELEBRATING FALL BY PLANTING AND HARVESTING, AS WELL AS, BAKING WITH PUMPKINS AND APPLES. AS A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, WE DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES. PLEASE BE MINDFUL BY NOT SENDING YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL IN HALLOWEEN ATTIRE.

Show your school spirit!

Wear your MSCT shirt on Fridays!

