

A Fly on the Wall...

The 3s with Mrs. Blair, Miss Ball, Mrs. Hobson & Mrs. Schroeder

The 3s have been busy preparing for Halloween. They were excited to come to school to find it decorated with ghosts, pumpkins, and skeletons. We have been busy making a Halloween counting book that features several fine motor activities including coloring, painting and crinkling of tissue paper. We have been focusing on the color orange, triangles, and the nursery rhyme, "Little Miss Muffat" as well as the letters E, F, G, and H. We have also made ghosts, witches, pumpkins and bat art projects. The 3s loved the book, *Room on a Broom*, and we drew chalk brooms to ride on with all our friends. We will continue working on a fall and leaves unit. We have been noticing the changing colors and talking about the changing weather that happens during the fall. The 3s are loving all the fabulous weather we have been having, which allows us to be able to enjoy all of the outdoor spaces. A particular favorite is the "Little Engineers" where they can build outdoors with blocks, Legos, and train tracks. They really show off their creativity and imagination as they build castles and houses. Please remember layers are your best option and to update the spare clothes left in cubbies to cooler weather items.



Chapel with Mother O

It has been such a gift to have chapel together outside this year. During our first service of the year, I asked PDS students what they loved about chapel. Lighting candles, offering food, and having everyone together were all named as important parts of chapel. And we have been able to do each of those! Each week we wave to one another in greeting, light a candle to start the service, bless the food we offer, tell a story, and bless every birthday that's celebrated. And each week we are reminded that God loves each of us, always.



Music with Mrs. B

I love seeing the kids come running to music with such an enthusiastic attitude! We always have such a great time together!! We have been putting together some fun spooky songs for Halloween and we hope you get to enjoy them. They are songs about a spooky black bat farm and a black cat that likes to scare pumpkins away, as well as songs about haunting streets and finding lots of candy. We also of course do a lot of dancing around while playing instruments to the music. Your children are precious!!

World Cultures with Mrs. Knott

Bonjour! After applying for and receiving passports, our world travelers flew to France where we learned about famous landmarks which we replicated with blocks, Legos and other building materials. We also were introduced to Henri Matisse whose modern art style inspired our kindergarten and pre-first artists. Before taking off for our next destination, we will sample some favorite French delicacies! Bon Voyage!



Kindergarten with Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Vandenberg

Your kindergartener has already been learning by leaps and bounds! We are more than half way through the alphabet and their sounds, and are already sounding out words. During writer's workshop we are really working hard at writing words by sounding out each sound that we hear in the word. In math we are counting and comparing numbers 1-10, working with ten frames, learning how to do simple word problems, figuring out how many more to make ten, and writing the numbers 1-10. This month we will be learning about nutrition, Native Americans, Pilgrims, and the first Thanksgiving. Please continue to read with your child every night.

Lunch Bunch with Miss Ball, Mrs. Schroeder & Mrs. Wyatt

Lunch Bunch has been enjoying this spooky season. We have been playing Halloween themed games, listening to Halloween music and of course making many Halloween centered crafts and art using a variety of materials. The children have been doing a great job at adjusting to our picnic lunches this year. We are working on not leaving too many crumbs for the ants and finishing our food in a timely manner (30 Minutes!) We have also been practicing putting on our masks all by ourselves after we eat. This new self help skill has been great for working on our fine motor. Thank you for sending your children to Lunch Bunch. We are grateful for getting to spend the time with your children in the afternoon. As always please feel free to reach out with any questions.



The 2s with Mrs. Wyatt & Mrs. Zuidema



The Twos have had a wonderful October. The weather has been perfect most of the time, and we have been able to play outside a lot. During our unit on the farm, we sang a song about farm animals and the noises they make and a song about dirty pigs getting clean. We helped Mother Hen find her different colored eggs. We also took some toy farm animals out to the garden to play and then gave them baths in the water table. During our Halloween unit, we carved pumpkins and explored the insides. We used the seeds to make a "sticky paper" pumpkin showing what a pumpkin looks like on the inside. With the change of weather upon us, please send in a few warmer outfits for the cubbies and a few clean masks. We will go through what is in the cubbies now and send home anything not needed. As always, we thank you for sharing your children with us, and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.



Pre-k with Mrs. Arrup, Mrs. Baker & Mrs. Knott

G is for a great group of Pre-K children! We have been very busy with activities relating to our letters. We became scientists and conducted an experiment for the letter E, water colored a fish for our alphabet book and counted gold "fish" during snack time for the letter F. Guessing, graphing, counting gumballs and a spooky ghost activity are just a few things we will do with the letter G. When completing our daily project, we may be; counting, using positional words, using our fine motor skills, following oral directions, sharpening our cutting skills, etc. It is exciting to see each child's individual growth since September. Ghosts, a Redeemer Pumpkin Patch, and Halloween all make for an exciting week and we look forward to seeing your adorable children in their Halloween costumes!

Enrichment with Mrs. Craig

October has kept us busy with all kinds of Fall and Halloween themes. The 3s classes have painted bats and created patterned creepy crawlers. The PreK classes made torn paper Jack-o-lanterns and explored gravity with twirly-copter gravity ghosts. Kindergarten and Pre-First used chemistry to predict the color change of trees on our campus, created spooky scenes to view with a "magic" flashlight, spun spiderwebs, and tried various methods to melt frozen monster hands. It has been a lot of fun sharing these seasonal activities with the children! Have a happy Halloween!



Pre-first with Mrs. Barta

The pre-first children have been learning all about spiders. Each student has written their very own spider adventures book after reading *Diary of a Spider* by Doreen Cronin. The young authors have been remarkable with their storytelling, handwriting and creative illustrations! We continue to work on sentence structure, using capital letters when necessary, and punctuation. In math, we have been comparing numbers, representing sums of 10, counting "up" and "down" on a number line, making tally marks and graphing. The pre-first enjoyed their first time together as "Team Marvel" last week. We were able to spread joy throughout the school as well as remind the younger children about the Redeemer Rules: Be Kind, Be Safe and Have Fun! We have a class full of incredible leaders and role models!