



# October 2017



Lisa and I are really enjoying your children. They are adjusting more and more to our routine and seem to be having lots of fun. They are making new friends and getting to know one other. We hope you enjoyed your class pictorial directory and are getting familiar with your child's friends.

Our units this month will include Apples, 5 senses, Circus, Fairy Tales & Pumpkins. Vision and Hearing Screening will take place Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. There is no charge for this screening. Please make sure your children are in attendance on our screening date. Optional Speech and Language screening is available on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. There is a charge for this screening and you must sign up & pay in the office ahead of time.

We will begin October with our Apple unit. We will explore our 5 senses by touching, sorting, hearing the crunch, tasting, preparing and smelling our very own homemade applesauce. It is so exciting when we get to cook ourselves.

Next we will take a 5 senses "field trip" to our church's kitchen on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to use all 5 of our senses and discover more of our world by becoming chefs & learning new things during a tour. We will see how to use the big oven and learn to be safe. Then we will taste our creations. I know they will enjoy making their snack and becoming chefs. We hope these activities sound fun and exciting! You can be certain that we will have lots more fun and learning planned for this year.

During our Circus & Fairy Tales Units we will talk about the difference between real and make believe. Please take time this month to read treasured Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhyme stories to your children. It will take you back to your childhood and open a new world for them. We just love using our imaginations! During our Circus Unit we also discuss how clowns are simply real people in costume, so please let me know if your child has a fear ahead of time. Circus Day (Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>) is a great opportunity for you to shine for your children by volunteering. They love seeing you here and so do we. For those of you who have never attended one of these, you are in for a real treat. The children will also have a special lunch that day, so you do not need to pack their lunch. Please do send the items you sign up for that morning, ready to be served. Make sure to join us under the big top and bring your cameras to capture the memories.

Friendly reminder: When you send snack, please remember to provide two food choices if possible; especially on birthdays. Some good choices are fruit (cut up), cheese and other healthy items like veggie trays. One year our class really enjoyed this for some reason. Water is still the best choice for healthy brain development according to the latest research. Thank you for remembering to send all the paper goods as well. We have found the small 5 oz. cups seem perfect for their little hands.

Just to let you know, I will be making brief calls to touch base with you for our October conferences; probably near the end.

Please help keep our children safe by remembering a couple of important things: Sign your child IN and OUT EACH DAY. And thank you for keeping your children home until fever and/or vomit free for 24 hours without medication per school policy. Returning students must be health check released by the school office before returning to the classroom.

Thank you so much for sharing your children with Lisa and me. We know they truly are 13 little blessings from God!

Sincerely,  
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