



# ZION PRESCHOOL OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

## Harvest Party

Our class will have a Harvest Fest Party on Thursday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> (3's) and Monday, Oct. 31<sup>th</sup> (4's). The children will be allowed to wear a costume to school. Please no witches, devils, or scary costumes. You may send an easy change of clothes with your child if they need to change before going outside. Near the middle of the month, you will find a sign up sheet for treats/supplies on the bulletin board.

## Fall Finger Play

Five little pumpkins  
sitting on a gate  
The first one said,  
"Oh my it's getting late."  
The second one said,  
"There are noises in the air"  
The third one said, "I don't care."  
The fourth one said, "Let's run and  
run."  
The fifth one said,  
"It's Halloween fun."



If you will drive on any field trip, please make sure your insurance waiver is turned in to the church office. If you are unsure if you turned it in, see Mrs. Rust in the church office (hallway parallel to our classroom). She can simply make a copy of your insurance card or you can fill out a form. This is a must, for the safety of our families and children. We thank you so much for your care and understanding of this matter.

## Pumpkin Picking

On Thursday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> our 3's will be going to Braeutigam's Orchard. We will leave Zion at 9:00am and return around 11:30am. The cost is \$6.00 per child. Each child receives a ride on the wagon to and from the pumpkin patch and a cup of fresh apple cider. Each child will get to meet all the farm animals and learn about their daily lives at the farm. Then, the children will get to feed the cows and play in "Grandpa Lester's Farm Village". Please return the permission slip and money by October 7<sup>th</sup>.

On Friday Oct 14<sup>th</sup> our 4's will be going Eckert's in Millstadt. We will leave Zion promptly at 8:50am and return by 12:30pm. We will eat a sack lunch at Eckert's. The cost is \$8.00 per student. The tour includes; petting farm, Billy Bob's Pig Race, Mine Shaft Slide, Uncle Aubrey's Fin House, Fort Eckert Play Area, Tractor and Wagon Ride and a cup of apple cider. Please return the permission slip and money and indicate if you are willing to drive by October 12<sup>th</sup>.

# OCTOBER PLANNER

## **Week 1 & 2: Autumn and Pumpkins**

We will talk about autumn during the month of October. The activities during this unit will encourage the children to think about changes that occur through the autumn months (September, October, November). By discussing the changes autumn brings, children develop an appreciation for nature. We will also be examining Pumpkins making a Pumpkin book and noticing all of their parts and how they grow.

## **Week 3 & 4: Student Assessments**

During these weeks, I will have the opportunity to sit down with your child one-on-one to learn more about them. Through activities, games, and discussion, I will have the chance to see what your child's strengths are and where I can continue to help your child grow. All documentation and assessments will be shared with you in November at our parent-teacher conference. I look forward to sharing with you the information I have gathered about your son or daughter.

### Important Dates

- October 10<sup>th</sup> Monday No School Columbus Day
- October 11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday No School In-Service
- October 13<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 3's field trip Braeutigam's Orchard's
- October 14<sup>th</sup> Friday 4's field trip Eckert's in Millstadt
- Wednesday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> Picture Retake
- Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 3's Harvest Fest Party
- Monday, Oct. 31<sup>th</sup> 4's Harvest Fest Party

We're on the web!  
[www.zionprek.org](http://www.zionprek.org)

Look for the newsletter on the  
Pre-k website

Scholastic book orders  
Due 10/14/11

# AUTUMN

- Talk with your child about the signs of fall. Collect leaves and make a collage with those that your child likes best.
- As you put away summer clothing, such as sandals and swimsuits, discuss how your child's clothing needs are changing to adapt to the weather.
- Give your child a basket of buttons and have him or her sort them by colors, shapes, sizes, and number of holes.

## *Jesus Song*

Hello everybody, how do you do?

How do you do?

How do you do?

Hello everybody, how do you do?

God loves you today!

## Music

Ask your child to show you how they warm up their voices in Music Class. Also, ask them to share the 3 Little Muffins finger play.

## Science

As we fill our science center for fall, we could use your help! We are looking for fall items: pumpkins, gourds, corn, pinecone, leaves, acorns. If you visit a farm or find things in your yard, please think of us.



## Research Suggests

Discuss your child's experiences with peers in the same pleasant, conversational way that you discuss other everyday events. Such talk helps in several ways. It keeps you informed and sensitive to what is going on with your child. It shows your child that you are really interested in his social life. And it gives you opportunities to discuss social interactions with their classmates. Kids who talk frequently about their peer relationships develop stronger preschool social skills (Laird et al 1994).

We Proclaim  
Jesus Today and  
Forever



*“Autumn is a second Spring when every leaf is a flower.”*