



Fort Hill Preschool Newsletter

October 2011

PARENT NOTES

- We're off to a great start! Please remember that between 8:45 and 9:15 each morning, the left lane is for cars dropping off children at the sidewalk. PLEASE PARK ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE STREET OR IN OUR PARKING LOTS IF YOU WANT TO WALK YOUR CHILD INTO THE BUILDING. (We'd hate to have to put you in "time-out!") Thanks for helping us keep our morning drop-off safe and orderly.
- Fall is here! With the autumn weather come jackets and coats. Please make sure that your child brings appropriate outerwear for the cooler days ahead. We do go outside every day unless it is raining. It helps us if your children's jackets are labeled with their names.
- There is no preschool on Monday, October 17. Please refer to your handbook for other important dates to remember.
- During October, the subject of Halloween will surely come up in our activities and discussions. We use this opportunity to talk about the difference between things that are real and things that are make-believe. Since our preschool families have many different views concerning Halloween and there are lots of opportunities to celebrate in our community, Halloween is not the focus of our October activities at Fort Hill Preschool.
- Fort Hill Church's administrative assistant, Melissa Shook, will soon be coming back to work from maternity leave. She is looking for a paid care-giver for her infant son. If you know of someone who would provide loving in-home care for her baby, please contact Shelley Burchfield at 654-2061.

CLASS NOTES

TWOS: McRoberts/Worley

During the month of October, we will talk about fall. We will look for changes in nature as we play outside and travel through stories and activities. We will also carve a jack-o-lantern for Halloween!

THREES: Reid/Reid and Martin/Harrell

Fall is finally here and it will be our theme for October! Pumpkins, autumn leaves and other signs of autumn will be part of our fall fun. Nature is so important to three-year-olds, and the sights and sounds of autumn are wonderful learning opportunities. Through songs, finger plays, games and stories, the autumn theme will be used to teach basic skills. We will continue our emphasis on colors and shapes.

FOURS: Match/Peters and Marcum/Feltus

The Fort Hill Fours have a busy October coming up. We are beginning our journey through the alphabet with our letters of the week. We're having a great deal of fun as we settle into our classroom routines. Parents, thank you for helping us set the tone for each day by dropping your children off at our doors. Encouraging their independence is a great way to help prepare for kindergarten and beyond!

We are excited about our upcoming field trips. Monday, October 10th, we'll head to Denver Downs to play in the pumpkin patch. Please turn in your permission slips and \$8 to cover the hayride, a small pumpkin, snacks and games by Friday, October 7th. On Wednesday, October 26th, we'll venture to the Brooks Center to see The Runaway Bunny and Goodnight Moon. Watch for carpool details for that day in the coming weeks. There will be no charge for this field trip as the preschool already purchased our tickets for us. Lastly, mark your calendars for October 27th and 28th – the Monkeys will have their school pictures made on the 27th and the Whales on the 28th. Be sure to dress appropriately, but remember that we will still have an active morning and we will go on the playground! Thank you for sharing your children with us. We are a lucky bunch of teachers!

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, remember Him in all you do and He will direct your paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6