



October

How many are Your works, O Lord! Psalm 104:24

2011

WE LOVE YOUR CHILDREN! We had a super September! We're all continuing to get to know each other and learn the routines at school. It is such a joy watching friendships form! We've been exploring God's wonderful world by using our different senses. We also used great detective work as we toured the church and school and met the workers here as the Pre-K classes baked and then searched for the lost Gingerbread Man. The Preschool classes enjoyed a tour while looking for Curious George. What Fun!!!

Check out what is ahead for October and be sure to ask your child to tell you about our day's events!

Jesus Time: We will continue to talk about God's gift of family and how we care for one another. We also rejoice in Jesus and the great joy of forgiveness He gives us through His death and resurrection. *Families aren't perfect but we can forgive and love each other as God loves us!*

Color Days: Let's color our worlds! As the Preschool classes emphasize different colors, they are asked to dress in the color of the day and bring one item for Show & Tell that is that color. We are making Color Books at school and adding a page on each color day. Feel free to ask to look at the color books anytime.



Letter Days: The M/W/F Pre-K classes are beginning the alphabet by having a special week for each letter. We will learn to recognize the letter, hear its sound, practice printing it, and do activities based on that sound. On Show & Tell days each child is encouraged to find something from home that



begins with that letter. Your child should be prepared to tell us about what he/she brings. We will start making an alphabet book which will be kept at school. Feel free to take a look anytime. We're practicing printing names and identifying the letters of his/her name. Please help at home. We are happy to use the **Handwriting Without Tears** curriculum as a resource to help teach letter formation. Rather than following the ABC order, we begin with the letters that are easiest to print.

Children's Day Out students are growing each day in their independence and in their social skills! We will explore and identify the different insects that God gave us. We'll also look at fall leaves and pumpkins and the color Orange.

Technology: All 7 of our Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten classes are getting daily experiences on our new **SMARTboards**. Also, for online communication, feel free to contact your child's teacher or other parents through the **FastDirect** system. Having problems getting on? Please contact our school secretary Sue Robertson, 892-4408 or srobertson@abidingsaviorlutheran.org

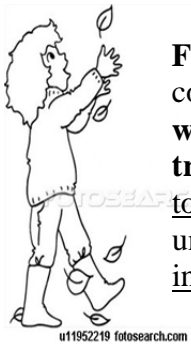


**Abiding Savior Lutheran
Early Childhood Ministry**

Dad's Night for Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten students and their fathers (or special guests) is Thursday, October 6 from 6:30-8 p.m. Invitations were sent home this week! We love fathers that are involved with their children! God's blessings to all our dads and male role models!!



Fire Prevention: We'll talk about fire safety this month and practice fire drills. Be sure to discuss safe practices at home, too, and what to do in an emergency.



Field Trip Notes: When you volunteer to be a chaperone or driver, we ask you to give your complete attention to the safety and well being of the Pre-K/Preschool students; **therefore, we request that no other children of yours accompany you as you chaperone a field trip.** All drivers will need to have their driver's license and insurance card available for us to photocopy. **Booster Seats** are required in Missouri for all of our students (under 80 lbs or under 8 yrs). If you are not driving for a field trip, please drop off your child's booster seat in the Atrium with your child's name on it!

Pumpkin Parties schedule is: Red, Blue & Orange Preschool on Thursday, Oct 27. Teal Preschool on Friday, Oct 28 and all Pre-K will be Monday, Oct 31 (during the last hour of each class) to add to our unit on fall. Parents and younger siblings may attend. Parent volunteers will provide snacks, games, and activities. If anyone else wants to help, please contact the teachers or the parents that have already volunteered so we can coordinate efforts. No costumes please. **Reminder: all classrooms are Nut Free.** Need Party Ideas? Check out the binder by the Tell-Us Trellis for party ideas from past years at Abiding Savior.

Fall Round-Up. Mark the date for Family fun at Abiding Savior: Friday, Nov. 11, 5-10pm



OUR SNACK PRAYER FOR OCTOBER:

Oh, the Lord is good to me, and so I thank the Lord - for giving me the things I need, the sun and the rain and the apple seed. The Lord is good to me! Amen,Amen,Amen,Amen,Amen.AHHHmen!

Thanks to KIDS' STUFF SALE VOLUNTEERS! September 7 was a beautiful day and a great chance to enjoy getting to know other parents while helping our school! The \$1600 profit is a huge blessing and will go in our fund to purchase needed materials in the Early Childhood classrooms. (Such as our recent SMARTboards)

“Worship the Lord with gladness!”

Children are welcome at Abiding Savior! If you don't have a church home, bring the family and join us for worship: Saturdays at 5 pm, Sundays at 8, 9:30, or 11.

“Take a wiggly toddler to church? Are you crazy?” Sure, young children are active by nature but they are also a very important part of God's Kingdom. They aren't just the “church of tomorrow” they are the church of today! Jesus loves each one!

Make church a warm, loving place to be. Bring a few quiet toys and books in a little bag that's only used for church time – to make it special. Try adding a little plastic magnifying glass for quiet fun. (Abiding Savior has Activity Bags to use each week and also Children's Bulletins to color) Encourage your child to participate by standing when the congregation stands, folding hands in prayer, and coming up to join the Children's message. Ask the Lord for His patience and guidance!

Jesus said, “Let the children come to me.”

Looking Ahead:

October 6, Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m.: DAD's Night for all Preschool and Pre-K students (and Dads or Special Guests)

October 10, Mon: FIELD TRIPS to Bee Tree park for Pre-K classes (during regular class times)

October 12-14: NO SCHOOL - MO District Professional Churchworkers Conf.

October 27,28 & 31: Pumpkin Parties, during last hour of each Preschool and Pre-K class

November 9, Wed: FIELD TRIPS to Schnucks for Pre-Kindergarten

November 21, Mon, 10-11:30: GRANDPARENTS DAY for all Pre-K classes- LATE START

November 22, Tues, 10-11:30: GRANDPARENTS DAY for all Preschool classes-LATE START

November 23-25: NO SCHOOL due to Thanksgiving

December 5 & 6, 6:15-7:15pm: Christmas Play & Pray for CDO and friends (ages18-36mo)

December 9, 10 am- All Pre-K classes are invited to sing at Orchid Terrace

December 14, Wed, 7pm: Preschool and Pre-K help lead Advent Worship Service

December 16, 19 & 20: Jesus' Birthday Parties, during last hour of each Preschool & Pre-K class

December 21-Jan 2: NO SCHOOL, due to Christmas Break. *School Resumes January 3.*

