

# First St. John Dayschool October Newsletter 2008

*"Don't hide your light! Let it shine for all. Let your good deeds glow for all to see, so that they will praise your heavenly Father." Matthew 5:15:16*

Dear Parents,

I feel very fortunate to be a part of this wonderful school. We want to thank you for sharing your children with us and for all you have already done to make the classrooms a success. The children have been doing wonderfully and have been so kind and caring to each other. We are so proud of them! They have started developing relationships that we pray will make their first experience with school enjoyable. Although we are still getting to know each other, we already have a strong sense of each child's personality, preferences, and comfort level.

The week of September 8th we began attending chapel and learning about the special God who created us in His image. Learning about God is integrated throughout our curriculum, and through bible verses, bible stories, songs, and the actions of caring teachers the children get to know Him well.

We will begin a Home Interiors Candle Fundraiser on Wednesday, October 1. Brochures will be sent home with your child the week prior. All our efforts this year will be used to support our overall ministry, including developmental activities, program needs, and playground and classroom enhancements. Thank you in advance! Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, were looking forward to another productive, busy, fun month! We will be visiting the farm and the orchards, spending time with the patients of the Adult Day Center at the Lutheran Home, and we will be having our Halloween Parties the final week of October. Children will arrive in costumes, trick-or-treat for candy, and participate in many more activities planned by their teachers. There is a sign-up sheet at the end of this newsletter to help with the Halloween/Fall parties if you are interested. Lots to enjoy!

Look for more information to come home about Parent/Teacher Conferences that will take place the first week of November!

In Him,  
Barb Shellhammer

## Reminders

We are sorry when paint gets on your child's clothing. We put paint shirts on the children, but sometimes they are not enough to prevent accidents. We get paint on ourselves also, and we have found that Spray and Wash or Murphys' Oil Soap are products that if placed directly on the spot will remove it. Check each day for paint spots.

Please put your child's name in jackets, coats, sweaters, hats, book bags, boots, etc. It is often hard for children to remember which item is theirs, especially if it is new. By the end of each school year

we always have quite an assortment of perfectly good clothing articles and we have no idea of who they belong to.

It is a state licensing rule that the Extended Care children have a period of outdoor play each day when the weather is not too severe. Please remember to send warm outdoor clothing with your child as the weather begins to turn cooler.

If your child is absent, we will need a note explaining the reason for the absence on the date of his or her return.

Please remember to keep to the right in a single line when dropping off or picking up

your preschool children so that the teachers and every day church traffic can get through. After your children have been brought out to your car at pick-up time, please pull forward to buckle them in their car seats or seat belts. This would help us to complete the pick-up procedure a little quicker, especially in inclement weather.

If your child is in Extended Care (both pre-school and kindergarten), please remember to send a spare change of clothing in a small box labeled with his or her name. If we should need to use an article of clothing, don't forget to send it back to school after it has been laundered. Now that the weather is getting cooler, please make sure the spare clothing is appropriate for the weather.

Please remember that the drive next to and behind the church is one way. Be sure to enter on Seaman next to the church and exit on Seaman next to the Lutheran Home.

## First St. John Lutheran Church

First St. John Lutheran Church would like to invite your child to attend Sunday School on Sunday mornings. We realize that most of you already have a home church. If you do not, however, and have been looking for a place for you and your children to worship, please accept First St. John Lutheran Church's invitation. Worship Services are at 7:45 am and 10:15 am. Sunday School begins at 9:00 am. The church's phone number is 419-691-7222 if you would like more information.



## Annual Fall Fundraiser



It's time for our annual Home Interiors Candle Fundraiser! In the upcoming weeks, students can participate in selling quality items from the Home Interiors Catalog. For each item sold, 40% of the profit is given to the school. This year's fundraiser monies will be used to support our overall ministry, including developmental activities, playground and classroom enhancements, and program needs. Keep a lookout for the fundraising packet that will be sent home the week prior to our sale. Our Home Interiors Candle Fundraiser begins Wednesday, October 1. All orders and money **MUST** be turned in by Friday, October 24. The sales representative will need assistance processing the orders and packaging the orders on October 24th, and November 6 & 7. Please fill out the volunteer form attached to the newsletter if you can help in that way. Thank you in advance for your participation and support!

## Upcoming Dates

### **Thanksgiving Feasts:**

Miss Bonnie and Miss Michelle - Wed. Nov. 19

Miss Heather and Miss Heather -

Thursday, Nov. 20

Miss Ashley and Miss Rose -

Friday, Nov. 21

### **Christmas Programs:**

Miss Ashley - Tuesday, December 16

Miss Bonnie and Miss Michelle - Wed. Dec. 17

Miss Rose - Thursday - December 18

Miss Heather and Miss Heather - Fri. Dec. 20

\*\*\*please note that for the feast Miss Heather's MWF

class will attend on Thursday and for the program Miss

Heather's TR class will attend on Friday

\*\*\*also note that for both the feast and the program

Miss Ashley's pm class will join her am class.

## SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Please remember that the preschool and kindergarten will close with the Oregon Public Schools only for inclement weather. We will not close for fog or have delays .

The Extended Care will remain open unless the Toledo Public Schools close due to inclement weather. If the Toledo Public Schools close, our entire school will be closed. Please listen to the radio on mornings when there is inclement weather.

## Chicken and Ham Dinner

Please consider attending the Chicken and Ham Dinner on Saturday, November 1 from 4-7 pm. For those of you who remember Miss Jane, she has been instrumental in orchestrating this event for many years and she wanted me to be sure and let you know that the food is delicious! Costs of tickets are \$8.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children 3-12.

There are also crafts and baked goods! Tickets are sold at the door.



## TOLEDO LUCAS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY OUTREACH PROGRAM

For many years we have been participating in a special outreach program offered by the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library. Every month twenty children's books are delivered to our school to be used in our classrooms. In addition to that we have a children's librarian visit our school twice a year to have a story time with the children. The children and staff find these visits very enjoyable. The librarian usually chooses a theme and brings books, hand puppets, and flannel stories relating to that theme to share with the children. The first scheduled visits will take place in November and she will return again in February.

### Wish List

old license plates	rice
hand sanitizer	cereal boxes
old keys	muffin tins
beads	buttons
sequins	pompoms
cotton balls	lace
doilies	beans
liquid laundry soap lids	
ribbon	
clothespins (both spring and head)	
film containers	
popcorn	
shells	
anything else you think we might use!	

# Miss Michelle's Class News

*"The Lord has taught me what to say. He makes me want to listen like a good student.  
Isaiah 50:4*

I wanted to extend my extra special thanks to the parents who accompanied us on our field trip to the planetarium! Afterwards, our host told me that out of all the pre-k classes that he`'s had ours was the best behaved. He also was impressed with the questions that the children had for him after the show!

October promises to be just as exciting as September. We will begin the month with a theme on Fairy Tales. Dramatic play will be set up with a castle which will allow the children to act out their favorite fairy tales. At the math/science table the children will play a magic wand shape game, Jack`s bean counting match-up, and will also grow beans and chart their progress. At the writing table we will create our own fairy tales and will also play a crown alphabet matching game. The reading center will focus on fairy tale literature, books on real castles, and will including a puppet theater and puppets. At the sensory table the children will practice making patterns by stringing fruit loops by following pattern cards. Some art projects will include magic wands, crowns and ladies hats, beanstalk pictures, and dragons.

On Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> we will be traveling to Erie Orchard. I hope the weather is a little warmer than last years October field trip! It was very chilly!!! More info to follow in a separate letter! I can`t wait to go!

After our fairy tale theme is concluded, we will transition into Halloween. Knowing that Halloween can be scary for some children we will have many discussions during circle time about costumes, what is real and what is pretend, along with trick-or-treat safety. We will also sing songs, try to guess Halloween riddles, and listen to the spooky walk! Our dramatic play area will be set up with the castle for trick-or-treating along with costumes, and other holiday props. We will explore the colors orange and black at the sensory table. At the math/science center, we will investigate the insides of a pumpkin, play a spider leg counting game, and play a pumpkin matching game. The writing center will also be a fun place to visit. The children will draw faces on pumpkins along with exploring the letter Pp. At the art center projects include masks, candy corn star prints, tissue paper pumpkins, and spectacular spider webs. We will be cooking on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be making yummy pumpkins!

Our Halloween party is on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> so that the children can have Friday to help rest up for trick-or-treat. I hope you can come and join us!

Thanks for being such great parents and for sending us your wonderful children.  
Have a great month!



# Miss Heather's TR Class News

*God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food."  
Genesis 1:29*

I have to say God has truly blessed me with your children. I look at them as seeds God has planted in my life that I will be able to nurture and guide in their growth and development and in their walk of faith as God's precious seeds. Their personalities have truly touched my heart and I am looking forward to the many moments spent with them!

We will be starting October out with a Fall Harvest theme where we will look at how the earth is changing during this season of autumn. We will be taking nature walks and collecting leaves that we will use for a fall collage. We will talk about how a seed can change into many things like apples and pumpkins for instance.

We will be focusing on the letter "A" and playing fun learning games and making crafts that pertain to the letter recognition and the sound it makes. We will use an apple for a part of this by painting with the apples. We will graph apples and study the different colors, sizes, and tastes. We will also graph our taste test of apples to see who likes what color best. We will add other fall produce to our art projects, sensory table, and science table such as potatoes, corn, gourds, etc. On Tuesday the 14th and 21st, we will be making apple bread and applesauce.

Towards the end of October we will study a pumpkin and learn about it from the outside in. We will cut into the pumpkin and learn about its smell, texture, color and taste. We will place some seeds at the science table for children to explore. We will bake the seeds and have a taste test.

We have a field trip planned for Tuesday, October 14th to visit Erie Orchard and Cider Mill in Michigan. Permission slips will come home soon. Please make sure you check the weather and dress your child appropriately, make sure to put them in play clothes it may be muddy.

Baking Dates:  
Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

Halloween Party  
Thursday, October 30 (volunteer and information forms attached)

Peace in Christ,  
Miss Heather P.  
Miss Chris  
Miss Heather W.  
Miss Deanna



# Miss Ashley`s Class News

*"Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God`s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus."*

*1 Thessalonians 5:18*

At the end of September, we began learning about apples. We will continue this theme through the beginning of October. Our dramatic play area as been transformed into an apple orchard! The children are able to "buy and sell" apples, apple cider, and baked goods to one another. At the end of this theme, we will be visiting Erie Orchards where the children can observe what takes place at a real apple orchard.

In our science center, children will be able to compare apple seeds with other types of seeds, as well as study the growth and life cycle of an appleseed, weigh apples, and experiment with the effects of salt, air, and lemon juice on the appearance of apples. In the math center, students will be able to sort apples by size and color, participate in a taste-testing to graph our favorite kinds of apples, and practice counting through various activities.

At the art center, we will be making Johnny Appleseed hats, making apple prints, and making yummy treats with apples. We will also be doing apple patterning activities and making mosaic apples.

We have begun focusing on one letter a week, starting with the letter A and working our way through the alphabet. At carpet, we are completing a classroom ABC book that includes students and pictures of other items with the corresponding letter. At the writing center, students can practice writing the letter of the week independently and with the assistance of teachers. Art activities, such as gluing buttons and beans on the letter B and painting green on the letter G, will also correspond with the letter of the week.

Towards the middle of the month, we will transition into a fall/harvest theme. Our dramatic play area will become a farmer`s market with pumpkins, gourds, leaves, and scarecrows. The science table will focus on comparing different types of corn and corn products, as well as the life cycle of a pumpkin and the comparison of different kinds of leaves. At the math center, we will make cornmeal playdough and practice sorting shapes. We will also be making many fun art projects, such as scarecrows, spiderwebs, and pumpkins.

With Halloween quickly approaching, we will be asking for volunteers to bring in goodies for the children and to help with the party. We will be sending home more information closer to the date.

Thank you for your support!

Miss Ashley, Miss Joanie, Miss Dawn, and Miss Heather

## Important Dates:

**Friday, October 10** - Field Trip to Erie Orchards!

**Thursday, October 30** - Halloween Party!



# Miss Bonnie's Class News

...love one another. Romans 13:8

WOW! September is over and summer is gone. Fall is here and it's time to get busy. I think the children are snuggled in and have made a lot of new friends. I'm enjoying getting to know them. They are all so sweet and eager to learn. To your little one, learning new things is child's play. This week we'll be using the farm theme to learn a variety of lively learning. Including beginning sounds, counting, color, shapes, and classifying. In dramatic play there will be a barn and barnyard with tractors and farm animals. The children will enjoy imitating the noises and behavior of different farm animals. There will also be a fruit and vegetable stand where the children can sell what they harvested.

At carpet we'll be having discussions about why farms are important to people. What do farmers produce? How do farms work? How do farmers keep animals from wandering away? How do farmers gather fruits and vegetables when they are ready to be harvested? We'll have some fun by playing games like piglets in the puddle (counting to ten) along with other musical games.

The writing center will have shaving cream covered tables. The children will be able to practice writing in the shaving cream or spread it over a lamb to resemble its woolly coat.

To develop their fine motor skills the children will be removing kernels from ears of corn then encouraged to find the hidden calves in the corn. At the Math and Science center the children will be playing a dice game to distinguish more, less, and comparing Bossie and Flossie's spots. To help learn that some baby animals have different names from their parents, there will be a matching card game. The children will also be charting nutty predictions.

For art we'll be making animals such as cows, pigs and ducks all out of paper plates, sun flowers, ears of corn and the letter B.

The children will be tasting many different types of cheese, fruits and vegetables to help remind them that some food come from plants that farmers grow, and other food comes from animals.

Last but not least we will be taking a field trip to the Country Lane Tree Farm. It's a fabulous farm for kids of all ages. The children will participate in milking a cow and feeding animals.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

### Cooking Projects:

Friday October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hay Stack
Monday October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Apple Sauce
Wednesday October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Pumpkin Custard
Thursday October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Toasted Pumpkin Seeds

### Field Trip:

Country Lane Tree Farm October 14<sup>th</sup>  
Please be at school by 8:30 am  
Sack lunch with Child's name  
Cost is \$7.00 per child and adult  
Please turn in money with permission slip. Due October 9<sup>th</sup>

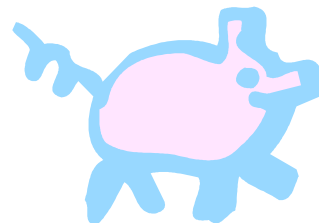
Halloween Party Thursday October 30<sup>th</sup>

### October Birthdays

October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Zachary St. John
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mackenna Granger

We are looking forward to a fun month of learning!

Miss Bonnie  
Miss Libby  
Miss Deanna



# Miss Heather's MWF Class News

It is now officially fall, my favorite time of the year. In October we will be "Down on the Farm" and discussing apples and the apple orchard. This month we will also be discussing God's wonderful creations and introducing the first few letters of the alphabet.

Our dramatic play area will be transformed into a farm complete with a barn, John Deer tractor, stick horses and farmer dress-up clothes. In math center we will sort farm animals from other animals and place them in a barn, match animals to their legs, and graph our favorite apples. In science we will pretend to milk a cow, make butter, look at different types of soil, create crazy snacks, and taste test apples. At writing center we will begin introducing some letters of the alphabet and objects/words that begin with those letters and continue writing letters to our family and friends. Some art projects include: making tractor tracks, painting with farm animal shapes, texture pigs, sponge painting cows, some fun Halloween projects, and many more.

We have a field trip planned to visit Erie Orchard and Cider Mill in Michigan. If you have never been there you are in for a treat, if you have been there I am sure you are looking forward to it, this is a wonderful trip! We will be combining A.M and P.M that day. Permission slips will come soon. Please make sure you check the weather and dress your child appropriately, make sure to put them in play clothes it may be muddy. There is also Halloween Party information attached to this newsletter! This is going to be a wonderful month at First St. John!

## Important Dates:

October 13, 2008- Erie Orchard field trip

October 30, 2008- Halloween party





## Kindergarten Highlights

We are off to a great start! We have an amazing class this year and are excited about the wonderful things they are learning and bringing to the classroom. We have much planned for the month of October. I hope we can fit it all in!

**Language Arts and Literacy** - By now most of our children are able to recognize their first name. We continue to work on writing first names. My goal this month is that they will all know and recognize their first and last names (I am not expecting them to write their last name yet). Also, we will continue to identify all uppercase and lowercase letters and associate them with the sounds that they represent (with the exception of vowels). We continue to work on concepts of print, namely, reading books from front to back and words from left to right as well as with writing applications, namely, dictating and simple journal entries, writing left to right, and top to bottom. We continue to work on learning to write all capital letters. When we get through all capitals we will move on to lower case letters.

If your child is ready we may begin to send home the first of the sight word lists for your child to start memorizing. Sight words are simple words that children recognize by sight. These are not words that should be sounded out or decoded (and some can't be). These words should be memorized so that your child can read them in a flash. This will empower your children to start reading and writing as well as promote fluency. More details will come home with your child when I send home his first list of words,

**Math** - Most children are able to recognize 1-10 and count to 10. If your child is not able to recognize 1-10 we will continue to give them support. My goal is to start working more with the teens this month (11-20). We are still working on writing numerals 1-10. We will also continue to review basic 2 dimensional shapes and begin to compare them to solid shapes. In September we started working with measuring using non standard units. We will extend this and add some standard units of measurement and explore standard measuring tools such as rulers, scales and measuring tape. Recognizing and making patterns will continue to be incorporated into daily activities as well.

**Science** - We have wrapped up our unit on bees. By now, your children should be able to give you some fascinating information about these insects. Our butterfly unit did not go as well as planned as I was not able to find the Monarch eggs that I was looking for. We did learn about the structure of a butterfly (Main parts), its life cycle, and how they adapt to the changing climate in Ohio. But we were unable to observe the structure and changes that the butterfly goes through. We will revisit this unit in the spring and hopefully be able to find a butterfly to observe. I thank all the children and parents who tried to help me enhance this unit with caterpillars and milkweed and amazing science projects from home.

Our tree and forest animal unit is in full swing. We also added Apple Activities as an extension to the tree unit and were able to do some fun activities with apples. This month we will of course observe the changes of the season and take notice the signs of autumn. We will also learn a little about farm animals and compare them to the types of animals we learned about in September. We will also experiment with pumpkins and investigate spiders, bats and the human skeleton as extensions to our October literature. As the days get shorter we have a perfect opportunity to start learning about the night and night activity as well. October is always a very busy

**Social Studies** - We continue to get acquainted with one another and get used to what it is like to be in Kindergarten. We will explore a little bit of the economic aspect of running a farm, as an extension of course we will visit Country Lane Tree Farm, where we learn so much about the different aspects of farm life. This month and early November we will also talk about safety.

Of course, we have a big holiday at the end of the month so we will discuss the origins of Halloween and discuss real vs. make believe. Many children attend Halloween parties and go Trick or Treating. This is a great time to talk about using good manners (a topic which we will extend into in November)

**Religion** - Throughout the year we will continually focus on acting and living as Jesus taught us. The theme of the Gospel and the repeated message throughout is to love. We will continue to reinforce this message in our classroom through Gospel stories, songs and example. Halloween can be a frightening time for some children. We can help young children take comfort in God`s love through psalms, stories and Bible passages that remind us that He is with us always.

**The Water Bottle Dilemma** - We have noticed that lately most of the children are not drinking the water that they bring in their water bottles. In fact many are not even bothering to take them out of their backpacks. This may be because they are not as thirsty with the cooler weather. Also, most prefer the water we serve at school because "it tastes colder". Moreover, we are experiencing angst among some of our more particular students because their papers and folders are getting "all yucky" due to water bottle related hazards. With this in mind we have decided to ask parents to stop sending in the water bottles at this time. We will keep cool water on hand throughout the day so that we may keep everyone hydrated and hopefully happy. Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.

**KRAL** - A few parents have asked me about the results of the Kindergarten Literacy Assessments conducted in August. This assessment was primarily for me to evaluate the needs of your children and adjust the curriculum accordingly. If anyone would like to discuss the results of your child`s assessment let me know and I will be happy to meet with you.

Well I believe I have given everyone enough to read for now. If you have any questions about anything as always, please call or drop me a note. Have a beautiful month!

### **Important Dates**

Oct 7-Field trip to the Country lane Tree farm We will leave the school at 9:10 and head back to school at 2:10 (Please send a packed lunch)

Oct. 23- Visit to Luther Home Day Village

October 24 - First quarter progress reports sent home.

October 30 - Halloween Party from 1:30 -3:00 ((Children will change into costume at school)

### **Happy Birthday!**

Adam Wehbi Oct 11

Mohammed Wehbi Oct. 11

John Zachel Oct. 26

# HALLOWEEN PARTIES



This is the first and one of many fun parties of our school year. The children wear their costumes to school. In preparation for this big day, each class will decorate the hallway outside their classroom. New songs to learn, fun art to create, and Halloween games for all! The teachers have many interesting activities planned for the children.

The children will go trick-or-treating through the school to fill the bags they make. (Parents provide trick-or-treat items. There is a sign-up sheet in this newsletter.) Please note that the parties will occur on the following days:

**Wednesday, October 29 - Miss Heather (MWF)**

**Thursday, October 30 - Miss Rose, Miss Ashley, Miss Michelle, Miss Bonnie, and Miss Heather's classes**

The parties will be held during the regular class times.

If your Extended Care child is not scheduled to attend on Thursdays, you may bring him or her to school that day if you choose. Please let Miss Michelle or Miss Bonnie know if your child will be attending. **Extended Care and Kindergarten children should be sure to have clothing to change into after the party is over.**

The deadline for returning the volunteer sheet is Friday, October 17 and confirmation notices will be sent home the following week. Thank you for your help.





# HALLOWEEN PARTY VOLUNTEERS

\_\_\_\_\_ I can send cookies for the Halloween party.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can send one gallon of cider for the party.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can send small Halloween napkins for the party.



\_\_\_\_\_ I can send Halloween cups for the party.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can help at the Halloween party.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can send a treat for the trick-or-treating

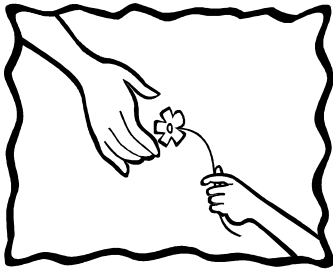
\_\_\_\_\_ You can change mine if needed

Don't think you have to send enough for the whole group. We can have several people bring a portion of one item. On the line in front of the item please indicate how many you will send. Thanks!

- Group Sizes: \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Heather's MWF a.m. preschool 21
- \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Heather's MWF p.m. preschool 14
- \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Heather's TR a.m. preschool 18
- \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Heather's TR p.m. preschool 18
- \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Ashley's MTWRF a.m. preschool 18
- \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Ashley's MTWRF p.m. preschool 12
- \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Michelle's class 29
- \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Bonnie's class 30
- \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Rose's class 17

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_



## FUNDRAISER VOLUNTEERS

\_\_\_\_\_ I can send help process candle orders on Friday, October  
24 th

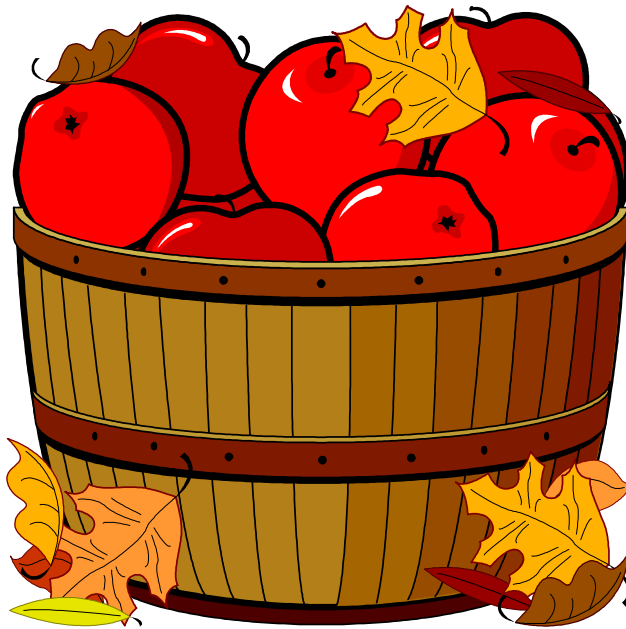
\_\_\_\_\_ I can help sort candle orders on Thursday, November 6th

\_\_\_\_\_ I can help sort candle orders on Friday, November 7th

Don't think you need to be here all day. We can have several people help and spend portions of time.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_



# OCTOBER SONGS AND FINGERPLAYS

## CLEAN UP SONGS

1) (Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

Time to put the toys away  
This is where the dollies lay  
Trucks and cars go here and  
there  
Every helper does his share  
When the room is nice and neat  
On the rug we'll take a seat.

OR

2) Clean up, clean up  
Everybody, everywhere  
Clean up, clean up  
Every helper does his share.

## SCARY EYES

See my big and scary eyes  
Watch out now----a big SURPRISE!  
CLAP! (loudly)

## WITH MY LITTLE BAG

With my little bag I walk down the  
street.

I knock on the door and say,  
"Trick or treat!"



## THE DEVIL IS A SLY OLD FOX

The devil is a sly old fox  
If I could catch him I'd put him in a box  
I'd lock that box and throw away the key  
For all those tricks he's played on me  
I'm glad I'm a Christian  
I'm glad I'm a Christian  
I'm glad I'm a Christian  
And trusting in the Lord

## FIVE LITTLE PUMPKINS (fingerplay)

Five little pumpkins sitting on the gate  
The first one said, "My, it's getting  
late."

The second one said, "There are  
witches in the air."

The third one said, "I don't care."

The fourth one said, "Let's go and have some  
fun."

The fifth one said, "Let's run and run and  
run."

Then wooooo went the wind and out went  
the light

And five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.



## HALLOWEEN SURPRISE

First you get a pumpkin  
big and round and fat.  
Then you carve the top off  
that will be his hat.  
Then you hollow out his  
mouth and nose and eyes.  
Show him to the children  
for a Halloween surprise.  
SURPRISE!



## FOUND A PUMPKIN (Tune: Clementine)

Found a pumpkin, found a pumpkin,  
Found a pumpkin just now.  
Just now I found a pumpkin,  
Found a pumpkin just now.

### Additional verses:

Picked a pumpkin, etc.  
Carved a pumpkin, etc.  
Made a jack-o'-lantern, etc.  
Baked a pie, etc.  
Ate it all up, etc.  
Where's my pumpkin?, etc.

