



# October 2009 Newsletter



## Monthly Focus

Harvest/Farm  
Fall

## Concepts to Cover

Waddler/Toddler

“Pumpkins and Haystacks”

Color Orange

Shape Circle

3’s Letters Dd, Ee, Ff

Shape Circle

Color Orange

Number 3

4’s Letters Oo, Cc, Aa, Dd

Shape Circle, Oval

Color Orange, Yellow

Numbers 0, 1, 2, 3, 4

## Cherrydale Holiday Fundraiser

Everyone will receive a *Cherrydale* catalog on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. This fundraiser will start Monday-October 5<sup>th</sup> and end Friday- October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Please join our fundraising effort by contacting your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to make this a BIG success!

## Field Trip 3’s and 4’s to Rose’s

### Orchard – Tuesday 10/6

We will be traveling via school bus to Rose’s Orchard. We will leave at 9:15 and return at 12:30

We will be eating lunch there. Please bring a nonperishable and disposable lunch.

Cost: Child \$14.00

## Music with Mrs. Davies

Mrs. Davies will be visiting

Wednesday – October 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00

Wednesday – October 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00

## Branford Fire Fighters Visit

Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00, the Branford Fire Fighters will be visiting Learn and Play. The Fire Fighters will be sharing invaluable information such as “stop, drop and roll” with our children. Being able to go inside the fire truck is an unforgettable experience! Everyone is invited to come even if your child does not attend on this day.

*Bring your camera!*

## Columbus Day

Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

*Preschool Closed*

Child Care will be Open

## Scholastic Books

Orders due by Wednesday,

October 14<sup>th</sup>

## Story and Singing with Pastor John

Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00AM

## Trunks & Treats

Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM, everyone is invited to join the United Methodist Church Community to Trunks & Treats.

This is a safe alternative to “door to door” trick or treating.

\*\*\*Children can come fully dressed in their costumes and visit each car in the parking lot to get their goodies. Adults can decorate their car trunk and have treats ready.

\*Prize given for the Best Costume and Best Decorated Car! Being in a safe environment makes the experience of dressing up for Halloween most enjoyable for everyone!!!

## Halloween Parades and Parties

Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> children will come dressed in their costumes. At 9:30, we will have a parade on the playground (if weather allows). After the parade, everyone will go into Fellowship Hall to sing Halloween songs. *Bring your camera and your singing voices!*

\*No need for morning snacks. A party will be held in each classroom!

\*\*\*Every child is invited to come with a parent even if your child does not attend on this day.

*Costumes:* We want to make this a positive experience for all the children. Frightening costumes such as monsters, witches, ghosts and weapons *are not appropriate* for young children.

*Please choose a non-violent character!*



*Have a Safe and*

*Happy Halloween!!!*

## **September 2009 Classroom News**

### **Infant Room**

#### **Miss Martie and Miss Cheryl**

We had a GREAT month of September in the Infant Room! The infants are growing so quickly! James and Delia are doing a great job adjusting to solid foods. Lilliana is right on schedule learning to sit up all by herself! Trey is growing so fast and adjusting to Child Care perfectly! Daymon and Brian are also adjusting to Child Care and getting better each day! It's such a pleasure to watch them grow.

Sadly, we had to say good-bye to Brian H. and Bree as they graduated into the Waddler Room. We will miss them and try to visit them as much as we can. Miss Di and their new Waddler friends have welcomed them. Emelia has progressed so much this month. She learned how to walk! Way to go, Emelia! Because of her excellent progress, she too will be graduating into the Waddlers very soon!

As you can see, we have had a very busy September here in the Infant Room. We are looking forward to October!!!

### **Waddler Room**

#### **Miss Di**

My class, right at the moment, consists of Maggie, Maddie, Brian and Bree. Wiley has just transitioned to the Toddlers. Emelia will be joining us soon.

We are off to a flying start for the month of September. It is "Getting to Know You" and "Me and My Family" month. We put up pictures of our whole families so everybody can see our Moms, Dads and all of our relatives.

The shape for the month is the SQUARE and the color is BLUE. We did glue and stick art using blue square blocks, blue eyes and blue birds. We also did some painting using fingerpaints and watercolors. Our collages and cookie men came out great. It was a lot of fun and we even got stickers for doing such a good job.

Everyday that the weather is nice we go outside to play. If the weather does not cooperate, we play in the Big Room. We clean up the toys before we leave to go anywhere. We wash our hands really well before we eat our lunch and snacks. We even have special stairs so we can reach the sink.

There's a slide in our room which is Brian's first thing to run to in the morning. Maggie and Maddie like to play with the kitchen and dolls. They all like to do Circle Time. Songs are a Big Hit such as "Ring Around the Rosey" and the Wiggles!!! Bree Bree will just be starting in the Waddlers so there will be an update next month.

I am happy to be back at work and the new Waddler Teacher. The kids are great!!!

### **Toddler Room**

#### **Miss Michelle, Miss Tina and Miss Alisha**

Hope everyone had a great summer! We are ready for the new year.

We want to welcome Miss Tina to our class and our new friends; Andrew, EJ, Zachary and John – Welcome! Lily and Wiley have adjusted to the class also. Welcome Guys!

We will be working on some new projects this year. We will be working on our ABC's and will be trying the calendar. We have been trying to recognize our names on our chairs. The children love Circle Time and Project Time. September was "Getting to Know You" month. Our shape and color of the month was blue and square. We did our families, self portraits and family trees. We also worked on the letter "A". We did "A" is for apple and "A" is for autumn.

We would like to say goodbye to our friend Julia. Julia will be staying home with her mom. Good Luck Julia! We wish you well.

\*Potty training is going really well. Amalia, Landon, Andrew and Katie are well on their way. Good Job!!!

\*Parents: Please bring in cups and silverware for your child.\*

### **3 Year Old Class**

#### **Miss Pam**

Our three puppets: Aggie the Alligator, Bubbles the Bear and Coco C. Cookie have helped us learn the Letters A, B and C. Each one has a game to reinforce the sounds of the letters. The Apple Pie Game was a favorite.

We are learning new routines and rules for behavior. Take time to look at our signs around the room. We are working to develop social skills such as keeping our hand to ourselves and physical skills such as cutting with scissors, art, music and sensory activities. (The shaving cream was a Big Hit!) I hope to encourage curiosity and a love of learning while developing self- help skills and a positive self image.

We are very busy and having a lot of fun!

### **4 Year Old Classroom**

#### **Miss Stacey and Miss Ann**

Welcome to the 4's! September has been an adjustment period. We are "Getting Acquainted" to our new class with new work and new responsibilities. We are all working hard doing just that.

This month, we worked on color, shape and number review. We have started working on our letter; Ll, Ii and Tt. We are also working on letter recognition, writing and phonics. Throughout the year, we will be learning to write our names. Some children have mastered writing their names in upper case letters but we will be working on writing the names –upper case and lower case which can often be a difficult adjustment. Please encourage your child to practice this, especially on their homework pages.

September also brought back the return of Miss Ann who was sorely missed – Welcome Back! We also celebrated Jeb's 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 9/21 – Happy Birthday Jeb!!!!

Our first field trip will be on October 6<sup>th</sup> to Rose's Orchards. It is a fall favorite trip and we look forward to a great time!

Thank you.