

Cathedral House Monthly News



October 2011



Important Dates

Monday, October 17th -

Vision & Hearing Testing

****required for those that are 4 years old by September 1st**

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday October 5th, 6th and 7th -

Picture Day

Friday, October 28th-

Fall Festival

Monday, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st-
Developmental Gymnastics (MII & TI)

Monday, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st-
Music - TII, PI, PII, K

Tuesday, October 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th -
Mouse Club (TII, PI, PII, K)

Tuesday, October 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th-
Chapel - (PI, PII & K)

Thursday, October 13th & 27th-
Arts Alive - Offered to all classes

Thursday, October 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th-
Jumpbunch - PI, PII, K

Friday, October 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th -
Dance - (TII, PI, PII & K)

'Cooperation'



Our theme for the month of October is 'Cooperation.' Cooperation is a great character trait to have! Each classroom will go over what cooperation means and things we can do to show it. Classes will also create lessons, fun activities and read books and sing songs that deal with this new theme. Also, stop by the front desk and contribute to the cooperative scrabble bulletin board!

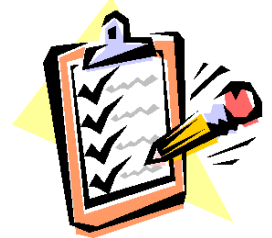
Friendly Reminders

- Please make sure your child's files are current with up-to-date information on immunization, contact numbers, email addresses and home addresses.

***There is an online database called Immtrac that many doctor's offices use to keep and update your child's immunization records. This is a convenient and secure system which will allow CHES to access immunization records online. For more information, please ask your doctor's office or go to:*

www.immtrac.tdh.state.tx.us

Administrative News



Fall Festival



Save the date for this year's Fall Festival which will be on **Friday, October 28th** from **4:15 to 5:30 p.m.**

Children are invited to bring their costumes to school. Please remember no scary costumes, weapons or masks. Teachers will assist in dressing them after waking up from nap. The festival will kick off with our annual 'Parade of Costumes'.

All parents are asked to:

- Park at the Cathedral Garage located on San Jacinto between Texas and Prairie.
- Wait in the fountain courtyard for the parade to begin—please refrain from visiting your child's classroom before the parade.
- Return to your child's classroom to pick them up and to ensure the safe release of all children
- Join us after the parade as each class has their own booth filled with different fun activities for the whole family to enjoy!

Vision and Hearing Screening

All children that turned four on or before September 1st are required to have vision and hearing tests. If your child has already had these services done by his or her doctor, please turn in the screening results to the front desk. For your convenience, we will have vision and hearing screening at CHES on **Monday, October 17th**. Please sign up at the front desk.

Picture Day!

Lifetouch will be taking photos on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday October 5th, 6th and 7th. The schedule is as follows:

Siblings—Wednesday
**Individual portraits will also be taken of siblings on Wednesday*
NI, NII, TII, PI, PII, Kinder.—Thursday
MI, MII, TI—Friday

Nursery I

This month, we had lots of fun in our classroom. We worked on sprucing up the classroom a bit. Did you notice our work shelves have some new books that have been added? We also, sang lots of songs that we heard in Arts Alive like "If I Had a Red Box" and "Sitting in My High Chair."

We worked on our fine motor skills by coloring our apples that have been displayed on the wall.

We would like to welcome our newest addition, Faith to the classroom! We are so happy she has joined us. Also, our friend Alejandra has moved across the hall to Nursery II and she will be missed!



NI Worms!

Nursery II



Welcome Alejandra to Arts Alive in your new classroom!

Our class has improved a bit because we added labels to our section in the classroom. These sections include the Library, Mirrors, Motor Skills Area, and Outdoor Time. We included areas that help your child develop such as the Mirrors area that helps with self perception, recognition of emotions, and object permanence. The motor skills area helps with gross motor development, coordination and balance, cause and effect, independence, and self-regulation. Outdoor time helps with sensory exploration, visual tracking, and balance. The Library area helps with early literacy skills, sound and voice recognition, memory, and recall. The Library section also added some new books like "My First Words", "Critter Colors", and "Rainbow Fish."

Movement I

October already and what does that mean? We'll soon be getting ready for Halloween! We'll paint orange pumpkins and color black cats, We'll have a Parade with costumes and hats! We've welcomed new friends and we think they're all super, Their names are Jackson, William and Cooper. We also welcomed Harrison and Kelsey from Nursery II, And said goodbye to Jack and Annabel who transitioned to Movement II!



Books, Books, Books!

Movement II



Gracie during Circle Time

This month was focused on Friendship. We had such a great month talking about what makes a good friend. We practiced being a good friend on the playground and in the classroom. Some things we practiced were helping my friend when he/she is sad, playing nice with my friend, and sharing with my friend.

We also welcomed a new friend to the class. We are so excited to see Gracie everyday! She has blended in well with our classroom. She even helps us during circle time! Way to go!

Toddler I

This month was all about friendship! We worked on handprints as a classroom. Did you see this displayed on our class door? We practiced sharing and working together in the classroom to keep it clean. In addition, we made friendship bracelets with words that describe a good friend. Since this is the beginning of the school year, we had some fun lessons on apples. A fun activity that we got to do was an apple stamp lesson. We carefully used this stamp to create some fabulous apple art. Even though we left the ocean to focus on friendship, our favorite song still remains "Pescadito" or Little Fish. Ask us to sing it for you!



Handprint Art



Friendship Bracelets



Apple Stamps



"Pescadito"

Toddler II

"Friends, Friends 1,2,3, all my friends are here with me"... This is the song we sang a lot this month as we focused on 'Friendship'. During our class discussion, we talked about the traits of a good friend and practiced being a good friend to our peers.

We had an in depth lesson on apples this month! The children talked about the colors, shapes, and taste of apples. We found out that apples have seeds and when we cut them in half there is a star shape at its core. We learned the parts of the apple which are the stem, skin, meat, and core and read books about apples and a man named Johnny Appleseed. During psychomotor, we worked on jumping over objects, jumping jacks, and walking on a line.

We look forward to some spooky thrills next month as we celebrate Halloween!



Friends share!

Primary I

This month, we welcomed in a new season. We learned that leaves have hidden colors under their green color that we see when they run out of chlorophyll. We even got to paint our own leaves in fall colors to decorate our tree.

This month also focused on Johnny Appleseed and how he helped plant apple trees across our country. We celebrated his birthday by making apple turnovers! They turned out so yummy and were a great snack!

During this month, we also talked about friendship and what a good friend is. Some of the characteristics the children came up for a friend were- someone we like, someone who shares, someone who has kind hands and words, and someone who helps. We practiced helping at school and home. At school, our class is helping to count down our first 100 days of school. We are making a chain and adding links everyday! We cannot wait to see how long our chain gets!



As part of our study on Johnny Appleseed, Grace participated in making apple turnovers



Our class worked on their "friendship" quilt. Hope you got a chance to see it displayed.

Kindergarten

During the month of Sept. we talked about and practiced being a friend. Some of the things the children showed to their friends were playing together and using polite words and gentle hands. Words of kindness were also heard throughout our days. Did you hear about our class project "Prints of Friendship?"

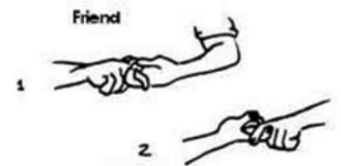
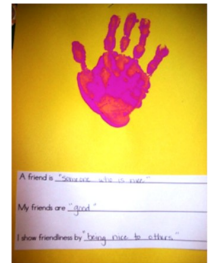
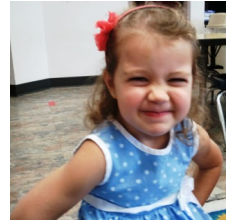
Each child made a painted handprint then answered these three simple questions. 1. A friend is _____. 2. My friends are _____. 3. I show friendliness by _____.

We have also learned a few new songs about friendship. In one of our songs we incorporated a little sign language. This is the sign for friend. (Hook your pointer fingers together then switch them the other way.)

Thank you to Amelia and her mother for enlightening us on the Jewish Holiday Rosh Hashanah. We really enjoyed the apples and honey as we heard the story, "Today is the Birthday of the World."

Primary II

We read When Sophia gets Angry, Really, Really Angry & shared our angry faces & what helps us get over our anger and makes us feel better.



Spanish Corner

Here are some of the Spanish vocabulary we will be working on throughout the month of Octubre:

<u>Vocabulary</u>		<u>Colors</u>		<u>Review</u>
Dia de Brujas-	Halloween	anaranjado -	orange	Numeros (1-5)- Numbers Dias de la Semana- Days of the Week
bruja -	witch	negro-	black	
murcielago -	bat	blanco -	white	
gato -	cat	cafe -	brown	
fatasma -	ghost			
calabaza -	pumpkin			
esqueleto -	skeleton			
arana -	spider			
buho -	owl			
dulce -	candy			



Song

"Cinco Calabacitas"
(Five Little Pumpkins)

Goodbye Ms. Angel!

One of our Nursery II teachers, Ms. Angel, will be leaving us this month. She will be missed dearly and we wish her all the best as she goes onto her new career. She has been a part of the Cathedral House family for 10 years and has helped with countless events here at CHES. Please remember to wish her well as she leaves us at the end of September.



Goodbye Ms. Liz!

One of our Kindergarten teachers will also be leaving us this month. Ms. Liz who has been here for two years has taken a job with the Harris County Public Library. She will be helping coordinate activities for children. She is so great with children. This is a great opportunity for her. We definitely wish her well and hope that she visits us often! You will be missed!





Cathedral House Birthdays



Zoe K.—October 8th—3 years old

Asher S.—October 16th—5 years old

Abigail M.—October 17th—2 years old

Kelsey F.—October 18th—1 year old

Sara E.—October 20th—1 year old

Jack N.—October 22nd—3 years old

Richard G.—October 24th—2 year old

Levi B.—October 26th—1 year old

Emory C.—October 26th—4 years old

Grace B.—October 29th—4 years old



Cathedral House Staff Birthdays



Blanca R.—October 4th—Floater

