



Unit Letter
"FALL FUN"
October, 2011

Dear Families,

We are starting our newest unit **Fall Fun**. We are talking and learning about the abundance of God's provision while discussing the harvest season, farming, apple picking and marketing. During Dramatic Play we are playing in our very own Apple Orchard, picking and sorting apples of various sizes and colors. We'll be making applesauce (every child is asked to bring 1 apple for this cooking project) with the help of wonderful parent volunteers during our **Harvest Party (27)**. Children and volunteers should dress in orange for our big day.

Picture Day was a grand success and everyone seemed to find their best smile. Again, we say thank you to our parent volunteers. The children loved sharing their classroom with you and you were experts at playing games, reading books, sharing ideas and listening to us.

During our **Jesus Time** will introduce more stories and people from the Bible. During this unit we will tell the stories of David & Jonathan and Naaman We are learning that the Old Testament stories happened before Jesus was born and the New Testament stories happen after his birthday. We often review the stories you already have at home. It is wonderful to watch the children retell the stories to one another, using their own understanding and applications. A thank you to all who visited us on **Chapel Day**. I like to see all the positive interactions you have with your children as we share this time together. Our next Chapel is scheduled on November 3.

As the days get colder, we will be spending more time in our **Large Motor Area**. The children know we will go outside if it isn't snowing, raining, or too cold. We check with the weatherman every day and if the temp is above 32F/0C we will go outside. Please dress you child appropriately. When inside we spend time in our Large Motor area stretching, jumping, jogging and doing a variety of active games.

Our **Small Group Time** is used to play and practice all kinds of cognitive games. We help each other think about new and different information. We might practice cutting/writing/number and letter identification/sequencing/patterning/story telling or new game introductions. These games help us learn math, science and pre-reading skills.

During this unit, your child will have opportunity to play/work with these materials in our **Free Choice Time**:

Art: Apple Marble Painting; Apple Printing with Poem

Easel: Orange Pumpkins with Black Shapes/Jack-O-Lanterns; Fall Trees with Ring Painting

Science: Leaf Matching; Weather and Season Science Box; Leaf Rubbings

Sensory Table: Plant Potatoes and Carrots in Sand; Wash Vegetables

Sensory Tub: Pumpkin Exploration using Golf Tees and Hammers; Play-Dough

Dramatic Play: Apple Orchard

Shape of the Week: Triangle; Pumpkin Shape

Letter of the Week: E, e; F, f

Cooking: Applesauce (27)

Children are a gift from the Lord. Thank you for sharing your wonderful gift with us!



Finger Plays and Songs

“Apple Tree”

Way up high in an apple tree,
Two little apples smiled at me.
I shook that tree as hard as I could.
Down came the apples.
M-M-M-were they good.

Ask your child about these songs/poems we are learning together;



Monkeys and Alligators
Five Little Hot Dogs
Up the Railroad Track
I Have a Little Turtle
Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes
If You Are Happy and You Know It
My Mother is a Baker
Who is the King of the Jungle
Slippery Fish
I'm Gonna' Drive My Car

Dates to Remember

Harvest Party: October 27 (WEAR ORANGE)

Chapel: November 3

Book Orders Due: November 10

Parent Association Meeting: November 7 @7:00PM

Preschool Parent Teacher Conferences (NO SCHOOL): November 21, 22, 23

Childcare is available during usual preschool hours.

Check with teachers for more information.



Play the Tray Game at home.

Directions: Pick out 5-10 items from your environment and review these items with your child.

Place the items on a tray or platter and cover them with a towel.

Have your child/children take turns naming the items they can remember.