



ASA Little Saints



What's Happening!!!

We hope everyone has been enjoying the first month of school. The preschoolers are all beginning to settle in. We have had some tears, but they have really diminished.

We have been busy this month working on establishing routines and procedures. A consistent routine really helps preschoolers succeed. Once the teachers get a schedule in place, they will send home a copy for you. Please be patient with this because it takes time.

The first few weeks have given us the opportunity to make new friends. The preschoolers seem to be doing a great job with this.

We want to take a moment to say thank you to all the families that have brought in supplies. They will all be put to good use. If you are able, there are additional supplies that we could use. There are sign up sheets in all 3 classrooms. We will continue to take recyclable materials that can be used for craft projects. Please just make sure the items are washed and clean.

Another big thank you to all the families who have turned in their snack money. The preschoolers always seem to enjoy snack time. Half day kids get one snack and all day kids get an AM and a PM snack. If you have not turned in your money, please do so by October 1st.

Do you have a career or a special talent you would like to share with preschoolers? We are always looking for guest speakers. Just let your preschooler's teacher know.

All Saints Academy

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Upcoming Dates:

- ☉ No PM Preschool—October 1
- ☉ School Pictures—October 7
- ☉ Country Basket Tour—October 20
- ☉ No School—October 22 (child care open)
- ☉ Halloween Celebrations—October 28 & 29

Don't Forget! We have an open door policy, you are welcome in our classrooms at any time.

Fire, Tornado, Lock Down Drills

For the safety of our students, we are required to perform these drills. For some preschoolers these can seem scary. We do our best to make every child comfortable. This is a great time to review your families procedures in case of fire or tornado. You might want to talk to them about 911.

Happy Birthday to...

Our September Birthdays

Nick Birchler
Connor Calton
David Francis
Keenan McGavin
Brooklyn Ontiveros



Country Basket Here We Come...



On October 20th, the MWF AM/PM, Fab. 4s & 5s, and Ext. Pre will be taking a field trip to the Country Basket. The students will be taking a bus to the orchard. Parents are welcome to join us, but they need to provide their own transportation. The Home and School Association will be covering the cost of the trip for the students. There is a \$5.00 charge for parents. More information will be coming home soon.

HighScope Curriculum

High Scope is a curriculum program where children and teachers work together to create a learning environment conducive to preschool learning. There are several components that work hand in hand to create a High Scope classroom. As a staff, we have decided to incorporate several of these components into our preschool classrooms.

In each of our newsletters, we will have a section that discusses a different component of the HighScope Curriculum that your child will be experiencing.

The first component is the "plan-do-review" technique. In every preschool classroom, the preschoolers get a chance to play or "do work". Before

the preschoolers can do their work, they must make a plan. During this planning time, the children need to decide what they are going to do during work time. After they make the plan, they get to spend about an hour doing their "work". Once work time is over, the preschoolers review with their class what they did.

Throughout work time, the preschoolers can explore the entire room. They are not limited to where they can play, and it is okay if their "plan" changes during the work time session.

It is hard to believe all of the learning that takes place during play. Attached to this sheet, is a listing of all of the things a child is learning when they are "doing their work".



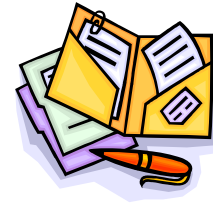
Preschool Pictures

The preschoolers will have the opportunity to get their pictures taken on Thursday, October 7th. Picture package information will be sent home as we get closer to the 7th. If your child doesn't normally come to school on a Thursday, you are encouraged to bring your preschooler into school to have your child's picture taken (between 10:00 and 10:30). All preschooler's pictures will appear in the school yearbook. If you want their picture to appear, they must have it taken on the 7th.



Where is your Preschooler?

If your preschooler is going to be absent due to illness or other circumstances, please call the school office to let us know 364-9453.

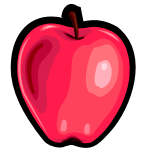


Office Folders

When there are important papers that need to be sent home from the school office, you will receive a white ASA folder (one per family). Please remove the papers and read them. The folder should be returned the next time your child comes to school. Weekly school newsletters will either come home in the folder or they will be electronically delivered to you depending on what your family requested.

Baked Apples

- 12 apples
- 3/4 C. brown sugar
- 2 to 3 C. water
- Cinnamon, if desired



Cut core from apples and put brown sugar inside. Sprinkle with cinnamon and place in large baking pan, adding enough water to cover bottom of pan. Bake at 400 degrees F for 30-45 minutes, basting frequently.

We are hoping to add student pictures to our newsletter. If you do not want your child's picture to appear in our newsletter, please let your child's teacher know ASAP.

October 1, 2010

On Friday, October 1st, ASA has a half day of school. We will not be having afternoon preschool. Extended Preschool will be open for child care services. Please sign up in the child care room. Please remember to send a lunch with your child, no hot lunch will be served.

Two Apples—fingerplay

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



WHO SAID “BUT ALL THEY DO IS PLAY?”

By Janice Thorson

When I play “let’s pretend”, I learn...

new words	problem solving	self-confidence
sharing	cleaning up	independence
respect for others	self-reliance	how it feels to be someone else
expressive language	feelings and property	eye-hand coordination

When I play with art materials, I learn...

colors	problem solving	pride in my work
color mixing	cooperation	independence
creativity	shapes	textures
self-reliance	how things work	properties of matter
new words	eye-hand coordination	

When I “read” a book or am read to, I learn...

new words	new information	sequence (left-right progression)
sentence structure	expressive language	a love of books
listening skills	logical thinking	reading readiness
creativity	imagination	

When I play in the water or sand, I learn...

new words	sorting	expressive language
properties of matter	buoyancy	using 5 senses
problem solving	textures	sharing
effects of gravity	cooperation	eye-hand coordination
measuring	weights	creativity and imagination

When I play on large muscle equipment, I learn...

coordination	sequence	rules of the road
sharing	time	creativity
new words	confidence	imagination
taking turns	how things work	position
first-last	direction signs	common traffic

When I play with blocks, I learn...

balance	shape	design
gravity	creativity	self-confidence
position	problem solving	number
size	pride	eye-hand coordination

When I play with games and puzzles, I learn...

number	sizes	eye-hand coordination
sorting	counting	problem solving
shapes	positions	cooperation
sharing	new words	spatial relationships
colors		

All this and much, much more.....