



Peter Piper's PreSchool Press

September 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We are off to a fantastic school year! It has been an exciting start with so many happy children returning and lots of new friends that have joined us in our PreSchool! It is wonderful to see how easily the children have transitioned back into school life! Our classrooms are filled with happy, playful, enthusiastic learners.

As you walk down the hallway of the ECC building and look at the children's wonderful work on display, it is easy to see the enthusiasm and learning which has already begun. The Toddlers are quickly adjusting to their first school experience and have been enjoying creating many fall projects with their teachers. Make sure to stop by and see their "Pumpkins on a Gate" display on our front bulletin board! The Nursery children have been learning all about apples and even made their own Apple Cinnamon Play Dough! It was so much fun and such a great project to help the children work on developing their fine motor skills too! Our Pre-K students have been very busy! The children have been working on letters in their names, getting to know one another through their "All About Me" unit and have already done their very first science experiment! It has been exciting meeting so many new friends in our Kindergarten class. The children are working hard and learning so much. They were excited to share the story and history of Johnny Appleseed as they celebrated his birthday this month!

We are very happy to share and celebrate all the marvelous things your children are doing here at Holy Child Academy. We are looking forward to a fun, adventuresome and successful year with you and your children! We hope to see everyone at the Harvest Happening on Saturday, October 20th. This is a wonderful, fun event for the whole family!

Happy Fall!

Kathy Frank
ECC Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

October 5 - Friday Walk-a-thon K-8
11:30 Dismissal
No Extended Day

October 8 - Monday NO SCHOOL
Columbus Day

October 19 - Friday Conference Day
N-8 NO SCHOOL
(TODDLERS MEET)

October 20 - Saturday
HARVEST HAPPENING





Toddler

Mrs. Gannon
and
Mrs. G

September 2018



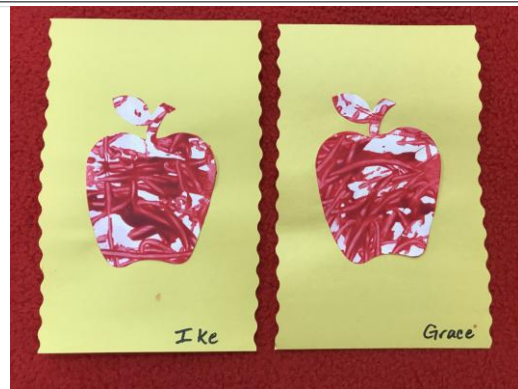
The children are making their way down the hall on our rainbow rope. They choose a shape or a color. It keeps us organized and in a line ~ and it's lots of fun!



Learning to share is a big part of our program ~ and a big part of life! The Toddlers are able to explore all the toys in the classroom and are encouraged to let someone else take a turn.



And they're off...!
Ride-on toys, both inside and out in our playground, give the children the opportunity to practice gross motor skills ~ and another chance to share.



Marble painting is a great way to shake, shake, shake the paint all over the picture. No two apples turn out the same way. They are all unique ~ just like our Toddlers!



NURSERY

Ms. Barra
and
Ms. Rosado and Mrs. Aquino

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A is for Academics!

In Nursery, WE PLAY TO LEARN! While the children are playing & having fun, they are learning the following skills: social & emotional growth, fine & gross motor skills, vocabulary, language, literacy, math concepts, physical abilities, dramatic play, getting along, conflict resolution and teamwork!



A is for the Arts!

This year the boys & girls will be spending their days creating with paints, crayons, scissors, glue, paper, play dough & assorted odds & ends! Little hands will be kept busy, busy, busy! The children will also participate in a weekly Sing-A-Long class.



A if for Athletics!

Being active is an important part of Nursery's day. Three times a week the children will attend a Movement-to-Music/gym class. During recess they love to run, jump, climb, ride bikes, and kick and catch balls!



A is for Alleluia!

Everyday before Snack Time and Lunch Bunch, the children say our special prayer of thanks for our food & "everything!" We talk about being thankful for our families and friends and about being kind to each other!



Pre Kindergarten

Mrs. Modica
and
Mrs. Duffy, Mrs. Burton
and Mrs. Aquino

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Our first author study was Laura Numeroff. The children were able to compare and contrast many of her well-known works of literature. Each month the children will be given the opportunity to study the works of many different authors such as: Leo Lionni, Jan Brett, Eric Carle and many more!



We learned each other's names and how many letters were in our names (and then made graphs for all to see and compare). We read the story Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henke and spoke about how special each of our names are. This activity focuses on pre-reading and math skills.



Science provides a chance to learn about our world and answer those "WHY?" questions. Learning to ask questions and solve problems is an important life skill and vital for school learning. In this experiment the children observed the changing color of flowers after being placed in colored water. They were amazed to observe how the stem acted like a straw to "feed" the flower.



During our "All About Me" unit, the children learned about glyphs, (a type of graph that uses pictures/symbols to tell a story without using words). Each child completed their own glyph which is on display in our hallway.



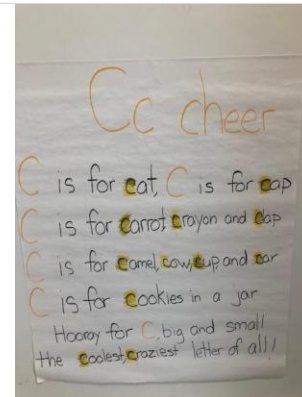
Kindergarten

Mrs. Abbondandolo

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Our Kindergarten year is off to a great start! We spent the first few weeks of school getting to know one another, sharing, creating, and getting use to our new environment!



Each week in Kindergarten we learn a new letter. Our first letter was the letter C. We learned how to write upper and lowercase C's and learned so many words that begin with the C sound. We even learned the Cc Cheer!



Kindergarten does not just begin the academic foundation but a strong foundation of kindness and working together. Our students loved reading *The Crayon Box that Talked* by Shane DeRolf. Our goal each day is to remember that if we work together our class will be complete!



Our class loves math! Especially math that incorporates games and our Apple unit. Students continued patterns using different color apples and then created their own patterns!