

Cathedral House News

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3, 2, 1... Blast-Off!

We are rocketing into October as we continue our outer space theme. October's exciting journey will include space travel. We have some fun songs and finger plays to learn, exciting art projects to get our creative juices flowing, and new lessons to keep us all on our toes. You might even see some rocket ships being constructed in the classrooms for the children to explore what it might be like to travel into space!

Important Dates

October 10th: Mommy vs. Teacher Softball Game *10:00 am*

October 30th: Fall Festival

4:15 Parade

4:30 Festival

November 1st: Daylight Savings

November 4-6th: Pictures (TBA)

November 19th: Speech & Hearing

Testing (3 yrs. and older)

November 19th: Family Feast *5:00 pm*

December 17th: Holiday Program *5:30 pm*

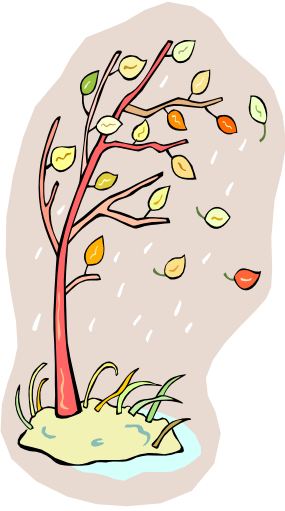
December 18th: Children's Holiday Parties

December 24th-January 1st: Winter Break School Closed



Ice Cream Party

The whole school celebrated the success of the Pennies for Playground campaign with an ice cream party! The Grand Total was \$2,075.00. Thanks again to all the children and their families who brought in their loose change to benefit our efforts for a new playground. As you can see, the results were sweet!



*Playground
fundraising
efforts
continue
school-wide!*



Thank you Kindergarten Class!

Tender Loving Care Desserts, our Kindergarten bakers, baked and sold special treats to help raise \$605.00 for our playground fund! Thanks for the yummy treats!



Softball Game



Don't miss the **First Annual Cathedral House Teacher vs. Mommy Softball Game Saturday, October 10th!** Parents that are still interested, please see the Mommy team captain Amber Branum (Grace from Toddler I's mom). All proceeds will go towards our new playground. (Refreshments will be available.)

Fall Festival

Friday October 30th from 4:15-5:30 PM

Children are invited to bring their costumes to school (no scary suits, 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
- wait in the fountain courtyard for the parade to begin
- return to their child's classroom to pick up their child to ensure the safe release of all children

*Stay safe
this
Halloween!*

Halloween Safety

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends parents:

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and Trick-or-Treat bags for greater visibility.
- Because masks can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives. Hats should fit properly to prevent them from sliding over eyes.
- If a sword, cane, or stick is a part of your child's costume, make sure it is not sharp or too long. A child may be easily hurt by these accessories if he stumbles or trips.
- Always carry a flashlight with fresh batteries and a cell phone.



Nursery Department News



Nursery I News

*Our Nursery
I babies are
growing up
so fast*

Our little friends are really enjoying themselves in Nursery I! We are ready for little Jack to join us on October 1st. Nina and Paige will also be new additions to the Nursery I Classroom in October. We have several very smiley babies! Amelia has begun to eat her baby food and is doing great. Logan is babbling a lot more and is reaching and grasping too. Sawyer is following suit with the reaching and grasping and his laugh is truly infectious. Owen is growing so much and he starts every morning here with a precious smile. Gregory joined us last month and is already a pro at rolling around everywhere. We say “goodbye” to Carter and Sophia and wish them luck in Nursery II!



Nursery II News

This month continues with all of Nursery II working on our solar system. Learning about rockets and shuttles will be fun while making a few projects using finger paint. Be on the lookout in October for the children's artwork to be displayed in our room. We will be learning new songs such as "Orbiting 'Round the Moon" and new activities that stimulate our motor skills. The finger plays that we learn are ones that parents can sing at home with their children. We would be more than happy to make a copy of these finger plays for any interested parents to take home.



Look for children's artwork displayed around our classroom



Movement Department News



Movement I News

*The children
in Movement
I are
becoming
quite
independent!*

October is going to be a great month! We have a lot of fun art projects planned. We'll start off the month by welcoming our new friend Emory Booth and her family into our CHES family. We will also greet our transitioners Jack Neslage and Alex Foti who we are so excited to have! Our little ones have been hard at work learning to feed themselves, sit down and do their work and they have even learned motions to several of the songs we sing! Aubrey enjoys reading to herself as well as her friends. Maren, Brielle and Ellie are becoming quite independent and Lucas and Grant have become best buddies. Kelsey and Ethan enjoy trying to put together puzzles and Emmett is beginning to take steps. Juliana is very observant of everything that goes on with all of her friends. We are sad to say goodbye to Conner Folsom, Petra Kubiak and Matthew Skinner, but wish them well in Movement II.

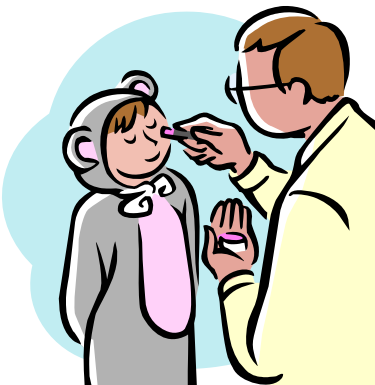




Movement II News

Look at what we did in our Gymnastics class last month! All of the children really enjoyed tumbling and moving their bodies in different ways. In the classroom, we are learning new finger plays and songs about the moon, stars and Sun. The new songs and finger plays we learned are called "Tuning Up for Outer Space," "Hello Mr. Sun" and "Stars". We are excited to learn all about rockets and shuttles this month. We have a lot of fun activities planned for October so watch for new lessons on our shelves and a variety of children's art to be displayed around the classroom!

*We learned
new songs
and finger
plays all
about the
Sun, moon,
and stars*



Toddler Department News



Look!

We made

Solar System

Snacks!

Yummy!

Toddler I News

Throughout the month of September, we talked about the Sun (sol), the moon (luna), the earth (tierra) and the planets (planetas).

The first week, we had fun putting together our own good night book after reading *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown. The children enjoyed reading it everyday! During art time, we got to make our own moons.

Wow! We had lots of fun making our own “moon surface.” We even had edible moons for dessert!

Our second week’s theme was the sun (sol). We read *Sun* by Susan Canizares and Dania Moretan and enjoyed scarf dancing while pretending to be the sun. We were busy making bright, yellow suns to display on our art wall.

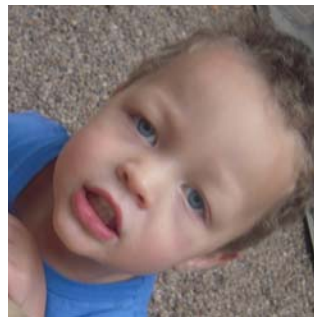
The third week was spent talking about the earth (tierra). We had fun while sponge painting the earth singing “I know the planets” and eating planet cookies. We moved around like revolving planets around the sun and learned that the sun gives us heat, light and energy.

The last week’s focus was on the nine planets. We worked hard creating our own solar system and reading *The Planets in our own Solar System*.

We even had the opportunity to work with a lesson that involved matching planets and eating a special solar system snack. Yummy, yummy! It was delicious!

Our next adventure is waiting for us as we start the month of October talking about space travel, rockets and shuttles. Remember that “show and tell” is on Thursdays and we appreciate ideas related to this year’s theme.





Max, Sprague, and Brendan have graduated to Toddler II!

Toddler II News

...5-4-3-2-1 Blast off! What a great adventure the children embarked upon as we headed towards the sun. The children learned lots of interesting facts about the sun, moon, earth and planets. During movement time, we sang songs naming all the planets and pretended to be planets orbiting the sun. We also had lots of fun counting backwards from 10 to 1 and blasting off with our bodies as we jumped into the air. During circle time this month, we focused on name recognition games and the children really seemed to catch on and enjoy themselves.

Parents, we need your help! If you have old film canisters please bring them in. We need approximately 20 canisters for a classroom project next month.

*Toddler II
children
learned
interesting
facts about
the planets*





Primary News

Planetarium, constellation, orbit, and astronaut are just a few of the words we learned in September. Along with learning about our nine planets (we didn't want to leave Pluto out), we learned a cute song to help us remember all the names and their order.

*Look for our
class
rocketship
to be built
this month!*

Primary could not forget about good 'ole Johnny "Appleseed" Chapman. All of Primary learned various things about apples and we got to use our taste buds to learn about many different kinds. Apple juice, apple-sauce, and apple jelly were some of the yummy treats we had on our menu!

For the month of October, we are hoping to construct a rocket ship with large boxes. This will be a class effort of teamwork, and hopefully we'll get to blast off into space! Along the way, we look forward to learning about a few astronauts as well.



Kindergarten News

September for the Kindergarten class was out of this world as we learned about our Galaxy the Milky Way, the Solar system, and the planets. The children appear to be enjoying this fun and exciting theme as they create their own activities to represent these items. Have you heard them talk about creating the planets to make a Solar System?

Also this month Chapel began. We will visit Rev. Rhoda in the Little Peoples Chapel every Wednesday at 2:30 PM. Each week, one child will be assigned the job of Chapel Helper. They will get to light the candles at the beginning of the service and snuff them out at the end.

Our bake sale was a huge success thanks to everyone who purchased from us! The children were extremely excited to transform into bakers and bake the yummy cookies and strawberry shortcake for each of you. Thank you for supporting us and our playground!

Things to look for during the month of October:

- Progress reports with conferences to follow
- Fall Festival
- Class Party Sign-Up Sheet
- The first homework assignment will be sent home Tuesday, October 6th. Homework will be sent home each Tuesday of the week and asked to be returned on the following Friday.



*Check out
how we
created
planets for
our own
Solar
System!*

Birthdays



October 8th: Kieran C. - 4 years old

October 9th: Jenna M. - 2 years old

October 12th: Catherine M. - 4 years old

October 16th: Asher S. - 3 years old

October 17th: William P. - 4 years old

October 19th: Lyle C. - 4 years old

October 22nd: Jack N. - 1 year old

October 26th: Emory C. - 2 years old

Luke N. - 4 years old

October 28th: Grant G. - 3 years old

October 29th: Grace B. - 2 years old

Also celebrating this month: Ms. Blanca, Movement I, October 4th

Curriculum Corner: Real vs. Not Real

Young children's thinking is concrete and "in the moment," so it can be difficult for them to generalize from one situation to the next. Cognitively speaking, most young children do not have the ability to differentiate between reality and fantasy. If he says he has a pet dinosaur at home, it's as if he believes he does. If she says she went to a tea party with Cinderella yesterday, it's as if she believes she did. The line between truth and make-believe is very blurry for a young child. So, how can we help young children begin to distinguish between *real vs. not real*?

It's okay to indulge fun, pretend fantasies, but sometimes that blurry line between reality and fantasy can cause some trouble. In a young child's mind, if Dad puts on a scary mask, Dad becomes that scary creature. The more experience a child has with *real vs. not real*, the better equipped he or she will be to handle experiences that may be scary. Encourage dress-up and pretend play to create a positive association with costumes, to make dressing up into a fun game, and to give your child lots of practice with real and pretend items.

Fantasy or pretend play requires your child to really use her imagination! It can help your child to think creatively and learn to problem-solve. Pretend play can help with social skills like cooperation and turn-taking. It can also foster language development when he tells you his story, or even early literacy if you ask him to dictate his story to you! The most important thing is that you experiment with *real vs. not real* together and have fun doing it!

