



Mt. Calvary Lutheran Preschool

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CLASSROOM NEWS

Preschool is going very well! We are learning the routines, enjoying friends, and eagerly watching our caterpillars and chrysalises. We found and ate the gingerbread men after they escaped from the oven! We sent cards to grandparents for Grandparent Day. We studied Creation and are thankful for God's wonderful world! Pastor has been leading us in chapel and visiting the classrooms for Bible lessons and singing.



TUTION

Tuition is due the first school day of the month. We accept cash, checks, debit/credit cards. (There is a small fee for debit and credit cards.)

NO SCHOOL

There will be no school on Friday, October 6th. Teachers will travel to Collinsville, IL for a Central Illinois District Lutheran Schools Teachers Conference. Also, there will be no school on Friday, October 13th because of Parent-Teacher Conferences.

PTO

The PTO held an information meeting on Friday, September 8th. A BIG THANK YOU to all who are helping this year! The PTO has chosen our fall fundraiser to be Candles by Jen! Order forms and payments will be due Oct 19th/20th. We will receive the candles at the beginning of November for delivery. These will make for great Christmas presents!! Money raised goes toward paying for field trips and also towards the scholarship fund we have for tuition assistance. Watch for order forms to come home in backpacks soon! See Leah if you have any questions or need more forms!!
** Join (Mt. Calvary Preschool PTO) page on Facebook to be reminded about fieldtrips, school happenings and have an easy way to communicate! ***

SCHOOL PICTURES

School Pictures will be taken on Thursday, Sept 28th (for Mrs. Hunt's 2 day class) and Friday, Sept 29th (for Mrs. Sommerer's 5 day class and Mrs. Hunt's 3 day class). Please send in your orders and payment before (or on) your child's picture day. Many thanks to Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Christensen and Mrs. Nichols for taking our pictures! They do beautiful work!

SHOW AND SHARE

Each month we will have "Show and Share" days. The first "Show and Share" days will be Wednesday, Oct 4th (Mrs. Sommerer's 5 day class and Mrs. Hunt's 3 day class), and Thursday, Oct 5th (Mrs. Hunt 2 dayclass). For October the children may bring an item of his/her choice to show, and our donations will go to Lutheran Social Service. If you have cold weather clothing items that your child can no longer use, please send them to school and we will take them to LSS. Thank you!

PUMPKIN PATCH FIELDTRIP

Classes will meet at school and caravan to Prairie Moon Farm in Knoxville. Please have your child wear their Mt. Calvary t-shirt! *The group will stay 1^{1/2} hours and will dismiss from there.
Mrs. Sommerer's 5 day class will meet at school on Monday, Oct 9th at 8:45am.
Mrs. Hunt's 3 day class will meet at school on Monday, Oct 9th at 10:15am. (Please do not come at the normal time!)
Mrs. Hunt's 2 day class will meet at school on Tuesday, Oct 10th at 8:45am.
If someone other than a parent is driving your child, the school needs a copy of their drivers license and proof of insurance. A permission slip is needed for the pumpkin patch- Leah will catch you to sign fieldtrip permission slips during the first week of October.

FIRE STATION VISIT

Thank you for your help with the fire station field trips! We love our firefighters!

COLLECTIBLES

Please save ink cartridges. The recycled ink cartridges pay for our printer ink and we receive \$2.00 for each cartridge at Staples.

FALL PARTIES

We will celebrate Fall Parties with costume parties for each class. **Please send your child in a costume that is not scary.** Five minutes before dismissal, we will have a parade, during which families can come to take pictures.

*****Please sign your child out before the parade! Students will be dismissed right after the parade.***

Mrs. Sommerer's 5 day class- party will be held on Tuesday, Oct 31st. Families can come at 11:10am for the parade.

Mrs. Hunt's 3 day class— party will be held on Monday, Oct 30th. Families can come at 11:25am for the parade.

Mrs. Hunt's 2 day class— party will be held on Tuesday, Oct 31st. Families can come at 11:25am for the parade.

CANDLES BY JEN FUNDRAISER

Our fall fundraiser is in motion! We will have order forms to send home soon! **Order forms and payments will be due by October 19/20.** Order delivery will be (tentatively) the first week of November. Contact Leah in the office with any questions or if you need more order forms!

BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic book orders for the month will be due October 13th. Flyers are coming home with the newsletter. You can also order online. Our class code is: WT64Q Thanks for helping us earn free books for our classrooms!

SCHOOL CANCELLATION POLICY

If Galesburg District 205 cancels school due to bad weather, Mt. Calvary will also be closed. If there is a DELAY, Mt. Calvary will start at the regular times, 8:45am and 9:00am. If there is a cancellation: we will try to email families as soon as possible, and Leah will post it on the Mt. Calvary PTO Facebook page.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Your child's teacher will be contacting you about a date and time to meet. Most conferences will take place Friday, Oct. 13th. There is NO SCHOOL that day.

WORSHIP AT MT. CALVARY

You and your preschooler are welcome to come and worship with us here at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church. Sunday-Sunday School and Adult Bible Study begin with an opening in the Sanctuary at 8:45 a.m. Our Worship Service begins at 10:00 a.m.



HOME HELP

We have started using scissors at school. If possible, please have your children practice with small scissors at home. Please also look for C's, M's, B's, and F's wherever you go, especially on signs.

THANK YOU

We are enjoying all of our children as we settle into a regular routine. Thank you to all the family members who sent in donations. We are overwhelmed by your support. God bless you!

HARVEST HOUSES

Mt. Calvary Youth Group is holding their annual Harvest Houses decorating on Oct 28th from 10am-12pm. If you are interested in registering, please see the attached flyer or talk to Leah in the office!

During the month of October, the curriculum units will be as follows

Mrs. Hunt's 2 day Class

Oct. 2-6	me/monarchs
Oct. 9-12	me/monarchs
Oct. 16-20	senses/seasons
Oct. 23-27	pumpkins
Oct. 30-Nov. 3	owls/opposites

Mrs. Sommerer's 5 day & Mrs. Hunt's 3 day Classes

Oct. 2-6	"M" is for Me
Oct. 9-12	"M" is for Monarchs
Oct. 16-20	"S" is for senses/seasons
Oct. 23-27	"P" is for pumpkins
Oct. 30-Nov. 3	"O" is for owls/opposites

Songs for October

Blue, Blue Skies

Blue, blue skies
Oh I can see the skies
God gave me eyes
So I can see the skies.

Red, red rose
Oh I can smell a rose.
God gave me a nose
So I can smell a rose

Ding, dong, ding
Oh I can hear the bell.
God gave me ears
So I can hear the bell.

Yum, yum, yum
Oh I can taste ice cream.
God gave me a tongue
So I can taste ice cream

Mew, mew, mew
The kitty's fur is soft
God gave me hands
So I can feel how soft.

Table Prayers

God is great
God is good
Let us thank Him
For our food. Amen

Come Lord Jesus
Be our guest
And let these gifts
To us be blessed. Amen

Our hands we fold
Our heads we bow
For food and drink
We thank You now. Amen

Five Little Pumpkins (chant)

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate
The first one said, "Oh my, it's getting late."
The second one said, "There's a chill in the air"
The third one said, "I don't care"
The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run"
The fifth one said, "I'm ready for some fun."
Ooooooooooh went the wind and out went the light.
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.

Smoke Detector (Tune: I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a smoke detector and never rest.
Sniffing for smoke is what I do best.
No matter where you are, you'll hear me shout:
Stop what you're doing and please get out!
Beep, beep, beep (pause) Beep, beep, beep

Created by God. "For you created my inmost being: You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14

Helpless and vulnerable and in need of care. "But, we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children." 1 Timothy 2:7

Important to God, their family and to you. "But now, this is what the Lord says-He who created you, O Israel: 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are Mine.'" Isaiah 43:1

Loveable, loving, and loved. All this happens in response to Jesus' directive," love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12

Different and unique. "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

Redeemed by God. "But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law that we might receive full rights as sons." Galatians 4:5

Enthusiastic. Children are naturally full of energy and excited about life!

Naturally inquisitive. Children are inquiring, wanting to use their senses to experience and learn about the world God created.