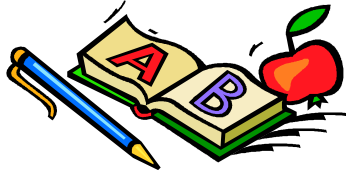


Saint Joseph Preschool  
September 21, 2011



**“What is impossible for human beings is possible for God!”**  
**Luke 18:27**

Dear Parents,

Please join me in welcoming Conner Fegely and his family to our morning four year old class. Conner is the cousin of Danny Fegely who is in our three year old class. We hope their time with us is filled with grace and peace.

Our annual field trip (4s) to Brown’s Orchard is Monday, October 3. This is one of my absolute favorite trips! I am praying for beautiful weather. Kindly return the permission slip and 3.00 fee. The morning class will have a regular session and then meet us at Brown’s at 12:30 PM. The afternoon class should meet us directly at the orchard at 12:30. We should finish by 2:20 so that you will have time to pick up your older schoolchildren.

The Second Step Violence Prevention Program has been very effective in helping the children to read facial and body cues. Unit I, Empathy Training, has provided the children with opportunities to role play various emotions. We have learned that our feelings change and that we can feel differently about the same situation and still be friends. (This is a difficult concept for many adults; especially those in politics right now. ☺) Children naturally understand.

The precious three year old class is creating color books of their own. Each day they are experimenting and painting with different colors. Ask your three year old child these questions about our color fun:

- What color mitten did the kitten lose in our flannel board story? (blue)
- What do you wave when you sing the song “The Colors of the Rainbow”? (color ribbons)
- When you finger-painted, what color did you create when you mixed red and yellow? (orange)
- Why did the mice leave part of the paper white in the story, “Mouse Paint”? (so the cat couldn’t see them)



Parents of the three-year-old class, please mark your calendars for **Tuesday, October 18**. On that morning, we will have our annual “Rainbow Walk”. Upon arrival to school, you will take a short walk with your child in the hallway and then proceed to our classroom where you will sort “treasure items” by color. We will then delight you with a rainbow of songs and you will create an edible rainbow with your preschooler. The activity should take no more than 35 minutes. We began this color unit by predicting if our crayons would sink or float in water. We used large and small crayons and were surprised by some of the outcomes! The children were mesmerized as they observed each crayon dropped into the water. We recorded the outcomes on our color chart.

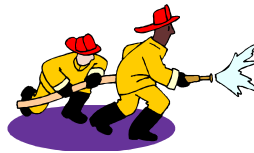
The four year old classes were recently introduced to our kid writing program. We practiced loopy, wavy and zig zag writing to music. I modeled drawing a story and writing a story to accompany my picture. We also “wrote the room” and then did some simple kid writing with our apple theme. To learn more about the Kid Writing Program, click on the link on our webpage under letter K. Kid writing is always a joyful experience for the children. It is done on the carpet with markers.

This week the children will enjoy following an apple recipe to make a special apple tree snack. This will be sent home on Monday. For more details of our apple unit, ask your children these questions:

- What was your favorite kind of apple? (We graphed our favorites)
- Tell me the “Way up in the Apple Tree” poem.
- Name a word to tell how the apple tasted. (besides good!) (We listed tart, sweet, juicy, crunchy, delicious, tangy and sour.)
- What letter does “apple” begin with?
- Tell me about Mrs. Bair’s apple cutter. (It looked like a pizza and I needed to use my muscles to push down on the apple!)



Looking ahead to our fire safety unit: We are thrilled that the Springettsbury Township firefighters will visit our classroom on Tuesday, October 11 at 1:00 PM. We cordially invite the morning four year old class to an extra session on this day. They may meet us at the back door at 12:30 PM. Dismissal will be at 2:45 PM.



Some children have been forgetting their show and tell items. Kindly check the monthly schedule on our webpage. There is no school on Thursday, September 29. All of the teachers in the diocese will attend the annual diocesan education conference. ( I always enjoy this conference!)

More details, later!

For His Glory,

*Marie Bair and Patti Bria*

