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November 2020 Newsletter

Director's Corner

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year! We're off to a great start despite all the adaptations we have had to make for COVID. Thanks for your flexibility and consideration for others as we make our way through this time of the pandemic.

As you may already know, I am the new director here at Salem Preschool taking over for Pam Carlson who retired last spring after being the director for 41 years. She did a wonderful job leading the preschool through the years. I have big shoes to fill!

Many people have made the comment to me, "What a year to take on the preschool director position!" I think all of us have felt this "what a year" ... to be a parent, teacher, medical professional or whatever role we play. We have experienced things we never could have imagined these past seven months of the pandemic. How do we handle times like this? I was reminded in my devotions recently that we need to trust God when everything seems to be going wrong, and to thank him for the blessings we receive even when everything seems out of control.

What? This is much easier said than done! However, if we can learn to trust God and thank him in all situations, we can avoid falling into the slippery slope of negativity, self pity and complaining and be able to experience God's unfathomable peace during this challenging time!

So the next time you feel like everything is uncertain and going wrong, and it feels like everything is way out of your control say, "I trust you, God" in this time and "thank you" for the challenges and blessings you give us every day!

Meet Mrs. Olson

Kim Olson is our new teacher working with the three year olds in the Green Class! Retiring this past spring, she taught first grade at Rice Lake Elementary in the Centennial School District for 27 years. Prior to that, she taught three year olds at Trinity Baptist Preschool for three years.



Mrs. Olson has two grown children and five grandchildren. In her free time, she likes to spend time with her family, especially her grandkids, do any activity outdoors, read, eat chocolate and have coffee with friends.

We are very excited to have Mrs. Olson join our staff!

Halloween Parties

On October 29, the Purple and Green Classes will have their Halloween parties and on October 30, the Blue Class will have their party.

Students may wear their costumes to school that day. We ask that you not send any weapons, such as swords, to school. The children will play games and do fun Halloween activities that morning.

Normally, we would have a parade in the church narthex. Unfortunately, we are not able to do that this year, due to the COVID guidelines. We hope to return to that fun tradition next year.

Lifetouch Pictures

School pictures were scheduled for November 3 and 4. However, due to the Pandemic, Lifetouch has had to reschedule all their dates for school pictures.

We are waiting to hear when our new picture dates will be. As soon as we know, we'll send out an email with the dates and information about ordering pictures online.

Stay tuned!

November Themes

Music

Transportation

Land and Sea Transportation

Native Americans

Thanksgiving

Looking Ahead

- October 29-30 Halloween parties
- November 2 Book orders due
- November 3-4 No school pictures, (will be rescheduled)
- November 26-25 No school, Thanksgiving



Salem Preschool Garden

Each spring, the preschool students plant many kinds of seeds in our garden, under the direction of Pam Carlson. Over the summer, Mrs. Carlson, along with several preschool families, help water and tend to the garden. As fall nears, Mrs. Carlson begins to harvest the vegetables that have grown. The produce is taken to our local food shelf and is shared with families in our community.

Mrs. Carlson recently dug up the last carrots and potatoes in the garden. The children were amazed by the huge and crooked carrots. Below are pictures of what was harvested before they were delivered to the food shelf.

Thanks, Mrs. Carlson, for all your hard work growing good things in the garden and for volunteering to continue this great project in future years.

This is one of the service projects we do for our community. News about another community service project will be coming soon!

