



Looking Ahead

- Oct. 1** Fire Trucks visit 2s & 3s
- Oct. 6** 4s & PK walk to Fire Station 10:00 a.m.
- Oct. 7** 4s & PK walk to Fire Station 10:00 a.m.
- Oct. 8** NO SCHOOL: Fall Break
- Oct. 11** NO SCHOOL: Fall Break
- Oct. 12** Teacher Meeting
Early Dismissal at 12:00
- Oct. 13** Chapel w/ Mr. Mark
- Oct. 14** Chapel w/ Mr. Mark
- Oct. 18** Book Fair begins
- Oct. 21** Open House
5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 22** Book Fair ends 10:00 a.m.
- Oct. 28** Halloween Parades
T/Th classes
- Oct. 29** Halloween Parades
MWF & PK classes



Open House & Scholastic Book Fair

Open House is on Thursday, Oct. 21, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Feel free to come and go as best fits your schedule.

Rosanne Sherrieb and Erin Perkes are our book fair chairs this year. Come browse for books upstairs in Room 200. The book fair will be open Monday, Oct. 18 to Thursday, Oct. 21 from 9:15-2:30, as well as during Open House. We will pack it up on Friday, Oct. 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Each teacher will have a wish list for her classroom. Our mission in *All for Books* is to provide books to children at T.A. Sims, Charles Nash, and Van Zandt Guinn Elementary who take home food each weekend. Thank you for your generosity!

Halloween Parades

Preschool students will get to wear a costume on October 28 & 29 for our Halloween parades!

Please no weapons and make sure your child can walk comfortably in his or her shoes. Send a change of clothes if the costume makes it difficult to use the restroom or play on the playground.

Classes will walk outside on the west lot sidewalk and then back through the garden so parents can take pictures.

Your teachers will communicate the parade time to you via email. We can't wait to see all our friends in their costumes!



Fall Conferences (4s & Pre-K) & Written Update (2s & 3s)

As children settle into their school routines, we want to let you know how everything is going. For the 2s and 3s, we will send home a short written update on October 25 & 26, and you may request a conference if you wish.

For our 4s and Pre-K students, we have fall conferences to help parents begin the process of kindergarten decisions.

During fall conferences for 4s and Pre-K the children come to school and there is a substitute teacher who works with the teacher assistant for the day. Teachers will schedule conferences with you on the following days:

Ms. Samantha: Mon. Oct. 25

Ms. Sonja: Tues. Oct. 26

Ms. Heather: Wed. Oct. 27

Mrs. Emily T/Th: Thurs. Oct. 28

Mrs. Emily MWF: Fri. Oct. 29

We are always happy to talk about your child's progress, so please do not wait if you have any questions or concerns.

We have spring conferences for all students on April 28 & 29.

FIRE FIGHTERS & FIRE STATION VISIT

October is Fire Safety Month. On Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 fire fighters will visit the 2s and 3s at school, outside the church garden entrance. Children will see the ladder truck and see a fire fighter put on his gear. We want children to feel safe around fire fighters so they do not run from them in an emergency.

On October 6 and 7 the 4s and Pre-K classes will visit Fire Station #2 downtown. Parents are welcome on this field trip. Please meet outside your child's classroom after drop-off. Then we will all walk as a group to the station at 9:45 a.m.



Ms. Amy's Science Update

We jumped into learning about germs and the importance of soap and washing our hands frequently at school. Children learned that germs can only be seen by a microscope. They were given pretend "glitter germs" so they could see them and practice washing their hands efficiently.

Pre-K and 4-year-old students are currently conducting an experiment with germs and bread: they have made predictions, are observing, and will see results of germs growing on bread soon.

We have started the study of our 5 senses: seeing, hearing, touching, smelling, and tasting. Last week, children practiced using their eyes to see and name their friends and items in the science room. Pre-K students made their own kaleidoscopes.

This week, children will try to identify different types of sounds just by using their ears. Later in the month, children will use their noses and tongues to smell and taste different items. These activities are always a favorite for students and teachers. Some children make the cutest facial expressions when they taste something sour.



SmartCare

Here are a few reminders for our childcare system:

- ◆ If you sign in before 9:10, you will be charged for Before Care.
- ◆ If you walk your child in or out of the building, please remember to sign them in or out at the SmartCare kiosk.
- ◆ If you use the carpool line teachers will sign your child in and out.
- ◆ People who pick up children on a regular basis should get their own QR code or key tag. Please see Ms. Nikki or Ms. Kim in the preschool office. Key tags do not require that you download the app to your phone.
- ◆ We charge a late fee for children who are picked up after 12:30 or 2:30 p.m. The fee is \$1 per minute.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Bennett Murphy	Rowan Kelly
Eleanor Paul	Theo Rodriguez
Elizabeth Lawson	Weston Handy
Haddie Lu McElroy	Ms. Adrienne Cox
Joseph Berkes	Ms. Michelle Weeks
Ollie Overturf	Ms. Shiva Sabiat
Owen Lewis	Ms. Sara Walters



Thank you for being part of our school family. We know you have many schools to choose from and we are so glad you chose us. We appreciate your confidence and we treasure your children! Please know that my door is always open to you.

Love, Mrs. Nina

