

# Grace Lutheran Preschool

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Fall is here!!! We had so much on our field trip to the apple orchard. Thank you to all who were able to attend as chaperones. We value your partnership as we provide quality learning experiences for your children. Thanks for being a part of the Grace family. A few reminders:

- **Tuition** – Due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. If you're not paying through Kangarootime, please write your student's name on the memo line of the check or money order.
  - **Hand washing**- \*Important\* DCFS **requires** that each child wash his/her hands with soap and water upon arrival every day. Please also have your student use the restroom.
  - **Snacks**- Thanks for your generous donations. We appreciate it!
  - **Folders/Backpacks** – Please check every day and empty out. This is our primary way of communicating with families.
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## What are we learning this month?

This month our explorations are around fire safety, community helpers, fall, and Halloween. We are learning about fall and different fun topics about Halloween. Nothing scary, just lots of pumpkin fun, dress up for the parade, and yummy fall treats. If you know any community helpers that would be interested in coming to talk with our classes please let us know. We've had a police officer and a pastor so far.

Our letters this month are H, I, F, E, and T. We are exploring numbers 2-6. Our shapes this month are square, triangle rectangle, oval, and heart. We are learning green, blue, red, orange, and purple also this month,

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Happy Fall!



## Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup>  
WALK-A-THON

October 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>  
Fire truck visit

OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>  
GRACE TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup> & 31<sup>ST</sup>  
CLASS HALLOWEEN PARTIES

NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>  
FAMILY READING NIGHT 5:30-7

NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>  
4'S SING IN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>  
NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> - 23<sup>RD</sup>  
NO SCHOOL - HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> & 27<sup>TH</sup>  
FIELD TRIP TO DISCOVERY  
CENTER

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Whew!! Lots of learning happening here at Grace. Please help your child recognize these letters, numbers, colors and shapes in the natural environment and conversation.

**MUSIC NOTES:**

Mrs. Dunphey is our amazing, wonderful music director. Each week she sings songs and fingerplays with the classes. She also introduces musical instruments throughout the year. Some of the songs we are learning are:

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| How do you know it's fall? | Grey Squirrel, grey squirrel      |
| Hello hello how are you?   | Hurry, hurry drive the Fire Truck |
| The colors of the rainbow  | What will you be for Halloween?*  |

**More Important News:**

**Fall conferences**

We absolutely appreciate the time spent in conferences. Thank you for the opportunity to share with you how school is going and all the fun we are having. Just as a follow up to conferences, keep these ideas in mind:

Children Love to Learn

- Provide opportunities for children to explore and learn in the natural environment. Almost anything can be made into a game.

Set Limits

When children do something against the rules, explain simply and in a few words:

- That what they did was wrong
- What will happen if the behavior continues. Consequences need to be logical, meaningful, and simple.

Take Time to Talk and Listen

Ask your child:

- “What was the best part of today?”
- “What was the hardest part of today?”
- What area did you “work” in today?
- What did you sing in music?
- What did you play with in gym?



**Community helpers visit**



**Apple orchard fun!!**