

Mrs. Bohn's Classroom

October 30th, 2020

This week we celebrate Halloween, and the joy of candy and costumes certainly is exciting, but, did you know that October 31st has another big significance? October 31st is Reformation Day. Lutheran schools are named for Martin Luther, who reminded believers that they are saved by God's grace—God's unconditional and unmerited gift to the world. We teach the Gospel and how to respond to it. THANK YOU for being a part of the Messiah family! It's a great honor and blessing to share the Christian faith in our classroom each and every day.

Jesus Time

It was exciting learning about Joshua and the battle of Jericho this week. Joshua followed God's plan to win the victory of Jericho and we can follow God's plan for us too. We know that we can also follow God's plan for our lives. Jesus helps us win the victory over bad choices and temptations every day! We also learned that God makes all things possible! Mrs. Bohn cannot make a big wall fall down, but God can! We loved to march and blow our trumpet like Joshua.

Next week the focus will be the Story of Ruth. We will be emphasizing with the children the wonderful role of being a helper and how God would like us to serve one another.

Project Theme

This past week we learned about pumpkins. The preschoolers enjoyed playing in our classroom "Pumpkin Patch", making pumpkins, and acting out "The Five Little Pumpkins." We also put on our STEM brains and constructed fences for the five little pumpkins to sit on using paper cups, popsicle sticks, and pumpkin erasers. Besides counting pumpkins, we've been counting and air writing numbers each morning as we tally up the "votes" for our daily question! This week, I introduced counting cards and the preschoolers enjoyed basketball, shark, elevator, and rollercoaster counting! We love moving our bodies as we count!

Next week, we will begin a two week On The Farm Unit. We will learn about where our food comes from, the role of a farmer, and about some of the animals on a farm. It will surely be a "Moo-velous" time!

Home Connection

I enjoyed meeting with many of you at Parent/Teacher conferences. I am so glad that we live in the time that we do and were able to meet via Zoom! Thank you so much for your partnership in helping your child have a great first school experience! At our Parent/Teacher Conferences many parents asked about things they can do at home with their child to support learning. One of the best things you can do for your child is to read, read, read! As you read, have your child make predictions, ask questions, and talk about the pictures. You may also look for specific letters or listen for rhyming words. Young children love books that are predictable and have rhyme and rhythm too! Reading the same book over and over can be tiring for us parents, but it is beneficial as it helps boost comprehension and story vocabulary. Happy reading!

Operation Christmas Child

Messiah school families are encouraged to pack a shoebox with their children. My own family has made this a tradition for many years and is something that we look forward to doing together. My girls love picking out the items and sharing with other children! You can even track where your shoebox was delivered. You can visit the [Operation Christmas Child Website](#) and look for "How to Pack a Shoebox". Thank you so much for your consideration in helping with Operation Christmas Child! Please turn in your shoeboxes by November 6.

Auction Basket

Next week we will start collecting donations for the Early Childhood Auction Basket! Our basket's theme this year is **Children's Books**. Every year we put together a basket to raise funds at our annual school auction, and the books are always a big hit. If you would consider donating a book or two, we would appreciate it! Not sure what book to buy? We have an Amazon wishlist with ideas! Look for an email from Mrs. Van Hook with the link and details. Thank you!

Save the Date

- November 3rd - NO SCHOOL (Messiah is polling place)
- November 6 - Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due
- November 23-27 -Thanksgiving Break

Overheard in the Classroom

Me to child: "Oooo, I have a shirt like that! Is it from Old Navy?"
Preschooler: "No, it is from today!"

Me: What is inside a pumpkin?

"Chocolate!"

"Really icky stuff that tastes soooo bad."

"Slime"

"Smelly stuff"

"Seeds!"

Thank you for entrusting your child to us. School is a partnership between parents and teachers so please contact me with any questions, concerns, or even a funny story! I love to hear from you!