October NEWSLETTER

Preschool is in full swing, and everything is going very smoothly. It is amazing how each child is adjusting so quickly to the schedule and routines. From a teacher standpoint, the one hour Orientation Day was extremely valuable. The classroom has come to life - it's a very busy place with activities, songs, stories and fun. We are looking forward to our Open House on Monday, October 15th. It's fun to see the children show their preschool to their family. It always seems that the Open House experience gives children the opportunity to become even more comfortable in the preschool classroom.

It is so wonderful to fill the room with all the great artwork made by the children. It's the time of year when parents need BIGGER refrigerators and more magnets for all the artwork that comes home! The Eagle's Nest is truly blessed with wonderful, loving children and families.

JESUS TIME

During the month of October, we will learn that **God Blesses Families**. God puts us into families so that we will love and care for one another. We can be thankful that God's Son, Jesus, came to transform each of us into what we could never be on our own; children of God. We will learn that God is always with us, He loves us, and He helps us. He gives us the Holy Spirit, Angels, friends and other people to love and help us, and care for us. God helps us love, help, and care for our friends too. We will hear the Bible stories of Noah, Jacob, Samuel, and David and Jonathan.

THEME/CONCEPTS

The theme for the month is "Construction." We will learn about construction workers, and the tools and machines that build the structures we see and use every day. The COLOR of the month is ORANGE and our SHAPE is the SQUARE. The 4 and 5 year classes will learn to print the LETTERS **H**, **T**, and **I** and will continue to learn about the NUMBERS **1-5**. The 3 year old classes will

focus on the LETTER C and the NUMBERS S and S and S and S Please remember to check your "Refrigerator Note" for all the special events scheduled throughout the month.

SPECIAL EVENTS

School Pictures: Individual and class photos will be taken on Tuesday and Wednesday October 2nd and 3rd. The pictures will be taken by Plank's Photo. They have done a fantastic job for us in the past. The children find him to be extremely funny and are quite willing to give him a laugh or a smile.

Tuesday, October 2nd - Tuesday-Thursday classes Wednesday, October 3rd -Monday-Wednesday and Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes

Plank's has also offered to take family portraits for our preschool families. If you are interested, please call *Ken* Phillips to arrange a time that best suits your family. Ken's phone number is 868-2778.

Open House: Please join us for an evening of fun! Your child would like to show you the preschool and all of the fun things we like to do at school! Your whole family is invited. Please plan to stop in for a few minutes and be sure to enjoy refreshments prepared especially for you by your child.

All Preschool Classes: Monday, October 15th 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

Parent/Teacher Conference: Our October Conference is optional. This conference is a time to discuss any questions or concerns you or the teacher may have about your child's adjustment to school. Please arrange a time to meet with your child's teacher (on Friday, October 19th) if you are interested. The teacher will notify you if she has questions or concerns as well.

Fall Pumpkin Party: The children are invited to dress up in costume, but please, NO SCARY COSTUMES (no witches, devils, or costumes with weapons). The party will begin with a costume parade, and then we'll sit down to enjoy our party cupcakes and popcorn. Please take note of when your child's Fall Party is scheduled. Look on the Refrigerator Note. It is important that no child feel left out.

Library Books: The first week of each month (beginning October), the children will go to the Children's Library in our church, and be allowed to check out books, cassettes, and videos. We ask that you teach your child how to care for them, and return them (on or before the next library day). A drop off basket will be out, near the door, for all returned items.

REMINDERS:

- Please remember to sign your child in at 8:25 when you drop off and at 11:25 when you pick up each day. It is important and a great help to us!
- No School October 5th and 8th
- No School October 19th Parent / Teacher Conferences

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Book Orders due: NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, October 16th Please make checks payable to SCHOLASTIC. All orders are to be given directly to your child's teacher. Also, if you would ever like your child's book order to be kept hidden from your child (for a birthday or holiday gift), simply attach a note to the order stating so, and we'll make sure you get it secretly.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• November 20th and 21st - Thanksgiving Feast

God bless, Sandy Esker, Director

