

***October 2019***

Dear Families:

Happy October! We are thankful to have a great autumn season ahead of us. We are looking forward to a special activity about our community, beginning Reconciliation training, and several other great happenings this month.

In language arts, we are working hard in My View Literacy and Daily 5. The children know about the 5 ways to become a better reader: read to self, read to someone, work on writing, word work, and listen to reading. We are practicing and reinforcing the spelling and high frequency words in class. Our goal is to become more fluent and confident readers this year. Please make the time to practice reading aloud or independently at home each night.

Our science lessons focus on weather. We have learned about the water cycle. We have also learned different ways to measure types of weather: thermometers, weather vanes, barometers, rain gauges and even rulers! We also are observing season changes.

We have studied bus safety in social studies. Our first area of study involves learning about communities and rules in our community. During October we will review Fire Safety. Does your family know your fire escape plan?

We are strongly into our second math unit this month. The unit is called "Addition and Subtraction Facts." The children will use their knowledge of the basic addition and subtraction facts to solve number stories involving real-life situations. At the beginning of our school year, the children are refreshed on what they learned last year in mathematics. We are establishing daily routines that will be used all year to promote an active and cooperative learning environment. Be alert to the "Home Link" pages that will be sent home for lesson support. **The Home Links need to be completed at home, and returned to school the following day since these are graded assignments.** Thank you.

Our religion lessons are revolving around the theme "Revelation" from our text book titled Call to Faith. During this time, we are learning about God's Creation, God's Promise, and God's Word. We are also learning and strengthening our prayers each day. Please practice and pray with your child each day. Prayer is a special time you can share with each other as an opportunity for either one-on-one time or family time.

In art we have been learning about line, primary and secondary colors, and color mixing. We have made a few crafts to decorate our classrooms as well. Our art lessons come from the program called "Arts Attack."

Attached to this month's letter is a copy of the daily schedule from Mrs. Fischer. It is followed quite closely, but there is always flexibility depending upon the school activities in

which we are involved. The schedule is for you to post at home to help in planning appointments or other family related happenings.

Thanks to those of you who donated books to our classroom from the Book Fair. We are truly enjoying each one as we read and use them. We appreciate your kindness.

Enjoy the wonderful autumn happenings with your family.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Marijo Fischer

**Conversation Starters for the Month:**

- 1) Tell someone at home about odd and even numerals. Count up to 50 first using odd numerals. Try it using even numerals.
- 2) Tell someone about how we can care for our environment in God's wonderful creation.
- 3) What are some ways you can be a good friend to someone? Share these ideas with your family.
- 4) What are some ways you can be a good citizen at school, home or in the community?

