PROMISE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Moving into October

We are excited to share that we had a very busy and engaging first month of school! Our classroom has been buzzing with activity as we explored the fascinating world of bugs. From discovering various insects around the school to learning about the importance of entomologists, our students have become little scientists in their own right.

This month, we also encountered some unexpected guests—spiders! While they may have invaded our classroom, they provided a great opportunity for us to learn and discuss the terms "Autumn," "entomologist," and "meteorologist."

In addition to our science explorations, we have been focusing on important life lessons. We discussed God's promises and the significance of acknowledging our mistakes. Our conversations about making good or poor choices have emphasized the importance of saying we are sorry and seeking forgiveness.

Our classroom friends, Bug, Cat, Huggtopus, and Cloud, have been wonderful companions on this journey. We are continuing to work on identifying our emotions and developing strategies to support ourselves when we experience those big feelings.

Looking ahead to October, we have a lot of exciting fall-themed activities planned! Our students will dive into creative crafts, including painting with vibrant fall colors and sorting apples and pumpkins. We will also embark on a nature walk to collect beautiful fall items for a collaborative collage.

Thank you for your continued support as we nurture our students' curiosity and emotional growth. We look forward to a fun-filled October!

The Benefits of Daily Playdough Activities for Developing Fine Motor Skills in Early Childhood

Playdough is more than just a fun and colorful material; it's a powerful tool for developing fine motor skills in young children. Incorporating playdough into daily activities can significantly enhance a child's dexterity, hand strength, and coordination. Here's how playdough can support fine motor development and some engaging activities to try!

1. **Strengthens Hand Muscles**: Manipulating playdough requires squeezing, rolling, and pinching, which helps strengthen the small muscles in the hands and fingers. This is essential for tasks like writing, buttoning clothes, and using utensils.
2. **Enhances Coordination**: As children roll, flatten, and shape the dough, they improve their hand-eye coordination. This skill is crucial for many everyday activities and academic tasks.
3. **Encourages Creativity**: Playdough allows children to express their creativity and imagination. They can create anything from simple shapes to intricate designs, fostering both artistic expression and fine motor skills.
4. **Promotes Focus and Concentration:** Engaging with playdough can help children develop their attention span and focus. The tactile experience of working with the dough can be calming and help them concentrate on the task at hand.

Here are some simple and enjoyable activities:

1. Shape Making: Encourage children to roll the dough into different shapes (squares, circles, triangles) and then create objects using those shapes. This activity helps with shape recognition and fine motor skills.

2. **Letter and Number Formation:** Use playdough to form letters and numbers. This not only reinforces literacy and numeracy skills but also enhances fine motor control as children shape the dough.
3. **Playdough Tools:** Provide various tools like cookie cutters, rolling pins, and plastic utensils. Children can use these tools to cut, press, and shape the dough, further developing their hand strength and coordination.
4. **Nature Exploration:** Incorporate natural elements like leaves, twigs, and stones into playdough activities. Children can create nature scenes or animals, combining fine motor skills with a love for the outdoors.
5. **Sensory Play:** Add different textures to the playdough, such as sand or glitter, to create a sensory experience. This not only makes playdough more exciting but also engages children's senses while they work on their fine motor skills.

Incorporating playdough into daily activities is a simple yet effective way to support fine motor development in early childhood. By providing children with opportunities to explore, create, and manipulate playdough, you are helping them build essential skills that will benefit them in many areas of their lives. So, roll out the dough and watch your little ones thrive!

The Month Ahead:

Looking ahead, in the month of November we will begin in Exodus. We will walk through the events of Moses and Joshua. We will also talk about how we are God's children. And, of course, we will spend some time talking about Thanksgiving and it's importance.

Harvest Days

On **October 29th and 30th** we will be wearing our farmer clothes (flannel shirts, jeans, hat, bandana) as we celebrate the harvest. We will have pumpking muffins and apple juice for snack and read some books about harvesting.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

School will be closed on November 25 for ParentTeacher conferences. A sign up sheet will be posted soon.

School Closure

School will be closed on November 26-28. Enjoy spending time with your families on this Thanksgioving Holiday

School Pictures coming soon

I am currently working with a photographer to get school pictures for the children. As soon as a date is set, I will let you know.

Contact Information

- Brightwheel will be the best and easiest way to get in touch with your child's teacher or the director
- The Director's email address is preschooldirector@promisefw.com
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