

Pets October 2018

Dear Folks at Home,

Our next unit will focus on "Pets." The children will be learning that there are different kinds of pets, but all need food, water, a home, exercise and attention. Different pets have different needs, and pets can be good friends to people. We will also be talking about specially trained dogs that also help people with a variety of special needs.

Our first field trip to Eveland Family Farms is quickly approaching on Wednesday, Oct. 24 (Class 3) and Thursday, Oct. 25 (Class 7). On field trip days extended day classes will end upon completion of the field trip at 11:30. Please be sure to wear good walking shoes and appropriate attire for the weather. We will be going on a hayride, learning about the animals on the farm and choosing a pumpkin to bring home. I would like to say thank you to all of our parent chaperones who are helping with our field trip!

The dramatic play area will be transformed into the Family of Christ Pet Store. The children will have fun exploring the pet store as a customer and also as a pet store worker. This is always a favorite for the preschoolers each year! Ask your child about their favorite animal at the pet store. This is also a great time to discuss how to care for a pet!

We will be focusing on the following Bible stories for this unit:

- God's promise to Abraham to bless him with a child and a family that would be as numerous as the stars! We can have faith that God will do what is best for us! (Genesis 15:1-6; 17:15-17; 18:1-4; 21:1-8)
- Jacob's troubles (Genesis 27-28) Jacob tricked his father into blessing him instead of his brother Esau. Even though Jacob did what was wrong, God's love and forgiveness remained constant in his life.
- Joseph and his brothers (Genesis 37 and 45) God had a good plan to help Joseph even through the bad things that happened to him. God used Joseph to save many lives from starvation. God has an amazing plan for our lives as well!

If you have a picture of your pet with your child(ren) or just a picture of your pet, please send it to school to put on a community bulletin board in the classroom. Please put your child's name on the back of the picture. Send the picture ASAP, and we will send the picture home after we are done looking at them and discussing the pictures. It will be great for your child to see their picture on a bulletin board in the classroom.

Free-Choice Centers:

- Science Center: Animal matching homes and furs and skins
- Sensory Centers: Fall flannelgraph tree, salt trays, fish in the water table and hide dog bones in the sand table
- Religion Center: God's promise to Abraham, Jacob's troubles and Joseph and his brothers
- Art Table: fingerpaint background for dog or cat, and collage materials on a pet shape
- Easel: rainbow fish and glue feathers on bird shape
- Letters of the Week: Ee, Ff and Gg
- Shape of the Week: fish and rhombus (formerly called diamond)
- Color of the Week: brown and black

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Psalms 119:28*

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Dates to Remember:

- PRESCHOOL IN SESSION...MONDAY, OCT. 8
- School pictures Wednesday, Oct. 10 and Thursday, Oct. 11
- Book Orders Due— Thursday, Oct. 11
- Parent Association Meeting— Oct. 16 at 7:00 pm
- No School— Wednesday, Oct. 17–Friday, Oct. 19
- Eveland Family Farm Field Trip— Class 3— Wednesday, Oct. 24 (9:00–11:30)
Class 7— Thursday, Oct. 25 (9:00–11:30)
- Harvest Party— Wear Orange, Class 7— Tuesday, Oct. 30
Class 3— Wednesday, Oct. 31
- Chapel— Class 3— Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 9:00 in church sanctuary
Class 7— Thursday, Nov. 8 at 9:00 in church sanctuary
- Parent Teacher Conferences— Monday, Nov. 19–Wednesday, Nov. 21
Childcare is available from 8:00–3:30 while you have your child's conference.
- Thanksgiving Break— No School Thursday, Nov. 22–Friday, Nov. 23

Songs and Fingerplays:

"Horsey, Horsey"

Horsey, horsey, on your way
(Slap hands on thighs to make a galloping pattern while singing)
We've been together for many a day
So let your tail go swish
(Move bottom as though you were swishing your tail)
As the wheels go round
(Move hands in circular motion, like a wheel)
Giddy-up (clap) we're homeward bound

"My Dog Rags"

I've got a dog, his name is Rags.
He eats so much that his tummy sags
His ears flip-flop and his tail wig-wags and when he walks he zigs and he zags
Flip-flop, wig-wag, zig-zag
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God's blessings,
Marla Guenther



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