



# Small Talk

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## Director's Corner

It is so much fun to greet your children each morning. Almost all of them are now arriving with a smile and have adjusted to school routine.

We have mastered all of their names, and from our perspective, carpool is running very smoothly already. Please remember that your target times to arrive at the school are 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. because this helps to prevent cars backing up onto the roadways.

During the month of October, we will be traveling to the pumpkin patch on the other side of the church. Each child will have the opportunity to choose a small pumpkin to bring home.

Please check the attached calendar for the dates of all our special activities each month. If a special event is happening on a day that your child is not enrolled for, you are invited to bring your child and stay with us for the event. Please be aware that occasionally a performer will have to change their schedule, so touch base with your child's teacher to confirm that you're not going to waste a trip and have a disappointed child.



## Helping Your Child Learn Self-Control

How can you teach your little one to handle big emotions like anger, frustration, and disappointment? Work on increasing his self-control with these strategies to help him think before he acts.


*Talk it out* - give your child words to use when she is upset. For example, if you can't find your glasses, you might say, "I feel so frustrated! Where did I last have them?" Then when she's aggravated, encourage her to use similar words. She'll learn to talk through her problems and be less likely to yell or whine.

*Think ahead* - prepare for situations where self-control comes in handy. You could say, "We're going to your cousin's house. Let's think about what you can do if he's playing with a toy you want." Having a plan can help him avoid grabbing the toy or yelling at his cousin.

*Calm down* - when your child begins to get upset, help her find ways to keep her cool. For instance, she might take a deep breath, count to five, or draw a picture of how she is feeling. The distraction may be enough to settle her down. And once she's used to these techniques, she'll be able to do them without a reminder from you.

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# October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Pumpkins Arrive!	2	3	4	5 Visit from the Firetruck 10-11:30	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 VA REP THEATER VISIT	13	14
15	16 Visit to Pumpkin Patch	17 Visit to Pumpkin Patch	18	19 SCHOOL CLOSED	20 SCHOOL CLOSED	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 TRUNK-OR-TREAT 11:50	28
29	30	31 				

## October Birthdays

Jayden B.	10/1
Lucas J.	10/5
Ms. Kim Willis	10/6
Sydney S.	10/9
Andrew B.	10/14
Rose K.	10/15
Kinsley L.	10/16
Elsie R.	10/21
Harris C.	10/25
Caroline L.	10/26





## Classroom of the Month

# THE RED ROOM

2017-2018 School Year brings a new group of friends to the Red Room and we have fun things planned!

During this school year we will be promoting independence with daily tasks; this builds self-esteem and confidence which helps them adapt to the daily routine. Learning Centers are set up to encourage self choice and further promote independence.

Each month will bring fun activities and group projects focusing on our weekly themes. Make sure to log in to Life Cubby to get detailed lesson plans and updates on class activities.

Along with our weekly units we will have an Artist of the Month~ The children will get to know the artist and their style of work through books and images of the artist creations and the different mediums and tools used. We will take some virtual tours through museums and of course we will do ART!



I love a quote by Picasso "Every Child is an Artist"~ this is something I try to instill in the children everyday. The most important lesson is the process not the end product.

Jackson Pollock was our featured artist for September. After learning about his technique of Splatter Painting, the children were able to watch a video of him in action creating his famous "Lavender Mist." We all went outside on a beautiful day, took our shoes off and just had fun splatter painting! You could hear the children saying "SPLAT" every time the paint hit the canvas. I know it was a great day when "I" come home covered in paint! We will have their Pollock paintings on display at the end of the year art show.

Other Artist we will be focusing on throughout the year are Van Gogh, Degas, Picasso, Monet, Michelangelo, Cezanne and Georgia O'Keefe.

Ms. Sarah and I are really looking forward to getting to know all of our Red Room Friends and watching their progress throughout the year.



Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is enjoying their school year thus far. We had our first Parent Committee meeting this past month, and are so excited for the upcoming year. Below are some important dates to mark down and we hope to see you there!

November

Next committee meetings 11/14/17 (evening) and 11/15/17 (morning).

December

Christmas Craft Lunch will be held on 11/30/17. Bring a lunch and do a fun Christmas craft with your child!

February

Parent Committee meetings 2/6/17 (evening) and 2/7/17 (morning)  
Chick-fil-a Night will be either at the end of January or in February. More details to follow.

April

Parent Committee meetings 4/10/17 (evening) and 4/11/17 (morning)  
Chipotle Spirit night will be in March or April. More details to follow.

May

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7-11 and Raffle/Auction at the Art Show  
May 17

Thank you,

*Katherine Scott*  
Parent Committee Chairperson

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One of the easiest and most profitable fundraisers we do for the preschool is the Kroger Community Rewards program. If you have already participated in this program for our school, thank you. We raised over \$1000 last year just by our families purchasing the groceries they would buy anyway. Current enrollment expired September 1, 2016 and we are asking all our families who shop at Kroger to enroll or re-enroll for this school year. All funds raised will be applied to our scholarship fund and capital improvement fund. Our organization number for enrollment is **83446**. Click on <https://www.kroger.com/account/communityrewards> to participate.

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