

## HOS HOT TOPICS

October 2017



### Spirit Day at St. George's:

Starting FRIDAY, October 6 all children and staff will wear their St. George's t-shirts. This is completely voluntary, but if you would like to join in the fun you can purchase a t-shirt from the Zazzle store or have your child wear green or purple. We will do this every Friday.

### General Info.

October brings much fun for young children as some of them will be experiencing their first Halloween. Dressing up and make believe is a huge part of children's cognitive development. They use dress up as a time to mimic what they see around them, using imagery and symbols for later use. Both literacy and symbolic play require the "ability to use words, gestures or mental images to represent actual objects, events or actions" (Vygotsky). This is also a time for 4 year olds to work out their understanding of fantasy and reality and good and evil, so rough play becomes popular around this time. Our teachers allow for supervised rough play and will be nearby to redirect when and if it is necessary.

A few safety items have arisen since the beginning of school that we need your help with:

- Other than on Halloween day, please don't allow cowboy boots or flip flops to be worn at school. These are not safe climbing or running shoes and accidents can occur.
- During our scheduled playground time at 3:45 PM, we ask that you not linger on the toddler playground. Supervision becomes more difficult with added children and parents.
- Lastly, when retrieving your children's items from classrooms, please don't leave your child(ren) unattended on the breezeway. An unattended child is our biggest concern and sends staff into a panic.

We had a great turn out for the Toilet Learning vs. Toilet Training Parent Ed. event. I promised the parents that I would link the "[Readiness Checklist](#)" in the Hot Topics.

### A Look Ahead:

Oct 3 & 4	Fall Photos – teachers will let you know which day for your child
Tues. Oct. 3	Toilet Learning vs. Toilet Training – Parent Education Event - 3:30-4:30 PM
Wed. Oct. 4	PTF Meeting, 8-9 AM Kleberg Hall, free Early Birds
Wed. Oct. 4	Parent Social, 4:00-6:00 PM sponsored by PTF @ B.D Riley's (Mueller location)
Mon. Oct. 9	No School - Parent Conferences – sign up with teacher
Mon. Oct. 9	When Children Bite – What's Next? – Parent Education Event – 11:30-12:30
Tues. Oct. 17	Fire Truck visit – 9:00-10:00 AM
Tues. Oct. 31	Halloween Parade, Chapel, and classroom parties – 8:30-9:30 AM

### **Birthday Book Celebrations:**

Huck Moorhead (5 yrs.), Jack Gilbert (3 yrs.), Riley King (1 yr.), Vivien O'Hair (5 yrs.), Mari Vasquez (?)

### **Chapel Time:**

During the Season after Pentecost Ordinary Time we will continue stories from the Old Testament:

Week 10/2: The Story of Joseph, Week 10/9 Moses and the Burning Bush, Week 10/16 Moses and the Commandments, Week 10/23 Ezekiel The Watchman

Our songs: Praise Him, Praise Him! He's Got the Whole World, The Lord is my Shepherd, Itty Bitty Moses, Oh Be Careful