

All Saints' Day School

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All's well at ASDS!



Thank you for all of your support and cooperation when it comes to keeping the little people that you share with us safe. We continue to be COVID-free and are grateful that we can be open to serve your children and your family. Our teachers love their classes, and our routines are now well established. Our days are busy, and our hearts are full. Although Thanksgiving is still almost four weeks away, we take this opportunity to express our gratitude for each of you and your precious children, as well as, for your and our continued health and well-being. May each of us remain vigilant as we proceed through the holiday season so that we can continue to spread love, joy, and

learning at All Saints' Day School.

Thank you, to Ms. Devin and Eric Barker!

Recently Eric Barker, Teacher Assistant Devin, and her mom, Dawn, transformed our playground and front shrubbery from a weedy mess to the beautiful space you see now. We thank them for their child-centered devotion to making our playground a safe place for all.

We also take this opportunity to remind you that we are outdoors as often as the weather permits. A chill in the air does not deter! So make sure to check your weather app and dress your children for outdoor activities; whether they are experienced through KidFit®, as a class seated in our outdoor classroom at the green tables out back, on a purpose-driven nature walk as we experience the changes in seasons or tend our gardens, or in freeplay on our beautiful playground.



Monday Morning Chapel

It was another music filled month of chapel on Monday mornings. Father Tom played his guitar while accompanied by our Music/Art teacher Claudia to start our week off in a happy way. Thank you to all of the families who sent in small change donations. We will continue to collect throughout the school year and the donations will be sent to support our local SPCA. This is a great way to show children that we are all part of a community that needs one another! Care for Creation is of our

goals here at ASDS: to help children connect with nature, to each other, as well as the larger community. It is also part of what we do each year to maintain our Pearl School status which is something the teachers and I are very proud of. ASDS is one of the only preschools in all of Tidewater to achieve Pearl School status through Lynnhaven River Now and we will continue to work towards that goal again this year.

We had several October birthdays to celebrate this month! Happiest of birthdays to: Teachers Susan and Karen, Phoebe, Corina, Philip, Bowen, and Emerson.

Save the Date



I'm very happy to announce (with fingers crossed) that we will be having a Christmas program on the evening of December 15th featuring the children at ASDS. Of course, we are living in weird times so we will have to play it by ear, but I wanted to make sure to give you plenty of notice to save that date. I will send you more details about the big show as the date gets closer.

Dianne

Dianne Islev-Petersen

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Wow! We pulled it off! The rain held up just long enough for our students to finish trunk or treating. Thank you so much Jess Glenn, Abby Tesnow, Lindsay Johnson, and Annie Guthrie for organizing this special event. A HUGE thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who decorated tables and trunks- everyone did an amazing job in a very quick manner. The children were so excited to visit each station. Thank you, teachers, for getting the children where they needed to go and safely delivered back to their families at the end. It sure felt like everyone had a great time.



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Ms. Stephanie & Ms. Leslie



This month the Sea Otters celebrated Fire Safety Week, learned about nocturnal animals, and pumpkins; having tons of Halloween fun! We made lots of crafts, sang lots of songs, reviewed the letters H, O, P, N and B, and even cut open a pumpkin and used our five senses to describe it. Our Sea Otters are enjoying all aspects of our daily routine, as well as Music, Art, Kid Fit, and Spanish. We are looking forward to all things Thanksgiving next month.



Ms. Susan & Ms. Devin

October was a busy month. We studied the letters and the letter sounds of Ll, Pp, and Hh.

Ll is for leaves! The Stingrays created leaf paintings, learned how the leaves change colors in the fall, ate leaf tortilla chips, and leaf maple cookies.

Pp is for pumpkins! We learned all about the life cycle of a pumpkin. We made a volcano out of a pumpkin, and THAT was super cool! Then we made pumpkin bread, ate popcorn, and had Pop-Tarts, too. We love the letter Pp.

Hh is for Halloween! The Stingrays loved making Frankensteins for this scary time of the year. We also counted jack o' lanterns up to 10. Our pajama party was a smash hit! "Spookily the Square Pumpkin" was an awesome movie. Who didn't LOVE the popcorn and m&m treats?!

We have been practicing writing our first names on dry erase boards and in shaving cream! We're also counting every day that we've been in school this year. We are already up to 38 days? Wow! November will be a short, but exciting time for The Stingrays!



Ms. Sandra, Ms. Beth, & Ms. Terry

Starfish students were busy during the month of October learning about Spiders, Squirrels, Scarecrows, Pumpkins and Halloween. We started the month with our unit about spiders. The students learned that spiders have 8 legs and 6-8 eyes. They learned how spiders spin their webs to catch their prey and how they eat what they caught in their web. We went on a spider hunt around the church's grounds and found many spider webs with a few spiders in them. We sang, "There's a Spider on the Floor", and read The Very Busy Spider. The children made spiders using paper plates and pipe cleaners.

The second week of October was all about Squirrels, Scarecrows and Pumpkins. We read books about squirrels and how they build nests in trees and collect acorns to get ready for winter. We read Scaredy Squirrel with our finger puppet, Sandy, helping us. The Little Old Lady Who Was not Afraid of Anything is a wonderful book to read if you want to make a scarecrow. The little old lady showed us how to turn pants, shoes, gloves, a shirt, a hat and a pumpkin head into a scarecrow. The children helped stuff a shirt and pants with newspaper to help create a scarecrow for our classroom. They decided to name him Pumpkin Head!

We continued into the third week of October learning about pumpkins. The students brought in a pie pumpkin each and we used them throughout the week. We cut open a pumpkin and the students were able to see the different parts of it and tasted the seeds and the flesh. We carved it into a Jack-O-Lantern. We toasted seeds and tasted them, made pumpkin bread, roasted pumpkins, and turned

them into pumpkin puree, had a pumpkin race, and made a scary pumpkin explode by using baking soda and vinegar. We read Spookly the Square Pumpkin and made pumpkins that Farmer Hill might find in his new pumpkin patch. We had pajama day, popped popcorn, and watched "Spookley the Square Pumpkin".

The last week of October was all about Halloween. We read books and sang songs about this fun-filled day. The children made H is for Halloween pictures using cut outs of ghosts and pumpkins and the letter H. We concluded our month with our annual Trunk or Treat.

Our parents did an outstanding job with their decorations and the children enjoyed seeing all of the displays. With everything we did, we still managed to work with the letters S, P, and H, the numbers 3 and 4, colors orange and black, and the square shape. We look forward to what November brings to the Starfish class.





Ms. Karen & Ms. Patsy

The Sea Turtles had a busy October. We have gotten used to the routine of school. This month we did several Halloween crafts to work on our fine motor skills. These included a lacing spider web, a masking tape mummy, and a painted pumpkin. We also made a spooky forest as a group to go along with one of our Halloween books. We got our energy out and worked on gross motor skills by dancing, going to the playground, and doing obstacle courses. We also took walks to collect materials for our classroom projects. We ended the month with "Trunk or Treat". The kids had a blast! Thank you to all the volunteers that made this event so much fun despite the rain! We are so proud of how our youngest students have adapted to school!





Ms. Claudia of the Music and Art Studio

Sea Otters are learning how to wrap yarn into pumpkins. To finish the project, we wrapped a pipe cleaner around a pencil for the vine.



The Stingrays impressed with their scissor cutting skills, as did the Sea Otters cutting straight lines to create Halloween lanterns.



The Stingrays just smashed some paint to create Monster Puppets for Halloween.



Starfish are having fun with mirror art while enjoying the process.



To celebrate autumn the Starfish learned about swipe art, creating the background for our tree, and pointillism for the falling leaves using cotton swabs. Messy, but FUN!



The Starfish class is creating a pumpkin patch with model magic clay.



October Music was all about Percussion Instruments. Listening to their sounds, looking at pictures, and exploring the instruments.

The Starfish are learning about the triangle.



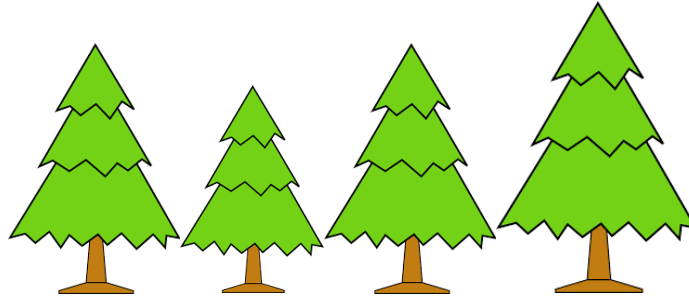
The Starfish class is exploring the xylophone. The marble run has a xylophone at the end for extra fun.



We found exploring the accordion challenging; having to open and close while pushing on the buttons to create sound.



Teacher Claudia would like to borrow 4 **Unlighted Christmas trees** for the Holiday Program.



Maestra Mercedes

¡Hola! ...and Wow! October went by really fast! It has been a very busy and exciting month in your children's Spanish class at ASDS. In all classes we have continued to review our Spanish colors by playing "Pito Pito Colorito." Children know that only two students per class get to tell me the colors they are wearing, which teaches them to wait for their turn and also, to respect their friends' turns. They really look forward to being the "Pito Pito" of the week. They also got to practice the color of the week with different worksheets, including some about "calabazas" (pumpkins) and "espantapájaros" (scarecrows).



All classes have also practiced their numbers weekly, and they are getting really good at singing along to the different numbers' songs:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZiNFXntWOJw> Numbers 1-10 and colors

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzhHrQbHZMA> Numbers 1-20

We have continued to shake our bodies singing and dancing to "Baila con Tu Cuerpo"

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SNfOvmXSh-E>) and "Las Partes del Cuerpo"

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOg6y-Q59eM>).

We're already looking forward to "Noviembre" and what it will bring!

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of All Saints' Day School and your children's early education. ¡Hasta pronto! (See you soon!)




Coach Jess of Kid Fit

Happy Halloween!!

The holiday season is here! Holiday themed classes are always my favorite. And the kids enjoy them too! This month was all about pumpkins, spiders, Zombie relays... you name it! We played capture the pumpkin, smash the pumpkins, threw spooky eyeballs into jack-o'-lantern buckets, squashed spiders and played zombie tag! The weather is getting cooler, so please remember that they will be outside as much as possible! Next month we will be playing football and celebrating Thanksgiving! Happy Halloween! Have FUN and be safe!



For the Fridge...

Date	Kids' Version	Activity	Notes
November 2 nd Tuesday		Election Day	Exercise your right to vote! ASDS is CLOSED.
November 6 th /7 th Saturday/Sunday		Daylight Savings Time Begins	Set Clocks BACK one hour Before going to bed on Saturday.
November 11 th Thursday		Veterans' Day	ASDS is closed.
November 24 th -26 th Wednesday - Friday		Happy Thanksgiving!	ASDS is Closed
November 29 th Monday		ASDS Reopens!	Welcome Back!
December 15 th @ 6:00p.m. Wednesday		Holiday Music Program	More to come...
December 17 th Friday		Classroom Parties and Last Day of Classes	Look for information re: how you can help!
Monday, December 20 th – Friday December 31 st		Winter Break	Enjoy your Holidays!
Monday, January 3 rd		Classes Resume	Welcome back!

