



# All Saints' Day School

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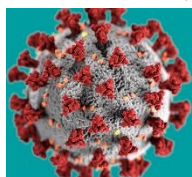
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## Welcome Back ASDS!

We are thrilled to be back in class! Our opening has been called the smoothest one yet. We appreciate your compliance with our changes in our arrival and dismissal routines, temperature checks, fully disposable snacks, and mask requirements and expectations. Well Done, Director Dianne! Well Done, Staff! Well Done, Students! We're all in this together, and so far, it looks like we are all complying with the steps necessary to keep everyone healthy and safe. Thank you!

## From the Director:



As we move deeper into Flu Season and become more vulnerable to ALL challenges to our health, we ask that you keep in mind the symptoms associated with the Novel Corona Virus – COVID-19. We thank you and your family for checking each and **every day**.

### COVID-19 Symptoms

- Fever of 100.4 F (38.0 C)
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting (GI symptoms)
- Diarrhea



## School Picture Date Changes

Our originally published schedule for School Pictures has been bumped a bit. The new dates are **Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**. If this is your first year at ASDS, you will be amazed at how former ASDS parent and photographer extraordinaire, Emily Hall, captures exactly who your child is and provides us with the most irresistible images of your children. Look for more information as the date draws closer.

## Easy ASDS FUNdraisers



Ask a Customer Service Representative to link your VIC Card to All Saints' Day School.

You need to register All Saints' Day School with Kroger every year. Is your registration up-to-date? Our new number is **WB348**.



## ? ✂ 🎵 🧑🏫 From the Classrooms 🖐️ ❤️ ✍ 🕒



### Ms. Cathy & Ms. Teresa

After being home for over six months, it's so nice to be back at All Saints'. The Dolphin's arrived on the first day all masked up and ready to go. We have several new procedures in place, and these little kindergarteners have handled everything so well. I am very proud of each of them.

The first week of school we worked on knocking the rust off at bit, including the teachers. We spent most of the week reviewing academics and introducing new policies. The children also have truly enjoyed getting reacquainted with old friends as well as meeting new ones.



For consistency's sake we try and stick to the same schedule each week. Every day the children arrive, answer the question of the day, and then complete their morning work. Their morning work is usually a page in their math book and a language arts worksheet. After morning work, they have some free play time. During free play time Teacher Teresa and I call up the children individually to read one on one. All the children are at different places and this one on one time lets us pin point the strengths of each child.

On Mondays we spend time in the kitchen, on Tuesdays the children sequence the steps of the recipe we made and write a review. All of the recipes and reviews go in a binder cookbook which will go home at the end of the year. Wednesday is usually an art/craft project. On Thursday we do a science activity. Fridays, we wrap up the week with a review and some Fun Friday activities.



This month in the kitchen, we made applesauce, banana bread, and cookies. The cookies were probably the favorite with applesauce coming in a close second. Apparently, the banana bread "tasted weird". From past experience, we will have to work on finding adjectives other than "yuck" and "delicious".

In Science, the kindergarteners experimented with weighing apples, predicting how many seeds an apple has, and which color apple tasted better. During "B" week we made our own bubble solution and compared it to store bought. The children had an absolute blast making bubbles. I believe we all agreed the homemade solution was far superior than store bought. For "C" week, we soaked pennies in different solutions to see which one cleaned them the best. The children had to hypothesize which solution would work best. They were very surprised with the results.

This month has flown by! We have had so much fun. I want to thank each of you for trusting me with your little one every day. I hope they have enjoyed school as much as I have.



### Ms. Katie & Ms. Leslie

Welcome Back Sea Otters!

We jumped right back into learning the moment the children entered into the school. Our first week the Sea Otters focused on classroom expectations and "All About Me". They made family trees and self-portraits. It was fun way to learn about each of our Sea Otters' families. The second week we focused on colors, spelling their names, and learning about the attributes of shapes. Each day of the week we dressed in a certain color and we had a craft that matched the day's color.

In language arts, we read so many books! We learned the parts of the book: front cover, title page, dedication page, pages, back cover and the spine of the book. We discussed the purpose of an author and illustrator. All of the Sea Otters can now tell you if the book is non-fiction or fiction.



This week we just started a letter a day focused on holding the pencil correctly (pinch and flip technique) handwriting starting in the sky and going down to the ground. The Sea Otters are also learning the names of letters and the sounds they make.

In math, we have focused on graphing and learning how to count on a tens frame. "Zero the Hero" made an appearance on the 10th day of school. He holds the place value in the one column. We are so excited to be able to have the children back in our class and wearing their masks as they are having one on one instruction. Safety is so important to us all! Looking forward to seeing and hearing as the children learn all their phonetic sounds!



### Ms. Susan & Ms. Devin

The Stingrays are off to a great start!! We had a great first week of school with learning "All About Me". We shared our likes, dislikes and things about ourselves. It was fun to learn things all about our friends.

We also learned about apples. We made apple sauce that was so yummy!!!! We also did a taste test of which apples we liked the best with Gala, Granny Smith, and Red Delicious varieties. Also, we painted with red and green apples for the letter Aa.



We are currently learning about Fall and leaves. The Stingrays went on a leaf hunt and figured out what kind of leaves we had around our school. When learning about the letter B, we made butterfly magnets.

We are counting out 100 days of school, and we are up to 14 days!! Wow!!

We will begin the letter Cc and its sounds too. October will also bring learning about pumpkins and Halloween!

Thank you so much for all your support this year so far! We are truly off to a fantastic start! We love our Little Stingrays!



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

Starfish students were busy during the month of September learning about the letters M, A, and F, the circle shape, colors red and yellow, and the numbers one and two.

The first week of school we focused on learning the routine of the classroom. Every day the students came in to the building, put away their snacks, washed hands, and went into the classroom to start their day. They learned that every day we follow the same schedule.



Free Play, Circle Time, Bathroom Break, Snack, Playground, and then Carpool. They also had lessons with Miss Mercedes for Spanish, Coach Jess for Kid Fit, and Music with Teacher Dana.

The second week of we started our "All About Me" unit. The students brought in photo collages of their families and shared them with their classmates. We discussed different types of feelings and talked about how it is okay to be sad, happy, afraid, or excited. We sang, "Parts of Our Body," to the tune of "Skip to My Lou." The children made paper dolls of themselves, and we read books about our feelings.



Our Apple unit was taught the third week of September. We discussed the different parts of an apple and the students identified the stem, skin, flesh, core, and seeds. We sorted apples by color, observed and weighed the apples, saw whether they would float or sink, and tasted the skin and flesh of an apple. We even made an apple explode by hollowing out the middle and putting in baking soda and vinegar. We sang, "The Apple Man," which reinforced the letter A, and we made homemade applesauce. The students made fall trees using apple halves as stampers to decorate the bare limbs.



The last week of the month we learned about the season, Fall. We discussed how the days get shorter and the weather gets cooler. We talked about how the leaves on the trees change colors. We introduced our Circle Time song about the seasons, and acted out our song about leaves falling during the season. We read the book, We're Going on a Leaf Hunt, and went outside and found different colored leaves. The children painted leaves and pressed them on paper to make a beautiful fall art project.

We are very proud of how our students have transitioned into our class after being home for six months. It has been an amazing September, and we can't wait to see what October will bring. It's so great to back in school!!!



## Ms. JoJo & Ms. Patsy

September was such a successful and busy first month of school! Most of the Sea Turtles have acclimated well and are happily settled into the routine of our school day. Thank you for the photos. The family pictures are displayed on our "Family Wall", and the students like to look at them and talk about them! Our letters for the month of September were "Aa", "Ff", and "Hh". Our color was red, our shape was the circle, and our number was "1". We sang "Pop See Ko" and read Dr. Seuss' Ten Apples Up On Top. The students enjoyed gluing and counting ten apples on top of the pictures that you gave to us! We hope that you enjoyed the children's handprints and poems that we did during the first two weeks of school. The students also painted/decorated fish for our "O"fish"ally A Preschooler" bulletin board. We will not be sending the fish home until after April's art show (fingers crossed)! The students also enjoyed decorating the letters "A" and "F" with apples, letter stamps, letter stickers, fish, feathers, and flowers. We will review again in October and expose the students to more letters, numbers, shapes, and concepts. In addition, I will be doing one-on-one assessments with the students (letters, numbers, shapes, and colors). I'm excited about the following months! Thank you for sharing your children with us! ☺

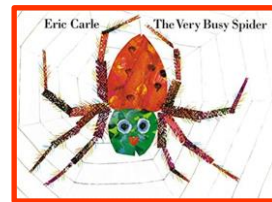




## Ms. Dana

In September, the theme for music was Animals. We enjoyed pretending to jump like kangaroos, frogs, monkeys and rabbits. I read the book The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle and the children acted out the story while listening to Bach's Concerto in a minor for Four Harpsichords: [Bach Concerto for 4 Harpsichords](#)

There are quite a few animals in this story. Ask your child which one was their favorite.



On days when the weather is fine, music will be held outside so that we have plenty of room to move around. During September, we played a lot of movement games. The children had to use their listening skills for the game Go and Freeze. As long as I am saying the word GO, they can move around in any way they choose but once I say FREEZE, everyone must stop and freeze. Another version of this game is Shake and Freeze. I shake a tambourine while everyone shakes just one body part such as one hand or foot. When I stop shaking the tambourine, everyone freezes.



We also moved our bodies to "The Walk Around Song", found here: [Walk Around--by Nancy Kopman](#)

We started practicing keeping a steady beat with this chant:

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*Rickety, rockety, rackety, reel*        *Will you say your name for me?*        Everyone got a turn to clap his or her name.

Using the song "Roll the Bobbin up", we started learning the musical terms for slow (Largo), medium (Andante), and fast (Presto). Ask your child which speed they prefer!



## Maestra Mercedes

Hola! My name is Mercedes Martin Pham and I am your new Spanish teacher! I am from Barcelona, Spain, and I have lived in Virginia Beach for 11 years. While my husband was on active duty in the US Navy, we lived in several states and four different countries. A NATO job finally made Virginia Beach our forever home and we couldn't be any happier. We have three children, a dog, a cat and a fish...never a dull day! I have a bachelor's degree in psychology and have worked with children of different ages for a long time. Teaching Spanish is my passion and I have been teaching at different schools in town ever since we moved here. Currently, I have several Spanish programs in six different schools in Virginia Beach.



## Numeros

1 2 3 4 5

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Colores

I have known your children just for a few weeks and we have already had a blast! I love to see the excitement in their eyes every time I walk into the room! During these past few weeks, we have been reviewing colors and numbers. I like to review colors every class, because all future lessons will always involve coloring. We play "Pito Pito Colorito." ("Colorful Pito") It's kind of like "Eenie Meenie Miney Moe," and two children in each class are selected every Friday so we can look at the colors they are wearing. It's a simple game, but fun and children love to be the "Pito Pito" of the week! We will continue to review numbers throughout the year as well, so they can identify numbers in Spanish when they are out of order...mmmm...not that easy for little people! Kindergarteners started their

"Days of the Week" lesson last week.

As for songs, we have been dancing to "Baila con Tu Cuerpo" ("Dance With Your Body") and "Las Partes del Cuerpo," ("The Parts of the Body") both related to vocabulary about our body. As soon as we are done with our color lessons, we will start our body lessons, and by then, they should be pretty familiar with that vocabulary. Kindergarteners are also singing "Los Dias de la Semana" ("The Days of the Week").

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





## Coach Jess

Happy Fall everyone!

I have loved being with your children every Tuesday morning! It has made my heart so full being back with the kids! The last two weeks we have focused on back to school PE basics and some Fall games. Class always starts with warm up and stretches. We have “raked the leaves”, picked leaf cards (each had a different activity on the back of them) and we played fall trivia (with the big kids) - every “wrong” answer we did pushups!

We have also played freeze tag, done soccer drills and basic hopscotch! This October, we will be playing football and getting ready for Halloween.



Reminder: If possible, try to have your little ones in sneakers on Tuesdays! I know it's tough to remember all the things... but we definitely do some running around on Tuesdays! ☺

## Girl Scout Recruitment



I am Emilie Templeton, the liaison between the Church, All Saints' Day School, and our local Girl Scout Service Unit. I am also a former ASDS parent...times 3! Please see the flyer being sent on the next page of this newsletter for information about a free weekly on-line ZOOM Dance Party. We hope your girls will join the fun!

## For the Fridge...

Date	Kids' Version	Event	Notes
October 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday & Thursday		Fall Pictures	Emily Hall of EB Hall Photography returns to work her magic! <a href="http://www.ebhall.com/contact-emily">http://www.ebhall.com/contact-emily</a>
October 12 <sup>th</sup> Monday		Staff Inservice Day	ASDS is CLOSED to students.
October 30 <sup>th</sup> Friday		Halloween Celebration	PATTCH-Sponsored “Trunk or Treat” in the parking lot. More information to come.
November 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday		Election Day!	Exercise your right to <b>VOTE</b> ! ASDS is CLOSED as we are a polling site.
November 11 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday		Veterans' Day	ASDS is CLOSED
November 25 <sup>th</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday, Thursday & Friday		Happy Thanksgiving!	ASDS CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday
November 30 <sup>th</sup>		Welcome Back!	ASDS Re-Opens

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invited!**

# ANIMAL Dance Party



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and get **WILD** on the dance floor  
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**Online Zoom Dance Party  
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This event is for girls who are not currently in Girl Scouts. Feel free to  
pass along this invitation to any of your friends who totally should join  
Girl Scouts but haven't yet! Girl Scouting is better together!



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**ADMITS YOU + A FRIEND!**

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