

Pre-K News



Ms. DeFrancesco, October 2019

Reminders

- Thank you parents for sending in winter coats and hats. Our first recess at 9am has been a little on the frosty side :)

A Peek at Our Month

It seems like a long time ago that we were all conferencing and then merrily on our way to the pumpkin patch. Our trip was a huge success and a great learning experience; thanks to all the great chaperones and your lovely inquisitive children. Someone was really looking out for us with our sunny weather that day!

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1- All Saints Day Mass, 12pm at All Saints Church hosted by 3rd graders

November 8- Noon dismissal ASEC available

November 11- no school, Veteran's Day

November 27- Grandfriends Day at All Saints School; grandfriends welcomed in classrooms from 8:10-9:10. Pre-K will be playing an exciting game of ABC bingo and singing our favorite songs at 9:30 a.m. All Grandfriends meet in the gym for a musical concert hosted by our 5th graders. Brunch follows in the cafeteria. Noon dismissal for all students. **NO ASEC.**

November 28 and 29- no school Thanksgiving holiday

We are so fortunate as teachers to attend professional development regularly and truly model life-long learning! At our last workshop I had the chance to work with experts who developed "Handwriting Without Tears." We use this curriculum and workbook at All Saints from Pre-K to 3rd grade. Here's what is new according to researchers: 1. Pre-K and Kindergarten writers develop better fine motor skills when using smaller pencils. (We are now using golf sized pencils) 2. Young writers should master upper-case letters first. The letters with horizontal and vertical lines are easiest. Diagonal writing skills emerge later. Lastly, learning and practicing cursive writing has been shown to develop the brain. 3rd graders on up thru adults work their brains and actually grow grey matter. Apparently, high school students who write their SAT essays in cursive instead of keyboard are accepted to colleges and universities 50% more than those who don't.

Thanks again for all you do for our students and our school. Ms. DeFrancesco