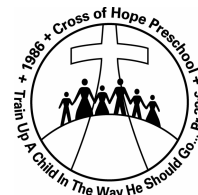




NEWSLETTER

Mary Sue Hale-Preschool Director



October 2010

A Message from the Director

Fall is upon us. The cooler temperatures, changing leaves and bright blue skies are wonderful. We are celebrating this month with many exciting activities. There are bike days, field trips and harvest festivals coming up. Please make sure you read your teacher's newsletters for information about these events.

Website Information. In an effort to enhance our communication with families and with the church community we will soon be posting all of our newsletters on the Cross of Hope website. You will still receive a hard copy of the newsletters but soon you will be able to access the information online as well. Simply go to www.crossofhope.org. You will see a "Schools" tab. Hold your mouse over the "Schools" tab and you will see "Preschool"; hold your mouse over "Preschool" and the links to each class will come up. Click on the name of your class and you will find the most current newsletter. This option should be up and available to you within the next week.

Lockdowns. As per our emergency preparedness policy, we practice lockdown drills 2-3 times a year with each class. Our first lockdown drill will be this Monday, Oct. 18. The Tues/Thurs classes will be practicing lockdowns sometime within the next few weeks. We always talk to the children prior to the lockdown practice so that they are aware of what will happen and the drills last for only 5 minutes. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to me.

Parking Lot Safety

Thank you for being so diligent in following our parking lot policies. One friendly reminder, please drive **slowly** through the lot and make sure to look carefully before you back out. There are parents and children walking to and from their cars across the lot. We had one minor fender bender earlier this year. Praise God no one was hurt.

Calendar of Events

October	
15	Bike Days- Busy Bees & Sunflowers
19	Pumpkin Patch-Butterflies & Ladybugs
22	Pumpkin Patch-Busy Bees & Sunflowers
26	Harvest Festival-Butterflies & Ladybugs
29	Harvest Festival-Busy Bees & Sunflowers

October Themes

Bible Story	Noah
Bible Verse	"God made us to do good." (Ephesians 2:10)
Science	Harvest, Senses, Farm life

When I Play I Learn



When I play with blocks, cars and trucks, I learn...

- ❖ Concepts of shape, size, length and location, all reading and math skills;
- ❖ To create and repeat patterns, a math skill;
- ❖ To exercise imagination;
- ❖ To express ideas;
- ❖ To cooperate with others;
- ❖ To solve problems;
- ❖ About the properties of wood;
- ❖ To see myself from a different perspective- that of a giant.



Spotlight on Teachers

Marie Atencio

Miss Marie has been teaching at Cross of Hope Preschool since 1993 and both of her children attended our preschool. She teaches with Miss Donna in the Tues/Thurs Butterflies class. Marie brings a lot to the preschool. She is responsible for creating our Spanish curriculum and she teaches Spanish every week to the children. Miss Marie is an enthusiastic teacher with a bubbly personality who is beloved by all of her students and their parents. Thank you Miss Marie!

