

Ladybug's News

October 30, 2010

Dear Parents,

Can you believe it is going to be November? The children are wonderful! By the middle of October, they were recognizing the month and what days we come to school. Miss Lori and I are impressed at how much they pick up during "Carpet Time." This time is very important because they are also learning: to listen, sit still (tough at this age), new vocabulary words, and to wait their turn when others are talking. We are also accomplishing how to stay in a line, and they are doing great! If you have any concerns or questions you can always call me or leave me a note and I will get back to you.

The children seemed to really enjoy The Mesa View Pumpkin Patch. It was sweet and simple, just right for this age. Thank you for purchasing pumpkins, that money will go towards their missionary works.

Our Fall Festival was a success. The children looked so adorable in their western wear. Thank you for your support and help! You are all amazing!! These children are so blessed to have you!

We have already started to teach the children our Christmas Play songs. This play is so adorable, so be sure to have your cameras ready. It is short and sweet for this age. It will take place on Saturday, December 11. On Friday December 10 the children will come an extra day for dress rehearsal. We will soon give you a copy of the songs so you can help practice with them. I will give you more information in my next newsletter about this special event.

We will start to slowly teach the children how to hold a crayon properly. There are some who do know how, but remember that all children are different and develop at different times. The program that we use is called Handwriting Without Tears (HWT). They say, "Research shows that close to 50 percent of three-year-olds have the fine motor ability to hold a small

crayon correctly." But the correct grip has to be taught. The best tool to start with is a crayon. It creates a natural resistance and builds strength in the hand. This will prepare the hand for a good pencil grip.

A reminder, please remember to bring a coat or jacket for your child. As you may know New Mexico's weather, one minute it is cold, the next it is warm. At least they will have a jacket to keep them better prepared for whatever the weather may be. Please remember to have their name written on the inside of their jacket. Sometimes they forget which one is theirs.

Important Dates to Remember

- Tuesday, **November 16** will be a Thanksgiving Family Dessert Gathering. We will have it in the Fellowship Hall of the church. **It will be the last hour of class.** A sign up sheet will soon be on the top of the cubbies. Our focus during this season is going to be on giving thanks for the many blessings we have. If you would be so kind on this day to bring in canned food items so we can donate them to the nearest food bank.
- Saturday, **December 11** Our Christmas Play. **Both classes will be held at different times.** I will let you know soon.

God's Wonderful Blessings To You All,
Miss Ann and Miss Lori

Proverbs 22:6 "Train the child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."