

ST. GEORGE'S APPLE SEEDS

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A monthly Preschool update for
parents, teachers, and friends

Tips for a Safe Halloween by Peggy Middendorf

The best halloween is a safe and fun one for kids and parents. Here are some tips to have the best Halloween ever.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Halloween can be great fun for kids, but everyone must remember some important rules for a safe Halloween.

III Trick or treat in the daylight when at all possible. If children must trick or treat after dark, insist that they carry a flashlight.

III Children under 10 should be accompanied by an adult or older responsible sibling.

III Plan a safe route in a familiar area and agree on a time to be back.

III It's safest to travel in groups. Organize from several families of children (with adults) to trick or treat together.

III Give child a small treat carrier (so it fills up faster). Avoid paper bags as they tend to tear and break children's hearts. A pillowcase, plastic grocery bag or a hard plastic bucket are best.

III Instruct the children to go only to well-lit homes.

III Children should always walk on a sidewalk, not in the street or through yards. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the street, facing traffic

III Never run between parked cars.

III Instruct children to never enter homes.

III Feed the children a good meal before they go out, so that they are not tempted to taste-test a few treats.

Instruct the children not to eat any treat before they get home. Inspect all candy and treats carefully. Many hospitals offer free X-raying of treats on Halloween night.

COSTUME TIPS

Halloween safety starts at home, with your child's costume. Here are some hints to make your child's costume fun but safe.

III Make costumes from brightly colored materials. Add glow in the dark reflecting tape for safety.

III Keep costumes short to avoid tripping. While a floor length gown may

enhance the costume's look, it can seriously hamper safety.

III Keep shoes comfortable for trick or treating. High heels are a no-no.

III Incorporate make-up for the face instead of masks. Masks restrict the vision and breathing.

III Buy or make costumes from fire-resistant materials. No paper.

III Make sure costume accessories are made from flexible materials.

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Dates to Remember

**WED. & THURS.,
OCT. 8 & 9 -
Storytime with Ms.
Karen**

**THURS., OCT. 9 -
Fire Engine Visit for
T/TH and Transi-
tional Classes**

**MON., OCT. 13 - No
School**

**TUES. & WED.,
OCT. 21 & 22 -
Chapel with Pastor De-
nise**

**THURS. & FRI., OCT.
23 & 24 - Original
Works Orders Due**

**SAT., OCT. 25 -
Preschool Fun Fair
11 am -3 pm**

**SUN., OCT. 26 -
Preschool Sunday
Worship @ 8:30 am
and 11 am
Fellowship @ 9:30 am**

**MON. & TUES.,
OCT. 27 & 28 -
School Picture Days**

**THURS. & FRI., OCT.
30 & 31- Halloween
Parades &
Parties**

**COME CELEBRATE WITH US!
ST. GEORGE'S PRESCHOOL
TURNS 10 YEARS OLD!!**

St. George's United Methodist Church and Preschool are excited to invite you and your family to celebrate 10 years of preschool learning and growing with two big celebrations!

The festivities begin on October 25, with a Fun Fair. Come and enjoy bounce houses, face painting, games, hot dogs, cotton candy and much, much more! Admission is FREE! There will be a small charge for food and drinks. Festivities will take place in the St. George's parking lot and parking will be across the street at the LDS Church. Police Officers will be directing traffic for safe crossing!

The celebration continues on October 26, with Preschool Sunday at St. Georges United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to come hear the preschool students sing, worship with friends, and celebrate with cake in the Fellowship Hall.



A Few Seeds from the Director

Wow! What a great time we are having in preschool! The children are adjusting well; there are lots of smiles and sounds of laughter coming out of each classroom. We have all enjoyed getting to know you and your children over the last month!

October is upon us and that means the children are learning about fire safety, autumn, apples, pumpkins, and harvest. To go along with our fire safety lessons, Firefighter Shawn from Fairfax County Fire Station #3 came to visit us on October 1 and will be back on October 9. He will talk about fire safety, show us his fireman suit, and fire engine. It is all very exciting!

October also means that fall is here and the weather is beginning to get cooler. Since your child is wearing light jackets and sweaters to school, please remember to label your child's clothing with his/her name. Many of our children have similar jackets; we do not want jackets going home with the wrong child.

This month, St. George's will be celebrating a very important birthday. Our school is 10 years old this year! Please join us in celebrating 10 years of learning! The festivities are described in this newsletter and there will be more information coming home very soon!

Thank you for a great start to this school year! We are so blessed to have your beautiful children with us! They are a joy to see each day!

HALLOWEEN PARADES THURS. & FRI., OCT 30 & 31

On October 30 & 31, St. George's Preschool will celebrate Halloween. Please have your child wear his/her costume over their clothes to school. We will help the children take off their costumes and put them into their bags after the parade. In keeping with our non-violent school theme, please keep all accessories (guns, swords, wands, etc) at home. These items may get lost or broken and are best left for Halloween night. Thank you for your cooperation.



PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

October 27

MWF 3 1/2's

Mrs. Lewan's /
Mrs. Donaghey's
Transitional Class

October 28

T/Th 2 1/2's

T/Th 3's

Mrs. Cimino's / Mrs.
McShea's

Transitional Class
**REMEMBER TO BRING
YOUR SMILE TO
SCHOOL!**