

# Teacher Tales

## 2 1/2 Year Olds Katie Denisar and Julie Zimmerman

We are so thrilled school is underway and that we have the privilege of teaching your children this school year. We love how excited they are to come into the classroom each morning and we strive to help them feel safe, loved, and, of course LEARN while having fun! The school year is off to a great start and the children are settling into their new school routine beautifully. We stay busy throughout the day with free play, crafts, playing on the courtyard, snack, and music.



In September, we learned that God made us and we are special! We spent a lot of time talking and reading about emotions and feelings.

We had a great time learning about fire safety. We practiced stop, drop and roll, learned about safe things to touch and dangerous things we shouldn't touch.

We had fun making fire fighter hats and even got to practice putting out a fire



(a paper fire with water blasters)! We ended the week learning about stop lights and practicing green means go and red means stop.



We had such a fun time during our apple unit! We got to sample different colored apples, vote on our favorite, peel apples and make applesauce, paint stamp using apples, sang lots of apple songs and learned about the parts of an apple!



During all of our fun activities, our class has also been working hard at learning the school basics- following directions, lining up, sitting on the carpet, picking up, standing and walking in a line and potty training! Please continue to remember to send a change of clothes, extra masks and pull-ups (if needed) each day!

## 3 Year Olds Renaë Crawford and Stephanie Jenkins

Welcome to school! It has been a joy getting to know your little ones in September! Transition to school can be overwhelming, but your children



have done an AMAZING job! It has been wonderful to watch as new friendships blossom in our classroom! We strive to help the children feel safe, comfortable and loved as they adjust to their new surroundings.

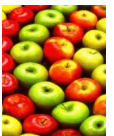


We are off to a great start with our established routines and the children really love the importance of having class jobs. Make sure to ask them what their job is each week as I am sure they will be excited to share it with you!

In September we enjoyed learning all about how God made all of us and our families! We have also been working on our numbers, colors, letters and shapes. Important skills we have learned are how to use a glue stick, proper use of scissors, markers and watercolor paint!



Apple week provided a great opportunity to learn more about the colors of the month, RED, GREEN and YELLOW. We sorted, painted, tasted, weighed, charted, and read a lot of books about apples! We even made apple pancakes and applesauce.



Safety Days were all about STOP & GO and being safe. Your children did a wonderful job lining up



quickly to exit the building during our first fire drill.

We look forward to October when we will learn about fall, Harvest, Pumpkins, Scarecrows and more.

## 4 Year Olds Katie Denisar and Kris Morris

We are excited to be having such a great start to the school year! Your children come in so happy and excited for school which is such a blessing!

We have had a great time learning about how "God Made Us" and made each of us special and unique. We spent a lot of time talking about emotions and feelings. We made play dough faces to show expression and sorted pictures based on which emotion the person was showing with their expression.



The kids really enjoyed fire safety week! We got to make fire hats, made fire trucks with different shapes and made stop lights! We sang and practiced, 'Stop, drop and roll', we sorted items that we were and unsafe, brainstormed things that were hot and not safe to touch, and learned how we use our senses to keep us safe.

We ended the month with our apple unit! We got to try different apples and vote on our favorite, help peel apples and make applesauce, learned about the parts of an apple and sang lots of songs



about apples! We practiced counting apples and practiced the letter 'A'.

Thanks for remembering to send a change of clothes, a snack and water each day! Please remember to label coats and jackets with your child's name as the weather gets cooler. We look forward to many more 4 year old adventures!

## 4 Year Olds Brenda Allen and Meagan Luallin

What a great beginning we had! The classroom schedules and activities are well underway, and the children have adjusted nicely to our routines. Mrs. Luallin and I feel truly blessed with the wonderful children we have in both of our classes! We are looking forward to an exciting year full of exploring and learning together.



We started our month acquainting the children with the classroom environment, rules and routines. Our day begins with free play. The train table, play kitchen and 'Frozen' doll house are the favorites so far. Free play is followed by "Circle Time" - we pray, do some devotionals, and learn about the calendar- days of the week and months of the year. You may hear some of those songs at home! We have introduced a "Helper of the Day" to help with the calendar and be the line leader out to recess.



Our first full week was spent learning "All About Me." We started at the beginning, in Genesis, learning how much God loves each one of them from their head to their toes! We also had a little science lesson on DNA to discover how God made their cells unique, and unlike any other person's.

This month we had our first fire drill during Safety Days, and learned in class about making safe choices. We learned about different signs, and what the signs and their colors mean. (I have told them to look for signs when they are riding home!)



We also discussed how important it is to stop and pray when there is an emergency.

The last week of September was all about apples! What kind of apple tastes best? How do apples feel or smell? Will apples sink or float in water? We have also started looking at Galatians 5:22, and introduced "Love" as the first **fruit** of the Spirit. We will continue through every fruit!



We look forward to October which will be filled with fall art projects, scarecrows and, of course, lots of pumpkins! Thank you for entrusting us with your children, we are going to have a very blessed year!

# Fall is Here!

## 4 Year Olds Glenda Rodriguez and Sarah Medina

We had a busy, busy month. We have truly loved getting to know more about your little ones. It is such a blessing to be their teachers.



This month is all about routines. We have been learning about red and green choices to help us navigate how to be a kind friend and classmate. Positive reinforcement is our focus. Our children have loved exploring our various centers in the classroom. We introduced our name tracing mat and spent time dedicated to name recognition. We used letter manipulative tools to create and help the students recognize their own names.

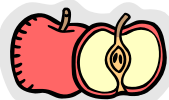
Your children did such an amazing job during our Safety Days.



We have been so impressed by their ability to line up and exit the building quietly.

Apples! Apples! We had an amazing week focusing on all things 'apple' the last week of September. We tasted all the different apples and conducted an apple poll to figure out which color apple was our favorite.

Ask your child what they picked, it may surprise you. We learned about the apple life cycle, made apple crafts, and used apples to paint.



Lastly, our Bible verse this month was "There is a time for everything" from

Ecclesiastes 3:1. It has been perfect for September.

Preschool is an exciting place, and September was all about learning the ropes and class

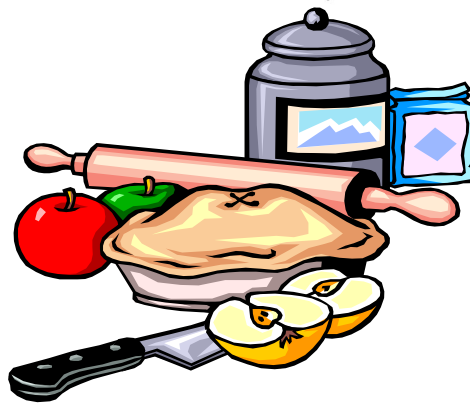


schedule. We look forward to October and the changing of the seasons. We cannot wait to learn

together about colors,



nocturnal animals and pumpkins.



## For Your Information

If you have not already done so, please sign up for **REMINd** using your teacher's code. Important information is accessible through REMIND, on your monthly calendar, on the dry erase board outside the classroom doors, through e-mail, and on the main hallway dry erase board.

In addition, remember the **school day begins at 9:30 AM**. We don't want your child to miss out on any of the activities and art projects that are done daily. Of course, traffic can be a challenge sometimes and we do understand. **IF you are going to be late for pick up please call the school (703-451-7144) to avoid the \$1.00 per minute late pick up fee!** We can also let your child know you will be a little late coming to "pick up" after school, allaying any fears he/she may have.

### Just a Reminder!

Please remember to hold tightly to the hand of your child(ren) when entering and leaving the building... **most especially in the parking lot**, but also in the building.

**UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** should a child be left unattended in or out of a car. If necessary, ask another parent to stand by your car or in the hallway while you deliver/pick up your child if you have an infant or toddler sleeping in the car. Otherwise, please unbuckle and bring the other child with you into the building, holding hands. God has entrusted us with these precious treasures. We need to care dearly for them. Thank you for your cooperation!