

# Teacher Tales

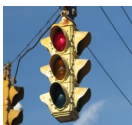
## 2 1/2 Year Olds Kris Morris and Karen White

We are so thrilled to have the privilege of teaching your children this school year. Your 2-year-olds are such a fun group! We have really gotten off to a great start!



This month our memory verse comes from Psalm 139:14, "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." God has surely made each of your children wonderfully one of a kind.

Safety Week is always fun. We learned about stop lights, and fire trucks, stop drop and roll, and we even had our first fire drill. The kids loved using the stop and go signs



we made, as a prop to hold up while we were singing the "Stop and Go" song. (Stop and Go by Yancy Little Praise Party)

Apples mean fall, apple-taste-test, and apple

doughnuts! We made apple doughnuts (spherical pancakes) with the kids and coated them with powdered sugar. YUMM! We painted with apples and we ate apples..... red, yellow, and green.



Your kids are really falling into the rhythm of preschool. They are great cleaners, they all know to pull their chairs over for circle time and we are starting to get the hang of saying the pledge and putting our



right hands on our heart. (Did you notice the colored dot on your child's right hand? That is their pledge hand!). We are still practicing walking in line and going potty, but Mrs. Morris, and Mrs. White have no doubt that they will master that before too long!

Thanks for remembering a change of clothes (including socks) and pull-ups/diapers.

## 3 Year Olds Katie Denisar and Julie Zimmerman/Karen

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.

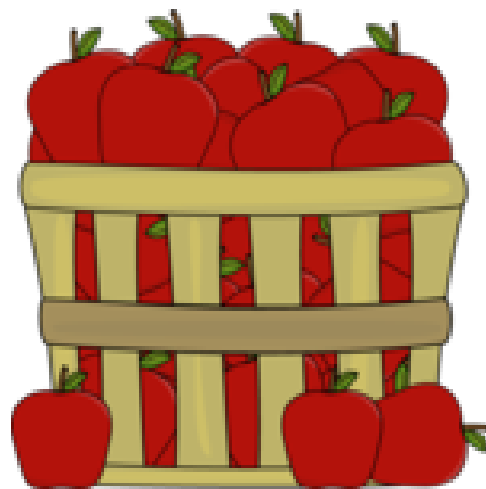
We are off to a great start with our established routines and the children really love the importance of having class jobs. Make sure to ask them what their job is each week as I am sure they will be excited to share it with you!



In September we enjoyed learning all about how God made all of us and our families! We also worked on our numbers, colors, letters and shapes. Important



skills we learned are how to use a glue stick, proper use of scissors, markers and watercolor paint!

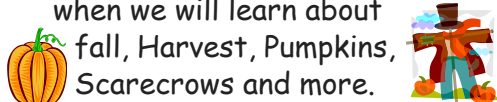


Apple week provided a great opportunity to learn more about the colors of the month, RED, GREEN and YELLOW. We sorted, painted, tasted, weighed, charted, and read a lot of books about apples! We even made apple pancakes and applesauce.

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 Brenda Allen and Meagan Luallin

What a great beginning we had! The classroom schedules and activities are well underway, and the children adjusted nicely to our routines. Mrs. Luallin and I feel truly blessed with the awesome - or "owlsome"- 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, say pledges, and sing as we learn about the

calendar- - days of the week, and months of the year. You may hear some of those songs at home!

We introduced class jobs this week! The kids are so willing to be line leader, calendar assistant, floor sweeper and table cleaner.



Our first full week was "All About Me." We started with Jeremiah 1:5, learning how unique we are, and how much God loves each one of us from



the top our heads to the tip of our toes! We also had a little science lesson on DNA to discover how God made our cells unique, and unlike any other person's.

We had fun getting to know our owl friends' families a little by making our family trees. Look for our artwork in the hall!

This month we had our first fire drill during Safety Week, and learned in class about making safe choices. We learned about different signs, and what the signs, and their colors, mean. (I told the children 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 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!



## 4 Day, 4 Year Olds Glenda Zarco and Sarah Medina

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

This month was all about routines. We learned about red and green choices to help us navigate how to be a kind friend and classmate. Positive reinforcement is our focus. Our children loved exploring our various centers in the classroom. We introduced our name tracing mat and some time was 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 were so impressed by their ability to line up and exit the building quietly during our first fire drill.

Apples! Apples! We had an amazing last week of September focusing on all things 'apple.' We tasted all the different apples and conducted an apple poll to figure out which color apple was our favorite. Ask your child which was their apple life cycle selection; it may



surprise you. We learned about the apple life cycle, made apple crafts, and used apples to paint.



## Chapel with Marcia Lee



Chapel officially begins in October, but to accompany our Apple Week, we studied all about the apple and its parts during Chapel. God has 3 parts: the Father, the Son (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit. In the same way an apple has 3 parts. God, the Father is like the stem, strong and able to hold the apple securely to the tree. God, the Son is like the meaty, juicy, tasty part of the apple we eat—it keeps us healthy! Then, when you get to the center (or core), it represents God, the Holy



Spirit who lives in our hearts—just like the seeds are in the core (or heart) of the apple. Our Bible verse was: **Proverbs 7:2 "Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the 'apple of your eye.'"**

## For Your Information



If you have not already done so, please sign up for **REMIND** using your child's teacher's code. Important information is accessible through REMIND, on your monthly calendar and through e-mail.

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.



Preschool is an exciting place, and September was all about learning routines, understanding schedules, and doing plenty of socialization. We look forward to October and observing the changing of the seasons. We cannot wait to learn together about fall colors, nocturnal animals, pumpkins, and fall harvest.



**URGENT!!!**

**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!

