



Little Willows News

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From the Staff...

It's the time of year for colored leaves, pumpkins, football, hayrack rides, and apple cider donuts! Fall is such a fun time of year, and we have a lot of activities planned for your children.

The school year has gotten off to a great start! The children are adjusting well as they learn new routines and make new friends. Thank you for sharing them with us! The sounds of children's voices and laughter fill the church with joy.

Remember that while the weather stays nice, we will be playing in our outdoor play area as much as possible, so please send your child to school in appropriate play clothes and jackets. Tennis shoes are strongly recommended, as our playground is surfaced with wood chips.

Please continue to address any questions or concerns to either your child's teachers or Gina Hulett. Happy fall to everyone!

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Announcements & Reminders

Halloween Treats: We will not dress in costumes, but we will have special treats to celebrate Halloween. Parents are invited to provide prepackaged snacks, napkins, or take-home treats. Special treats days will be the week of October 28th. Please check the sign-up sheets outside each classroom if you are interested!

Halloween Extravaganza: Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 27th, from 3-5 p.m.! You are invited to bring your children in costume to Willow Hill for an afternoon of non-scary fun at our annual Halloween Extravaganza! There is a trick-or-treat parade at 3:15 followed by crafts, games, refreshments, music, movies, and a maze! Each family is asked to bring about 120 pieces of wrapped candy to hand out to the trick-or-treaters as they parade in costume. Cost is \$5 per child (max of \$10 per family) and proceeds will support youth mission trips.

Scholastic Book Orders: Scholastic Book orders are due Thursday, October 3. Please address any questions to your child's teacher.

Spill-proof Water Bottles: In order to reduce plastic waste, we are asking all parents to send a kid-sized, spill-proof water bottle (with water if possible) to school with your child each day they attend. **Please make sure the bottle is clearly labeled with your child's name.** Bottles will be collected at the beginning of class to set aside for snack time and returned to backpacks after snack. Thank you for helping our children learn to reduce and reuse!

Remind: To receive periodic Little Willows reminders and updates via text, simply text @littlewill to 81010.

NO SCHOOL on the following days: (due to GHES schedule)

Monday, October 14 (Columbus Day)

Tuesday, October 15 (Teacher Institute)

Classroom News

Please check the classroom information boards for updates, special reminders, and birthdays.

Classroom highlights and previews will be provided on the back of monthly newsletters.



2's Purple Monkey Class

Last month we:

- Explored circles and the color purple
- Created many fun crafts
- Worked on our manners, sharing and kindness skills
- Had fun singing and dancing
- Had fun learning our classroom routine and getting to know one another

This month we will:

- Explore triangles and the color black
- Create many fall-themed crafts
- Learn how to pray and be thankful
- Work on our counting, alphabet, and social skills

2-3's Green Frog Class



Last month we:

- Explored the star shape and the color yellow
- Learned about the letters A, B, and C
- Practiced counting and made number snakes
- Learned about Creation and all the wonderful things God made

This month we will:

- Explore circles and the color orange
- Learn about the letters D, E, and F
- Read a Bible story about David and Goliath
- Learn about firefighters
- Create some fall crafts



3-4's Orange Tiger Class

Last month we:

- Explored circles and the color red
- Learned about the letters A and F
- Read stories about Creation and Adam & Eve
- Learned about the state of Illinois

This month we will:

- Explore the colors orange and black
- Explore triangles and the number 2
- Learn about the letters P, B, X, and Z
- Read stories about serving God
- Explore the Midwestern states. If you happen to travel during the school year, please send us a postcard or bring one to school!

4-5's Blue Dolphin Classes



Last month we:

- Explored circles and the color yellow
- Learned about the letters A, B, and C
- Began learning about Bible virtues
- Talked about our five senses

This month we will:

- Explore the colors orange and black
- Explore triangles
- Learn about the letters D, E, F, and G
- Continue working on our Bible virtues
- Continue to explore the season of fall