

St. Paul PRESCHOOL NEWS



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Date: September 18, 2017

We are Learning About

Study Units:

*Beginning of the School Year
& Apples*

**Zoo-phonetic Animal: Allie
Alligator**

Letter: Aa



Upcoming Events

VIRTUS TRAINING CLASS

There will be a Virtus Training (Protecting God's Children) course held on Saturday, September 30, from 9:30am until 12:30pm in Father K Hall (the lower level of St. Paul Church). This is required for anyone who works with youth (under 18 years of age) in any capacity in a parish or a parish school setting. This would apply to any parent or grandparent who would like to volunteer in a student's classroom, field trips, etc... If you or someone you know who needs to register, please go to www.virtus.org. The training class is free.

Reminders

Book Orders are due on Thursday, Sept. 21.

Field Trip Permission slips are due on by Wednesday, October 4.

The field trip is on Wednesday, October 18 from 9:00am-1:00pm.

I realize this is outside the time of regular preschool hours; but since we are joining Kindergarten & First Grade we had to do it this way. Please let me know if this will work for your family. Thank you! ☺



Learn About Our Week

Last week the children had fun learning the Nursery Rhyme, *Humpty Dumpty*. They participated in several different activities using the rhyme, they watercolor painted an oval shape, they sequenced the rhyme, and they made a Humpty Dumpty collage to go with the rhyme. We also used the rhyme in many different ways at group time. One day we changed the end of the rhyme from "...they couldn't put Humpty together again"....to "they could put Humpty together again." I took a vote and all but one child liked the traditional ending the best!

We will be having a nursery rhyme, finger play, or song each week. The following is taken from the website Pre-K Pages, by Vanessa Levin:

Why teach using Nursery Rhymes?

Research shows that children who have memorized nursery rhymes become better readers because they develop an early sensitivity to the sounds of language. (Marie Clay)

Nursery Rhymes naturally help young children develop **phonemic awareness skills**, which are the necessary building blocks that children need explicit instruction in before they can begin to read. Some of the skills children learn are rhyming, sound/word discrimination, blending, word segmentation (syllables), & phoneme manipulation.

