

## St. Paul Preschool Newsletter October 2017

**Study Units:** The study units this month are *Apples, Trees, Farm Animals, Spiders, & Pumpkins*. The preschool study units incorporate all learning domains, these are *Social & Emotional, Language & Literacy, Mathematics, Religion, Science, Physical, and Creative Arts*. The religion lessons will focus on the rest of Unit One, "God Knows and Loves me" and we will begin Unit Two, "God Gives Us All That is Good".

**Last Week:** We learned all about apples. In Science we made a chart to describe the properties of apples. We examined the parts of a cut up apple with a magnifying glass. We learned that an apple has a stem, skin, a core, seeds and flesh. We used an apple on a balance scale to discover what objects are heavier than an apple. This proved to be a challenge as we apparently had a very heavy apple. Finally, we discovered 10 matchbox cars are heavier than the apple and eventually they found other items in the room. We painted a cut out paper apple. First, each child sprinkled baking soda on the apple and then using vinegar colored with red, green, & yellow food coloring, we painted over the baking soda. There were lots of 'oohs' and 'ahs', as they discovered that it "bubbled" and some said, "fizzed"! Art and science often go together nicely! We also made the apple people that are hanging in the hallway. We tasted different kinds of apples and each child decided which kind he or she liked the best. Lastly, the highlight of the week was making applesauce! A big shout out to Kathy Valasek for helping us make it!

**Snack:** We will need more snacks for October. I will have a sign-up sheet out soon. Thank you!!!

**Field Trip:** The field trip to Peacock Farms is October 18, from 9:00am to about 1:00pm. Please return the permission slip by Wednesday, October 4.

### **SPS Student Council Food Drive:**

In preparation for the big U of M/MSU game scheduled for October 7, the SPS Student Council food drive competition will begin Monday, October 2! Each food item will count as one vote. Tables are set up for each team in the hallway near the school office. Donations will be counted at lunch time on Friday, October 6th and the winner will be announced at the end of the day. Go Blue! Go Green! Go SPS!

**Halloween Party:** We will have a Halloween Party on Tuesday, October 31. Each child may wear a costume to school that day. No scary costumes, masks or weapons are allowed. More information to come.

### **Dates to Remember:**

- Monday, October 2: U of M/MSU Food Drive begins
- Monday, October 9: NO SCHOOL Teacher Professional Development Day
- Wednesday, October 19: Field Trip to Peacock Farms
- Wednesday, October 25: Picture Retake Day
- Tuesday, October 31: Halloween Party