

*Atascocita United Methodist Church's
Weekday Learning Center*

Angel Times

October 2011

Happy Halloween!



Ms. Beth's Moments:
Peace, Love, and WLC!

The new school year began quite hot and dry. Children began new friendships, re-established old, and received lots of wonderful love from new teachers! It has been an awesome beginning and I can't wait to see what fun and creative learning opportunities that God has planned for everyone!

Everyone has had so much fun putting the daily pictures Facebook to document for parents and families all the great things the children are engaging in each day! I know we had a slow start, and some classes are still catching up, but soon we will have everyone regularly posting pictures of all the precious little children and the amazing learning activities they are doing here at the WLC!

The children are loving Chapel and all the new video songs we have been playing. I know some of you have bought the Cokesbury song DVD "Shake It Up Café", and now I am beginning to use another DVD from Group's 2011 VBS curriculums. One song in particular is "Big House". In Chapel we are also resurrecting an old tradition of reciting a monthly Bible verse. Please let us know if you have not received the Chapel lessons and Bible verses. The children LOVE to retell the stories they hear!

Now that the weather is cooler, the children will probably enjoy time outdoors with their class on the playground, out on the Prayer Trail and more! God has given us such a beautiful world to explore and learn through!

Auction 2011 is gearing up fast!! The

classes have finished their ceramic cross auction items, and are working on the class project as well. We are still accepting family, business or individual sponsors for the Auction T-shirts that are also on sale. All sponsors will have their names on the back of the shirts.

This is an AWESOME family day full of games, food, inflatable jumpers, petting zoo, train, rock wall, craft vendors, silent auction items, "Pie in the Face" teachers and "Ice Cream Sundae" Ms. Beth! There will be lots more fun for the day, so please make plans to join us for "Peace Love & WLC Family Day!"

Special thanks to the overwhelming response to donations for wildfire victims! Your generous hearts and gifts will bless many families in tremendous ways! Thanks also to Travis Neumann for organizing the drive!

In addition to all the fun learning activities in the classrooms, this month the children will have great opportunity for make-believe fun at the end of the month when we have our Costume Parades and Parties! The children will parade through the buildings, outside through the main parking lot, and back inside. They will "trick or treat" in the church office and receive a little bit of candy before returning to their class for a short time, go to Chapel in the Sanctuary at

11:15 and then head back to their classes for Halloween fun with food, decorations, crafts and games.

AUMC Children's Ministries would like to invite you to our annual "Trunk or Treat" on Friday, October 28th. Come and set up (decorate) your trunk, pass out candy to lots of sweet kids, enjoy pizza, crafts and inflatables! Be on the look-out for more information soon!

AUMC has just launched a new mission statement and we invite everyone to join us anytime as we move Upward in our relationship with God, Inward as we take our next step with Jesus, and Outward in service as called by the Holy Spirit. As you move Upward, Inward and Outward, the Peace of Christ lives in your heart, the Love of God fills you and His Spirit shines to the world! ☺

Have a wonderful October and may the Peace and Love of Christ cover you forever! ☺

In His Peace,
Ms. Beth



Color Days-Orange & Black
 Wednesday, October 12th &
 Thursday, October 13th



Check us out on Facebook
 Atascocita United Methodist Church
 Weekday Learning Center
 Under Events is our School Calendar!



Script Cards (Gift Cards)
 Script cards are gift cards from local merchants. It will help support our school. When you buy Scrip cards for your everyday purchases and even gifts, the school receives a percentage of the total value of the card. There is NO additional cost to you, but a HUGE benefit for our school. Check out the website for merchants at www.shopwithscrip.com
 For questions email darla@aumc.org or call the Center at 281-852-0967.
 If you order online please make sure that you contact Darla so that the order can be completed.

Shape of the Month:

Triangle

Numbers of the Month:

3 & 4

Nursery Rhyme:

"Peter Peter Pumpkin Eater"

Letter of the Month:

A, W, P and H



T-Shirt Days

Tuesday, October 4th &
 Wednesday, October 5th

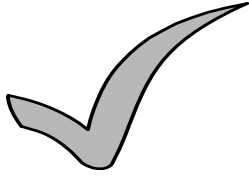


Auction Donation Day

Thursday, September 29th &
 Friday, September 30th

Thursday, October 27th &
 Friday, October 28th

The person that brings in the highest/items will receive a \$25.00 tuition credit. Check the newsletter each month to see who wins.



Mark your calendar

4's & 5's

Hearing and Vision Screening

Thursday, October 6th and Friday,
October 7th .

Paperwork will be sent home soon.

Holiday- Columbus Day

Monday, October 10th

Scholastic Book Fair

Monday, October 24th thru
Friday, October 28th

BOOK FAIR NEWS!

A Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school from *October 25th through November 2, 1011*. It's a great opportunity for students to find books that really interest them. We know kids read more books when they get to choose their own. The more kids read, the more their reading skills improve.

We are inviting you to be a part of our Book Fair. It's taking place in the Life Center from 9:30 until 2:45 every day of our Fair. You can shop for books for your entire family! If for some reason you can't make it or you want to continue shopping from an expanded selection, you can now visit the Fair online –

www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs/2960593

The online Fair:

- gives you the opportunity to purchase books from the online Classroom Wish List I created, which will help refresh our classroom library and give students access to a variety of new books
- is available for an extended time and all orders ship FREE to school
- provides a chance for you and your child to create and send wish lists to invite friends and family to participate in the Book Fair
- offers an expanded book selection for all ages—from preschool to adult.

You can also visit our Book Fair Homepage at

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/weekdaylearningcenter>

All in-school and online Book Fair purchases benefit our school. Thanks for helping get **more kids reading, kids reading more.**

See you at the Book Fair!

Weekday Learning Center

Halloween Party & Parade

Thursday, October 27th

Monday, October 31st

Parades at 10:00am

Chapel at 11:00 am

Parties at 12:00 pm

Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 28th

Hosted by: AUMC Children Ministries

More to follow.

Weekday Learning Center Annual

Auction/Carnival
Saturday, November 5th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

We will be allowing Vendors/Exhibitors to rent a booth.

WLC Family Carnival and Auction
Vendor/Exhibitor Information

This year as part of our Auction and Family Fun Day we will be selling booth spaces for Vendors and/or Exhibitors. The event will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will be no indoor booth space. All vendors and exhibitors will be set up outdoors.

Church Location

The church and event area are located at 19325 Pinehurst Trail Drive on the grounds of the Atascocita United Methodist Church.

Registration Fees

The fee to rent a booth is \$60. This fee is **non-refundable**. If you are interested in renting a booth, please return the registration form, along with your fee, to the address shown on the form. All booths are assigned on a first come-first served basis.

Vendor/Exhibitor Setup

Set up time will be on Saturday, November 5th from 8 a.m. -10 a.m. Booth space is approximately 15'X10'. Your items must be setup within your allotted space. No electricity is available. A map layout will be sent to you before the event showing your booth location.

Parking

Upon arrival you may unload your vehicle near your booth space and then move your vehicle as quickly as possible to allow other vendors to unload. After unloading you may park your vehicle in the church parking lot or on the street.

If you have any questions, please call 281-852-0967 or email to WLCKayla@gmail.com



Upcoming Fieldtrips

3's, 4's & 5's

All age levels will have in house fieldtrip in the month of October. Information will be sent home to each class.

Classroom Chatter



Itty Bitty Bugs: (MWF-T/TH)

Ms. Amanda, Ms. Denise & Ms. Brittany

This month the Bugs theme was Getting To Know You. There were very few tears and we have had a lot of fun getting to know our friends- what they like at lunch and what toys they like to play with.

We also had fun creating things with our color of the month which was blue. We painted a butterfly with blue paint and ate blue jello! The letters of the month were M, B, D, F. To learn this we played with musical instruments and went over animal names that started with those letters.

Lastly, our numbers of the month were one and two. We learned that we are one year old right now and next we will be two and how many dolls we can hold at one time. We are so excited for October and cannot wait to see what all of your costumes look like. Thank you Bugs for a great first month!

God Bless,
Ms. Amanda, Ms. Denise and Miss Brittany



Cuddly Bears: (MWF)

Ms. Katy & Ms. Maura

What a wonderful first month our Bears had...we had some tears the first week, but we got to know new friends and teachers and now we look forward to each day. We are learning our schedule and if you hear some new songs being sung in the back seat of your car, it's probably one we are learning in Chapel!

This month we are learning the color blue and the circle. We have fun with blue play-doh, some for the first time, and made a blue hand-print! Learning about circles is fun since we get cheerios and fruit loops, and see that we can sit in a circle and sing.

This is just the beginning of an awesome school year and we have so much to look forward to and learn! We feel so blessed to have each and every one of your children in our class!

God Bless, Ms. Katy & Ms. Maura



Friendly Frogs: (MWF-T/TH)

Ms. Tiffany, Ms. Diana & Ms. Stefanie

We would like to start by thanking the Moms, Dads and Grandparents for all your help and kind words. THANK YOU! We feel so blessed to have your Children in our class. They have been enjoying their days at WLC preschool.

We have taught the numbers 1 & 2, the shape Circle; the color Blue; the letters M, B, D, F; and the nursery rhyme Mary had a Little Lamb. The 2 yr. old classes have read and decorated their lamb. We are looking forward to a great year with these GREAT kids!

God Bless,

Ms. Tiffany, Ms. Diana and Ms. Stefanie



Flippity Fish: (MWF-T/TH)

Ms. Diane, Ms. Denise & Ms. Nikki

This month, we have been getting to know our new friends. We have also begun a lot of learning! Our color for this month is blue and our shape is the circle. We have been learning the numbers 1 and 2 and the letters M, B, D, and F. In addition, our nursery rhyme is "Mary had a Little Lamb."

On M/W/F, we made "Our Favorite Food" placemats, did apple stampings, and had sensory fun with blue "Play-Do," bubbles, and ice.

On T/Th, we counted "Fruit Loops," had fun with numbers, went on a letter hunt, and in sensory, we played with blue shaving cream. Both classes made lambs to go along with the nursery rhyme.

We have several birthdays this month. Emma- September 19th, Andrew- September 20th, Cohen- September 25th, and Jet- September 30th.

Please continue to look over their folders and label cups, lunchboxes, and nap mats. We are looking forward to

October and another great month of learning!

God Bless,
Ms. Diane, Ms. Denise, & Ms. Nikki



Precious Piglets: (MWF)

Ms. Barbara & Ms. Cissy

We are so excited to be back in school. We spent the first few weeks learning about the school, the schedule, the rules and each other. It was fun learning about each child as they went over their little white bags with the class and told about their family and their favorite things. That really helped us to get to know our little piglets. We have a wonderful class and we are looking forward to a great year.

September was an exciting month, as we enjoyed doing science projects, liking making volcanoes, changing colors of ice, which they enjoyed eating and making rock candy.

In addition to our monthly theme that was "Science" we also worked on our letters, numbers, colors, and shapes as

well as our nursery rhyme. The kids really enjoyed our in-house field trip with the "Science Guy".

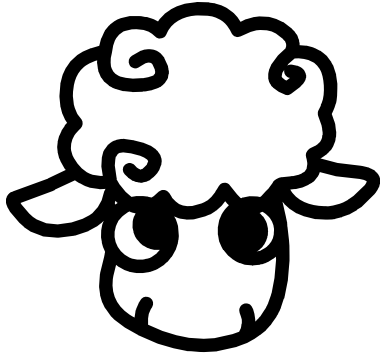
We are ready to continue with a new theme of "Fairy Tales". Our letters for the month are A, W, P and H, numbers 3 and 4, the colors are orange and black and "Peter Peter Pumpkin Eater" is our nursery rhyme. We will also be having our first party for Halloween on October 31th. We will also be having a Costume Parade.

We know with the beginning of the school year you may have questions and concerns. However, it is sometimes difficult to discuss these concerns during arrival and dismissal, and it is impossible in the car line. Please feel free to call us at home or leave a message in the school office: Ms. Barbara (281) 324-1086, or Ms. Cissy (281) 852-5116. We hope you are enjoying seeing the pictures that are posted periodically on the WLC Facebook page.

We love each and every one of your precious children and thank you for sharing them with us.

In His Love:

Ms. Barbara and Ms. Cissy



Learning Lambs: (MWF)

Ms. Marie & Ms. Yolanda

Thanks to all parents, the new school year started off to a great beginning! The Lambs are doing a great job at learning our schedule.

This month we have been busy learning the numbers 1 & 2; Letters M, D, B, F; color blue; circle shape, and the nursery rhyme (Mary had a little Lamb). Mud Pie came and we worked on our Auction Projects. The Kids can't wait for the parents to see our cross and Bowl we made.

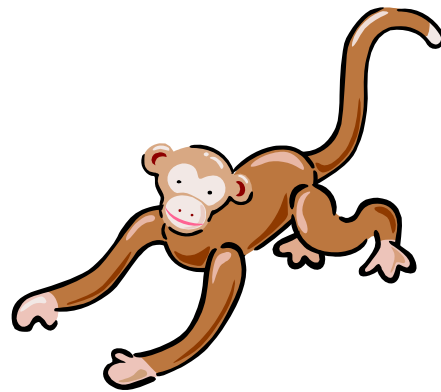
Auction donation day was September 30 and special thank yous to the parents for your donations! Remember Parents, the Auction is just around the corner so mark your calendar for Saturday November 5 at 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m. It is going to be a lot of fun!

The Lambs have been learning about science. The kids have been mixing two colors in things to see what color they make. They made Rock Candy, donuts, Goo, Flubber, popsicles, made a

volcano Blast, did an experiment with sunscreen and hot dog and watched if things float or sank. The Kids really had a fun time with all this things and a real blast with the science guy.

Fall Pictures were September 23 and the kids looked so beautiful and handsome in their outfits and big smiles.

Thank you,
Ms. Marie and Ms. Yolanda



Musical Monkeys: (MWF-T/TH)

Ms. Beth, Ms. Karol & Ms. Anna Marie

Welcome to our Monkey class! We are so excited to have you and yours. This month has flown by and the kids are getting acclimated. We have spent a lot of time getting to know each child independently; therefore, we can know their likes and dislikes. For several of our students this is their first time to experience pre-school and we must admit the transition has been great. For others, they are very use to WLC and the schedules we follow.

At this time, we have a few requests that will allow our class room to flow smoother. It is very important that each Monkey bring their red folder every day to class. Any communications you have please place in the daily folder including tuition and such. Please upgrade your child's backpack to a large size this enables us to put everything in every day. As for pick up, please be at our class room door by 2:20 to sign them out; otherwise, we leave for car line at 2:25. It is important for us to not have parents signing their child in and out during car line this interferes with the safety of your child.

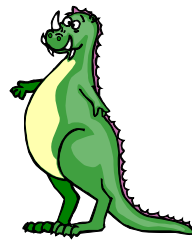
October will be here soon enough so to highlight we will focus on the letters A, W, P and H. The color of the month is Orange and Black and the shape in a Triangle. We will focus on the numbers 3 & 4 and our nursery rhyme is: Peter Peter Pumpkin Easter. We do have a tentative in house fieldtrip scheduled and the details will be sent home.

Please don't hesitate to ask any questions regarding our classroom or your child. Please pay close attention to calendar dates and plans; therefore, you can discuss with your child what they have done during their time spent at WLC. Ms. Beth will continue to communicate as needed and remember

our Face book page is available for your enjoyment.

Again, thank you for allowing us to share your child. It is truly a blessing to watch them learn about God and enjoy their time spent with us.

Sincerely,
Ms. Beth, Ms. Karol and Ms. AnnaMarie



Dinos: (MWF-T/TH)

Ms. Vicki & Ms. Kelly

We are off to a great start! We have had almost no tears...Hallelujah!! We are still getting to know each other and we are looking forward to seeing our little Dinos grow!

The kids loved playing in shaving cream and doing science with ice and water and food coloring...we also tried making rock candy but we had no success :(We are starting name recognition and managing our own needs. Our Dinos are gonna conquer the world!

In October, we will be exploring Fairy Tales and getting ready for Halloween and our party! Please let us know if you are able to help (if you haven't already)!

Thank you for sharing your little one with us this year. We are truly blessed!

Love in Christ,
Ms. Vicki & Ms. Kelly



Beavers: (MWF)
Ms. Angela & Ms. Pam

A warm hello to all of our Beaver families! We are blessed to be starting the school year off with such a wonderful group of preschoolers! They have been so quick to familiarize themselves with our classroom, and the overall daily schedule!

They have already started to practice writing their names at sign-in time as well as recognize their names in various places around our room and the hallway. They constantly locate their name on their chairs, the backpack area, folder cubbies, job helper assignment board, etc. We seem to have a very confident class of youngsters who are bravely getting to know their friends names as they interact socially with one another.

They are learning to be responsible for their actions and choices and are physically trying to master their fine motor skills. So, although we are starting out on a productive, positive note, we still have a lot to do to prepare these sweet Beavers for Kindergarten!

Although September seemed to fly by us, we did accomplish a lot! Each week we explored one of our five senses. For example, we "scented" our paint and homemade playdough, we "touched" our ice-cubes and blue silly putty, we "listened" to our instruments and mystery cans, we "saw" through our binoculars and nature walk, and we actually "tasted" our homemade donuts! The class also learned about capital and lower case letters- M, B, D, and F. We did many hands-on projects emphasizing the color blue and the numbers 1 & 2. The Beavers pointed out circle shapes all around them each day and sang the nursery rhyme for the month, "Mary Had A Little Lamb."

We were also happy to share a fun-filled birthday week with three Beavers in a row! We celebrated the 5th Birthdays of Blake, Annaliese, and Janessa, respectively! And, next we look forward to sharing Tate's special day on October 21st!

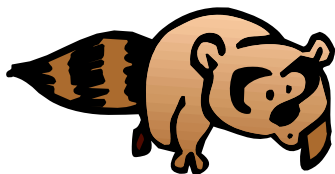
As we proceed, full speed ahead, the month of October is already set for

numerous fun-filled activities. We will be learning about how to write and recognize letters A, W, P, and H as well as the sounds each makes. We will be emphasizing the numbers 3 & 4, the shape of a triangle, the colors orange and black and the nursery rhyme- "Peter, Peter Pumpkin Eater." We are going to learn about community and transportation and even have our own car races in the gym!

There are, of course, lots of Halloween projects on deck to do! We will give out information about the Halloween Parade and Party when it gets closer. As a final thought, we would like to reiterate that you check your child's folder daily and watch for the informative weekly e-mails. We are on a mission to work as a parent/teacher team to ultimately create a socially, academically, and physically well-rounded student!

With Much Love,

The Beaver Teachers,
Ms. Angela & Ms. Pam



Rowdy Raccoons: (MWF)

Ms. Kathy & Ms. Kendra & Ms. Kristy

Our new school year is off to a wonderful start. Everyone as settled

nicely in their new classroom. Lots of new friends have been made.

We have had lots of fun learning about our 5 senses this month. The kids had a blast making all of our yummy food for tasting but the donuts were definitely the biggest hit. Our "smell" day was so much fun. We had scents ranging from lemon to rootbeer. ALL of the kids guessed the rootbeer scent. Our koolaid scented playdoh is still in the classroom and the kids love playing with it. It's so much fun making shapes and cutting things out and it also a great fine motor exercise. Rolling that playdoh around really helps strengthen all those hand and wrist muscles needed to form a proper pencil grip.

We had the best time at our "fear factor" field trip. This was such a big hit last year that we wanted to repeat it this year. Ask your children which part they like the best. We can bet it was the "touch" center!!

Every Friday the kids are working on a journal. We are having them practice the weekly alphabet letter and also having them practice their names. It will be really interesting to see the progress they have made month to month.

October is fast approaching and will be another busy month. Calendars will be

coming home soon so please check folders every day. We are so looking forward to seeing all of our kiddos all dressed up at our annual Halloween parade and party!!

We have enjoyed a great first month with your children. They are all so precious to us and we always look forward to them coming in everyday with a smile and a hug for us. If you ever have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Love,

Ms. Kendra and Ms. Kathy



Happy Hoppers: (MWF)

Ms. Molly & Ms. Michelle

It has been a great first month in the Happy Hopper class! We have gotten to know all of our new friends and routines. We had a lot of fun learning about the five senses. We painted with scented paint, we made scented play-doh, and we made our own yummy and cold ice cream! We finished out the month with a fun in house adventure "Fear Factor" where we put our senses through the test!

For the month of October, we will be learning about "Community Helpers". We will be having a very fun and exciting in house field trip Car Race. Each class will make their own car to be raced in the WLC Grand Prix! Please make plans to attend and root your Hopper Team on to the finish line! It is a fun, loud and energetic race to say the least!!

Also in October, we will be having our Fall Scholastic Book Fair. This is an awesome way to get those fun books for your kids that they see at school with Ms Jodi. You can also donate books to your child's classroom. Make plans to stop by before or after school. Also, if you want to send money with your child, we can take them to pick out books too.

Finally and mega most important event this month....HALLOWEEN PARADE and PARTY! We will have our parade and party on Monday October 31. We walk in the parade first thing in the morning through the school and front parking lot. The church staff as well as some parents line up and hand out goodies to the kids as they walk by. It is a fun way to flaunt our costumes as well as see what our friends are wearing. Chapel is held around 11:15 so the parents can come in and decorate and organize the room for the party. We will leave chapel, wash up then go to the room for lunch, crafts and/or

games. The parents are in charge of the food, treats, games and/ or crafts. We have a class budget of \$5.00 per child. Please let us know if you would like to help facilitate the party. We NEED HELP!!

As always we'd love to hear from you! Feel free to email, call or stop by!

Miss Michelle and Miss Molly



Busy Bees: (MWF)

Ms. Molly & Ms. Mandy

Hi Bee Families!

The year has started out great! We have really enjoyed getting to know all our little Bees!

This month we have been getting to know each other and our school. We have also been learning about the 5 senses. A few things our class has enjoyed doing is making scented playdough, painting with kool-aid and making a class book. The letters we have learned so far are M,B, & D. The class is really enjoying the letter of the week show and tell. Thank you all for helping your kids find such great items to bring to class! Make sure and ask your little BEE about our question of the day! They love to do this and

are learning about graphing at the same time.

Next week will be our Fear Factor In-house Field Trip. We did this for the first time last year and the kids loved it! I can't wait to see how the kids do this year!

We are so excited about this upcoming year. We have so many new and fun things to learn together! Thank you for allowing us to teach your children. We can't wait to see how much they will grow!

Ms. Molly & Ms. Mandy



Shining Stars: (MWF & T-TH)

Ms. Christina & Ms. Tracy

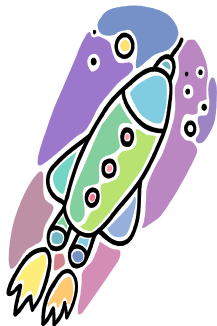
Welcome to the Stars Class! It was very nice meeting everyone and we are looking forward to get to you both you and your children better.

This month's curriculum will include the nursery rhyme: "Mary Had a Little Lamb", the color blue, our shape is a circle, letters M, B, D & F, numbers 1 & 2 and "Five Senses".

This year we will be focusing on developing children's fine motor skills.

This means much more finger play activities and a few less paper activities. Please do not be discouraged if you do not receive paper artwork daily. We will do our best to explain what each day will entail on the calendar, but please feel free to ask us about anything that you are unsure of. We invite you to visit <http://www.writeoutofthebox.com> to learn more about the importance of fine motor skill development at the preschool ages. We are truly looking forward to the year ahead.

Blessings,
Ms. Christina and Ms. Tracy



High Flyers: (MWF & T-TH)

Ms. Karri, Ms. Cindy, Ms. Jennifer &
Ms Amanda

Welcome to the High Flyers Class! We are so excited to have your children with us. We know you had a choice to send your child to Kindergarten, and we are blessed that you chose to send them to us to grow, mature and to learn for another year. We are very proud of our High Flyer Program, so let the fun begin.

We are enjoying having two classrooms again this year with more room to move about and explore. We are using the first room as our learning room where we work on our journals, tracings, and fine motor skills. We started our Journals this month. Our main focus with the Journals is to teach them how to use an independent work station. They have to complete a Journal page, write their name on it, hole punch it, and then show it to a Teacher. After completing these steps they can then put a sticker on their page and place the page into their 3 ring binder. We have started off with very easy journal pages, placing the emphasis on the process of the Journal Station. A teacher has been at this station this month to help the kids through the process, but starting in October, this should be an independent station for all the kids. A lot of them already have the hang of it, and are eager to complete this station each day.

The second room we are using as our meeting room in the mornings as well as for circle time after Chapel and for our bigger crafts or games.

We learned all about our bodies in September and how they work. We talked about our bones and muscles, our organs, and the importance of eating healthy. We also discussed the importance of exercise, and ended our month with a work out in the Gym or in the 2nd room. Worked on a few crafts

this month, but we also spent a lot of time with your child in one on one activities with the teachers so we could get a guideline for where everyone is.

In October we will be learning about Africa and all the people and animals that live there. We will be having an in house field trip and having a Moroccan Feast with a guest speaker to come in and talk to us about her travels in Africa.

We are so blessed to have all or your children in our class this year. We look forward to having a lot of fun and learning along the way. Please feel free to contact any of us if you have any questions.

In His Love,
High Flyer Teachers



Bears: (T/TH)

Ms. Mandy & Ms. Jennifer

Our Cuddly Bears had a great start to the school year. We had a few friends that had a little trouble separating

from parents at first, but they are doing much better now. We are ready to move on to many new adventures and fun activities.

We spent September getting to know our new friends, learning to walk to chapel, walking to the gym for Movin" and Groovin", going to the library with Ms. Jodi, saying prayers before snack and lunch, washing hands many times a day and so much more. We were excited to celebrate Noelle and Mason's 2nd Birthdays.....Happy Birthday sweeties!

Our theme for September was "Getting to Know You" and it was so much fun learning all kinds of fun facts and information about all our new friends. The letters for September were M, B, D, & F. The color we studied was Blue, the shape was Circle, our Numbers were 1 & 2, and our Nursery Rhyme was "Mary Had a Little Lamb".

We have already started working on our Auction project. They are very special. We hope you will make plans early to be at the Auction Nov. 5th. We will have lots of fun. If you have never been before there will be many surprises for you.

October is going to be lots of fun too! We will be doing all kinds of fun, Fall

activities. The lesson theme for October will be "Inside/Outside."

Thank you again for allowing us to teach your beautiful.....we are having a great start to the 2011-2012 school year here at WLC!

Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Mandy ☺



Pigs: (T-TH)

Ms. Becky & Ms. Melissa

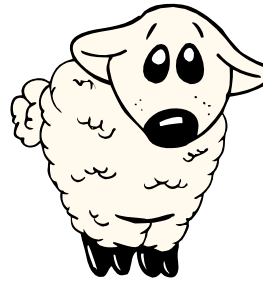
Our year has started off great in the Pigs classroom! We have enjoyed getting to know the personalities each of your precious angels and look forward to a great year ahead.

Our focus this month was on the letters M, B, D & F, the color blue, circles, the numbers 1 & 2 as well as the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb." A few of the fun activities we did this month included making shaving cream turn blue, creating Mary's lamb with cotton balls, counting and sorting fruit loops as well as going on a letter hunt.

Gracie celebrated her 3rd birthday with us this month by bringing us Donut holes as snack! Thanks Gracie and Happy Birthday!

Make sure you have marked your calendars for our Family Fun Day and Auction at WLC on Saturday Nov. 5th. Thanks to everyone who has already sent in donations for auction items! We really appreciate it! Please continue to bring in items to help our class.

Peace, Love and WLC
Ms Becky and Ms Melissa



(Lambs: T-TH)

Ms. Marie & Ms. Andrea

Thanks to all the parents, School started off to a great beginning. The Lambs are doing a great job at learning our schedule.

This month we have been busy learning the numbers 1 & 2, Letters M, D, B, F, color blue, circle shape and the nursery rhyme (Mary had a little Lamb).

Mud Pie came and we worked on our Auction Projects. The Kids can't wait

for the parents to see our cross and Bowl we made. Auction donation day was September 29; thank you to the parents for your donations. Remember Parents, the Auction is just around the corner so mark your calendar for Saturday November 5 at 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m, it is going to be a lot of fun!

The Lambs have been having fun playing with shaving cream, making a blue hand print for their color book, gluing numbers, dot art, and going on a letter hunt. They had a lot of fun and learning so much.

Fall Picture was September 22 and the kids looked so beautiful and handsome in their outfits and big smiles. We Celebrated Two Birthday this month, Lila turned 3 on Sept. 10 and Noah turned 3 on Sept. 25

Thank you,
Ms. Andrea and Ms. Marie



Hoppers: (T/TH)
Ms. Kathy & Ms. Cheryl

Dear Hopper Family,

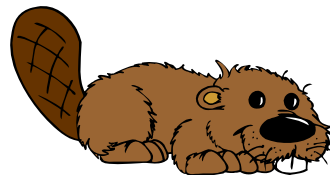
We want to thank you for sharing your children with us. They are already learning new songs, letters, days of the week, shapes and recognizing their names. Each year we have been blessed to help mold their little lives. We play many sight games and they are not even aware they are learning. They have already learned their friend's names, so they keep us on our toes. Each and every one of them is a blessing to us.

The first month has already flown by and October will be full of fun and learning. Our letters will be A, W, P and H. Our color will be orange and black, shape-a triangle and numbers 3 & 4.

We will be doing a car race, which our children have always loved to do. Each class makes their own out of a box and they put it on and race other classes in the gym. You are more than welcome to come and cheer them on.

God Bless You,

Ms. Kathy & Ms. Cheryl



Beavers: (T/TH)
Ms. Lori & Ms. Laura

Beaver Families!

We are off to a wonderful start in the 3's Beaver class! Everyone has done a great job at learning their new friend's names and getting down our daily routine. During carpet time we are learning about the calendar, our letters Bb, Mm, Dd and Ff and the numbers 1 & 2. Our shape was a circle and we have even practiced the color blue in Spanish. We have also learned a lot of new songs that the kids are loving! Our theme for the month of September was Mad Science, so we did a lot of learning through experiments. We did not have a lot of art work to send home, but we will soon be making lots of fun crafts!

Two of our Beaver friends turned 4 during September. Happy Birthday to Michael and Caleb! We had a special celebration birthday for Ms. Lori too!

Some important upcoming dates to remember are...

October 4-T-Shirt Day

October 13-Color Day (Orange & Black)

October 24-28-Scholastic Book Fair!

October 27-Halloween Parade & Party

We are looking forward to the month of October and all the fun Halloween and Fall things we will be making and learning! Thank you so much for sharing your little one with us!
God Bless!

Ms. Lori & Ms. Laura



Raccoons: (T/TH)

Ms. Kristy & Ms. Kacie

This year has gotten off to a fantastic start in the Raccoons class! We have spent that last few weeks getting to know our new friends and learning our daily schedule.

September was all about Science so the kids have made blue goo, flubber, and giggled as they used droppers to color crushed ice and watch the colors mix. We ended the month with an awesome visit from the Science Guy for our in house field trip!

Looking ahead, we are now beginning to collect donations for our November Auction. Our class theme is 'art stuff' and items can be sent to school with your children. While there will be specific Auction Donation Days, items can be sent in at any time.

October will be a fun filled month as we will be learning the letters A, W, P, H and the numbers 3 & 4. Our colors of the month will be orange and black and our shape is the triangle. We are looking forward to our Halloween party

which will be held on Thursday, Oct. 27th.

A few classroom reminders: Please check your child's folder daily. Make sure there is a change of clothing in their backpacks as accidents will happen. We like to get messy in preschool! ☺ If you are picking your child up in the classroom, please do so prior to 2:20 so as not to interfere with car line.

Also, don't forget to check out our classroom picture album located on Atascocita United Methodist Weekday Learning Center Facebook page!! Blessings,
Ms. Kristy and Ms. Kacie



Bees: (T/TH)

Ms. Jenn & Ms. Allison

What a busy first couple of weeks of school! We are having so much fun with our Busy Bees! They have been busy meeting new friends and learning the routine of the day.

Our theme in September was The Five Senses. We have had fun learning about our 5 senses. The kids had a

blast making Peppermint Play-doh, binoculars and taking our nature walk, and 'freeze dancing'. We will end the month with our in-house field trip, 'Fear Factor'!

In October, our theme will be Community and Transportation. We have a lot of fun activities planned for the kids. The letters of the month are A, W, P, H, the numbers are 3 and 4, the shape is triangle, and the nursery rhyme is "Peter Peter Pumpkin Eater".

Our Halloween Party will be on Thursday, October 27 at noon. We look forward to seeing all of our Bees in their costumes!

Blessings,
Ms. Jenn and Ms. Allison



Specials:

Ms. Michele & Ms. Sandi

The school year is off to a great start! We are finally getting to know all of them by name.

We began the school year in Spanish with trying to get to know all of the

kid's names. We learned how to say "my name is". We also learned the Spanish word for one, two, blue, and circle. We worked on the Spanish words for some shapes too. The children have really enjoyed learning our welcome song, Buenos Dias. We have begun working on the basics of Spanish for this age- colors, numbers, and shapes.

In Movin' and Groovin' we learned the kid's names by playing a parachute game. They had a great time running around the parachute. We played many fun songs in the gym that the kids like to dance and do what the song tells them to do. They learned how to walk on a balance beam and we played musical circles and basketball. The favorite activity of most of the kids is running.

We are looking forward to a fun October. We will be playing fall/Halloween games. We can't wait to see everyone dressed up in their costumes.

God Bless,
Ms. Sandi and Ms. Michele



Journey with Jodi:

Ms. Jodi, Ms. Shana & Ms. Debi

We are so excited to welcome all the new and returning children as we begin our journeys and are looking forward to a year filled with fun and exciting adventures!

Journey with Jodi is a beginning literacy program that focuses on the fundamentals of early reading. We will work on the development of the appropriate skills for every age level of the Weekday Learning Center. Throughout the year we will be working on reading comprehension, sequencing, letter recognition, counting, colors, problem solving, developmental writing skills, imagination play and confidence building.

This year we are also very excited to begin a digital storytelling program for the older children. Look for pictures and updates throughout the year on Facebook as our stories and adventures will be posted weekly.

With the introduction to story time we begin teaching and going over a few sing-along songs. This month we started off with 🎵 Reach for the sky, 🎵 Clap, Clap, Clap your hands, 🎵 and finished with *Grandma's Glasses*. 🎵 The older classes also learned the 🎵 Body Parts song. 🎵

The Bug's classes have been working on our sing-along songs. We also read the very big book *The Cows' in the Corn*. This book introduces first words and animal sounds. The first month we have spent getting the children used to the idea of transitioning and being with us in the story time room.

The 2's classes have been reading about *The Itsy Bitsy Spider*. This story was read from a very BIG book with great pictures. The children got to sing the song and had a wonderful visual to go along with it. We also used simple hand movements to go along with the song and the book. They also read about Mary and her little lamb. In this book the children got to see real-life photos of Mary with her lamb. They saw photos of her taking it to school, photos of the children laughing and playing, photos of the teacher telling the lamb to wait outside the school, and photos of Mary taking care of her lamb after school. We also learned hand movements with this book and song and used cotton balls for lambs. Lastly, we read *Who took the*

Farmers Hat? In this book the farmer's hat is missing and the children learn about all the different animals found on a farm as we try to find the farmer's hat. Then if time permits we will end with a *stand up* song 🎵 Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear. 🎵 This song teaches sequencing, works on balance and ends with the teddy bear saying his prayers then saying "goodnight".

The 3's started the month off reading *The Eensy Weensy Spider*. This is a take on the original story of the *itsy bitsy spider* with the spider taking us on a new journey as she spends her day taking a walk instead of going up the spout again. We also read *Mary had a Little Lamb*. This is a take on the original story but in this story the lamb did NOT follow Mary to school. The children learn the different types of animals found on a farm and the sounds they each make. They also learn actions and reactions as the lamb walks through the farm making some not so good choices. In the end the lamb found his way back to Mary and no matter how much trouble he got into Mary still loved him and took care of him. We also used cotton balls as lambs to act out the story. We finished up the month with *Shoo Fly*. This is based on the song 🎵 Shoo Fly-Don't Bother Me 🎵 The story is about a mouse that is being pestered by a fly. After reading this story we used a

story table and props to bring the story to life. Ask your kiddos about the silly string, spray bottles, and pesky fly.

The 4's and 5's read a series of *Fly Guy* stories. The first story we read was *Hi, Fly Guy*. This story introduces us to Buzz and Fly Guy and tells us how they became BFF's and also how Fly Guy won a ribbon in the pet show. We helped bring this story to life by having our own fly guy, fly guy jar, and *smartest pet* ribbon. The next *Fly Guy* story was *Super Fly Guy*. This story was read first then acted out by everyone. One of the characters was the mean lunch lady Mizz Muzzle another was Roz (she is the nice lunch lady) the children were the children at Buzz's school. While having a great time acting this out the kiddos are working on their reading comprehension by having to remember what happens in the story. We finished the month off with *An Old Lady Swallowed Fly Guy*. In this story the *old lady* swallows a series of different things after swallowing Fly Guy. We also read this story then acted it out. Each child got to be something that the *old lady* swallowed. We used a large sack for her stomach and each child put his/her object in the sack. This is a great book for teaching sequencing because the children have to remember the order things are *swallowed* then reverse the

order and remember how it ends (not everything was swallowed by the *old lady*).

Throughout the whole year we will end every class with each one of the children putting 2 thumbs up and saying "**good job**"- hugging him/herself and saying "**I love myself, I love Jesus, and I am smart!**"

We thank you for sharing your children with us and are so blessed to have them be a part of our wonderful journeys!!

Love, Ms. Jodi and Ms. Shana