

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY SESSION SEPTEMBER

Our unit in September is entitled **LIMBS, LEAVES AND TREMENDOUS TREES**. We will discuss how God makes trees grow; why God gives us trees; different kinds of trees; fruit that grows on trees; how fruits grow; what we make with fruit; and what happens to trees in the fall. Numerous skills are used in completing our projects, although I often identify our projects by the main learning objective.

MATH

Math preschool skills include *sorting and classification*. On Monday, **September 13**, we will be sorting pictures of fruit according to color. We will need lots and lots of pictures of red, orange and yellow fruit. If you and your child (and/or family) would like a project, consider cutting out pictures of fruit (red, yellow or orange) to send to school that day. See if your child knows the names of the fruit you are cutting. Magazines and grocery ads can both be a good source of “fruit pictures,” particularly at this time of year. We appreciate your help !

Math skills are also needed this month to *count* the seeds found inside fruit and *compare the sizes* of the seeds.

SCIENCE

We love to do science activities in Preschool. During our TREE UNIT we can talk about the *physical and chemical changes* in fruit. We will also use *our senses* as we make APPLESAUCE on **September 26th**. (If you have food mills or hand apple corers at home, we would like to borrow them that day. Please put your name on anything you send. You will also need to send a plastic container with a tight lid to school with your child so he or she will be able to bring home some of the applesauce they make.)

READING

Pre-reading skills this month include learning *names of fruit and using words* to describe them. We will learn songs, finger plays, and listen to stories. We will discover the *advantage of words* when we follow a recipe. We will practice *letter recognition* as we identify our names and talk about the letters “A” (apple), “B” (banana) , and “S” (September).

WRITING

Pre-writing skills can be practiced without even realizing it when we *pour milk, color, draw lines, paint, cut and glue*. It takes lots of practice to become really good writers, so have patience with us.

SOCIAL SKILLS

Preschoolers have a big task to accomplish in September as they get acquainted with their new teachers, their classmates, taking turns, responsibility and “school behavior.” We will be working on this for awhile.

BIBLE

Everything at Muskegon Christian Preschool is approached through God's gracious love and mercy. Our unit on TREES provides us the opportunity *to worship in awe as we learn God's plan for producing fruit and how that plan demonstrates His love and care for us.*

Our Bible verses are: **“Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” II Peter 3:18** and **“God said, “Let the land...produce plants and trees that bear fruit with seed in it according to their various kinds.” Genesis 1:11**

In **October** we are talking about **Community Helpers**. If any parents are policemen, firemen, doctors, nurse, dentists, mailmen, etc., and would like to share in our classroom, please talk (or write) to me about it.

The **parent helper list** for the next few weeks is included. If you cannot come the day you are scheduled, please trade with another parent. We depend upon parent involvement during the class session to give each child the individual help they may need. As soon as we have a class list which includes parents' names and phone numbers, I will send it home with your child. Any important note (such as monthly activities) will be pinned to your child's back pack so it doesn't get lost.

PARENT HELPERS :

P.M. HELPERS

Wed. Sept 7: Stephanie Johnson

Miss Amanda

Fri. Sept 9: Karla Rought

Mary Patton

Mon. Sept 12: Stephanie Johnson

Cory

Wed. Sept 14: Tim Gibson

Miss Amanda

Fri. Sept 16: Shasta Jaehnig

Kim Kelsey

Mon. Sept 19: Betty Jackson

Robin Harper

Wed. Sept 21: Melissa/Sean Rekeny

Miss Amanda

Fri. Sept 23: Melissa Medendorp

Mon. Sept 26: Stephanie Johnson

Cory

Wed. Sept 28: Karen Myers

Miss Amanda

Fri. Sept 30: Karla Rought

Carmella Ealon

Mon. Oct 3: Stephanie Johnson

Robin Harper

Wed. Oct. 5: Tim Gibson

Miss Amanda

LIMBS, LEAVES AND TREMENDOUS TREES

DATE	INFORMATION	ACTIVITY	AM - SNACK-PM	
Sept. 7	We get acquainted with school.	Gingerbread Man: Paint	Mrs. Ritsema	
Sept. 9	God makes many fruits.	Paint fruit: Discrimination	Hunter	Luke
Sept. 12	Fruits are many colors.	Sort fruit; Paint	Lia	Owen
Sept 14	Fruits have seeds inside.	Paper Plate apple: Color	Aiyana	Kennedi
Sept. 16	Fruit grows on trees.	Watermelon; Paint	Jack	Colin
Sept. 19	Apples are fruit.	Lacing Apples	Lillian	Dakota
Sept. 21	Apples grow on trees.	Sequence: Apple Prints	Morgan	Carson
Sept. 23	God put seeds in apples.	Cut/glue apples: 10 apples	Melia	Kiegan
Sept. 26	We make applesauce.	Applesauce;	Mrs. Ritsema	
Sept 28	We make things with fruit.	Tissue Trees; Paint	Maddie	Avia
Sept 30	Trees give us nuts and leaves.	Match leaves/walk	Levi	Jourdan