

God is so good! The rain waited until we were back from our field trip which gave us a great fall day at the pumpkin patch. We rode on a wagon around a field (a REAL field trip) then to the pumpkin patch where each child chose their own pumpkin. We rode back to a big greenhouse and painted them inside where it was nice and warm. There was a story, games, a "spooked" barn, and a tattoo and gourds for each child to take home before heading back on the school bus. It was great that so many parents/grandparents were able to come with us. Thanks!

We have had "Pumpkins Everywhere" this week as we've read several books about pumpkins and how they grow. Mrs. Ingstad will read a story about Spookly, the Square Pumpkin during our quiet time on Friday and we will bake pumpkin cookies for snacks (made with canned pumpkin). We've shared pumpkin rhymes, including "Jack O'Happy" which also is a word matching game.

Friday is also a special day when Father Crossen and Father Sia will visit with us in our classroom along with the first graders. We continue to learn a new Bible verse each week and a related Christian song. Our verse this week is Mark 12:30: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." In addition to our religion books, we have also begun to read "The Early Reader's Bible."

Each week you may have noticed in the reading papers that there is a sight word for them to learn to begin their reading journeys. The words so far have been the, a, my, that, and and. Help them find these words in stories and print at home to help them learn the words.

The scrapbook for the auction is amazing! I hope you all will see it when it's done. It is a treasure with all your children's pictures in it. There is no way we can adequately express our thanks for what a terrific job Mrs. Chatfield is doing!

Please remember our October Family Project is to decorate the pumpkin sheet together. Please return it Monday. You or your child can also write something about the pumpkin if you'd like.

Have a great weekend!

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