

OCTOBER ISSUE



Dear Families:

It was so nice to see so many of you at our Curriculum Night, and our Halloween Spooktacular. I look forward to more opportunities to welcome everyone into our beautiful school. Our next in-school event is our Open House on Nov 15th. Feel free to drop by. Make sure to tell your friends and neighbors about us. Later this month we will be celebrating Thanksgiving with our SPA Thanksgiving Gathering on November 22. Keep an eye out for more details.

I hope you had a fun Halloween, and that you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and are able to stay healthy and safe during the weeks and months ahead.

Thank you for partnering with us as we work together to build a successful St. Peter Academy. As the weather begins to change, it is important that students come to school prepared for outdoor recess. We will continue to do our best to get the students outside for some fresh air, exercise and play. Please help us by ensuring that children have the proper outdoor gear.

As always, if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out. You can reach me at Adilba@stpeteracademy.com

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Chief Educational Officer



Here at SPA, we are so lucky to have such incredible families and community members that contribute to the success of our classrooms. Amazon Wishlists can be found by clicking the below links. Thank you for your help in keeping our classrooms fun and engaging!



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Art/STEM & Music Dr. Joseph

October was a whirlwind in Art, Music, and STEM. From making tall monsters out of play-dough to making leaf prints to passing pumpkins to the beat, the students at St. Peter Academy have shown wonderful creativity. Our toddlers and pre-kindergartners have been singing about all sorts of fall like apples, pumpkins and pies. They have also been learning how to make different shapes using play-dough! Our kindergartners have learned how to use four different voices to make music. They have also been collaborating in small groups to work on painting and Lego structures. Last but not least, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade really found their singing voices this month and have even been reading music even when they haven't heard it before. Meanwhile in art and stem they have come up with new ways to use lines and to see shapes to create more realistic drawings and drawn up blueprints for catapults and windmills.



AFTERSCHOOL Ms. Jackie & Ms. Brittney

The month of October went by fast! The kids helped us decorate the community room for our curriculum night and to get ready for the spooky month of October. During the month we decorated pumpkins, made mummy's and lots of other crafts for Halloween. During Extended day on Halloween we had a party with some treats and music while the kids got to celebrate in their awesome costumes!!!

TODDLER GREEN

Toddler Turtles - Ms. Suzana & Mrs. Christina

Toddler Pandas - Mrs. Rosa & Ms. Elvira



Toddler Green had an amazing month! We welcomed new toddler friends. They have been learning a lot adapting to their new schedule. They love to go outside on the playground or walking to see nature. We love walking outside for walks to see the pumpkins and all of the Halloween decorations! We had so much fun on our Halloween walk and at our classroom party! We are excited to enter a new month with a lot of learning and fun!

TODDLER BLUE

Ms. Rhi, Ms. G, & Ms. Brie

October in toddler Blue has been a blast! We started our Owl Unit | Family and Friends! The children love getting to know what makes a family. We talked about all different kinds of families and how everyone can look different. One of our favorite unit books is Allie All along, they really enjoyed learning about all of Allie's Emotions. Circle time is such a big hit in toddler blue the children have learned all the sounds for A ,B and C. You can always hear the children singing all of our songs at circle time! Music has been a highlight for us on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the children can not get enough of Doctor Joe! We also had such a good time at our Halloween parade and party! We are so excited to see what the month of November brings for us in Toddler Blue!





TRANSITION

Ms. Francine & Ms. Gina

Fun Filled September and Awesome October have come to a close. Transition Class 2023/2024 Students and Teachers are adapting well to Our "CoolKids" New Schedule and Routines and are having a blast with Our Friends and Family Unit#. We are just wrapping up with "The Little Red Hen Makes A Pizza" and will be sending home Our crafts and activities. The Coolkids will be mixing and measuring this week to make their own pizza. Toddler Transition Children and Staff Welcome November and are looking forward to Our Outside Scavenger Hunts, Nature Walks, Painting with leaves, watercolors art, and fall crafts, and Our New Book Series in Unit 2. Wednesday Library Trips are back and the children love riding the bus. Transitions had an Amazing Curriculum Night and had so much fun showing their art work and classrooms to their Parents, It was a Huge Success and I would like to personally Shout Out A big Thank You To All Who Attended! We had a nice visit to The D'Street Fire House and the children enjoyed climbing aboard the truck, playing dress up alongside beeping the horn and turning the siren on! Everyone enjoyed The Halloween Parade and in school celebrations. Coolkids are moving along with their ABC.s, numbers 1-10, colors, shapes and tracing their names as well as identifying their upper & lower case letters. STEM and Music with Dr. Joe and Running, Jumping and Twisting with Miss Cassie, Our New Phys Ed Teacher! Please Stay Tuned and follow Us as We Embrace November and Get Ready to Celebrate Fall! Be Safe, Be Kind and Smiles are Free

PREK Ms. Carmen & Mrs. Stewart

In October, PreK has been reading stories in OWL UNIT I about our Friends and Families. Some stories we read were Allie All Along, Lola Goes to School, and Shh the Baby's Sleeping. During Fire Safety week we learned to stop, drop, and roll, how to call 911 in case of an emergency, and to get out of the house and stay out if there is a fire. We ended Fire Safety with a field trip to the D Street Fire House. In Foundations, the children have learned the letter sounds for letters A, B, & C. In Spanish, the children have been learning how to identify and how to say the primary colors in both English and Spanish. A favorite activity in Spanish class was going on a color hunt around the classroom. PreK enjoyed ending the month of October with our Annual SPA Halloween Walk and our classroom Party.



KINDERGARTEN Mrs. Heseck



October went as quickly as a newfound favorite story, Room on the Broom. We read through this wonderful book several times paying close attention to the order of events or sequences. We enjoyed the rhymes and silly humor along with detail filled illustrations. After deciding the main character was the witch, we then worked on the sequencing of which animals rode the broom with her. We built our own brooms and correctly labeled each character along with placing them in their correct order. Our month was rounded out as we talked about Thomas Edison, falling leaves and reached the 400 books read in our epic! reading adventure. On our final day we enjoyed a Halloween party with delicious treats from our wonderful parents.

GRADE I Ms. Dixon

October has been a fun and busy month! We have learned and practiced lots of new first grade sight words. During reading we discussed fiction vs nonfiction books. We also learned about nonfiction text features - there are 16 that we have learned! We continue to work on complete sentences, capital letters, and punctuation during writing. In science we learned about animal parents and their offspring. We also learned about some spooky Halloween science. We investigated the following questions: Do bats drink blood? Who invented candy? & Do wild animals dress up in costumes? In math, we continue to work on adding in subtracting small numbers using different strategies. Our Halloween parade and classroom trick-or-treat party was a blast! Thank you to all who cheered us on in the parade and brought in treats for us to enjoy!



GRADE 2/3 Ms. Hildreth



What a busy month we had in grades 2/3 this October! We have finally mastered our routine and have been able to do a lot of amazing learning. In writing we completed our opinion and persuasive writing unit. Let me tell you, these kids are convincing! In 2nd grade math we worked hard on measurement and using various tools to measure, while 3rd grade focused on properties of division. We also got to complete our habitat projects in science and began working on 3D dioramas. Finally, in social studies we are beginning to learn how to read and make maps. November is my favorite month and I cannot wait to see all the amazing things it brings!