

# THE ST. JAMES SUN

## News and Happenings of St. James Learning Center

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Happy October! Life at St. James Preschool is setting into a happy, not to mention busy, routine. Thanks again for all of your support. We appreciate it.

### Nursery news

Our nursery classes are learning about the color orange and enjoying autumn! Autumn leaves and pumpkins have been spotted on the walls and little hands are getting busy with orange crayons, paint and play dough. We have some good cutters in the building, too! The children are enjoying making their fall and Halloween art activities! The four year olds enjoyed their field trip to Currier Orchard to pick apples.

### Picture Information

**School Pictures should be returned to us in about two weeks!**

### Raffle and Yankee Candle Fundraiser Update

The raffle and candle fundraisers were a great success. Thanks for your participation. The Yankee Candle items will be distributed to you as soon as they come in, it should take a few weeks. Proceeds will be used for classroom supplies.

### Money Matters

Please remember that tuition is due on the first of the month, and checks should be sent to P.O. Box 445, Merrimack, NH 03054 or placed in the white box at the end of the hall. Thanks for your cooperation!

### Extended Day - December

St. James Preschool would like to offer you extra time to finish your shopping during the two December Extended Days (Thursday, Dec. 3 and Tuesday, Dec. 15)! That's right, pick up will be at 1:00 both days for the same price of \$10.00 each day. This is our little present to our wonderful families. Happy Shopping and Happy Holidays!

## Fire Prevention

Fire prevention is one of our big topics at St. James. The three year olds will enjoy visiting with the Merrimack firefighters and Pre-K class will be visiting the Central Fire Station in November. They will be learning about fire safety and the firefighters will answer many of their questions. Let me take this opportunity to encourage all St. James families to have a fire escape plan and PRACTICE it! Everyone should know how to get out and where to meet. A home fire drill could make all the difference should the real thing ever occur! We will be having fire drills periodically throughout the year. The teachers will discuss and prepare all children for our fire drills.

## *Shaws Receipts Rewards Program*

*Keep using your Rewards Card at Shaws. After signing up online, use your Rewards Card Monday-Thursday and we will receive 1% on your total amount spent. Our rewards ID# is 49001018288, you will need this number to register. Thanks!!!!*

## Pizza Day

Thank you for participating in our first Pizza Day. Fun was had by all! Our next Pizza Day will be on Thursday, November 12, 2009. A pre-paid slip will be sent home before the event. Please return it to your child's classroom teacher including your child's name and how many will be attending. We can talk, eat, and have some fun with our new and old friends! Remember: The cost of pizza in advance is \$2.50 and \$3.00 at the door! Hope to see you there!

## Parking

Reminder: When dropping off or picking up your child, please park in the parking lot. Some parents have been parking on the driveway next to the school, in the front of the building and in the handicapped parking spots. Also, please do not allow your children to play on the church's ramps or in the gulley next to the building. We need to keep all of our students and families safe. Thank You.

### *Friendship Drive*

*In order to help the children of St. James grasp the spirit of the holiday season, we will be holding a Friendship Drive during the month of November for donations to the Food Pantry located at St. James Church. This is a way to share the Thanksgiving spirit with those in need, and a way for children to begin to appreciate the everyday blessings in their lives. The students will carry the items at the end of the month up to the food pantry. Things that are especially needed by the food pantry include laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, shampoo, bar soap, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, protein items (canned meats and stews), peanut butter and breakfast cereals. Any items will be accepted. We will be discussing the Friendship Drive with the students in November and we will be collecting donations in November up until Thanksgiving. Thanks for your support!*

Reminders: No school:

Tuesday, Nov. 3, (Election Day)

Tuesday, Nov. 5. (Extended Day)

Thurs., Fri., Nov. 26-27 (Thanksgiving Recess)

HAPPY HAUNTING!