

Fall 2026

Dear Parents,
Fall Greetings from the Preschool! The cooler weather is finally beginning and there are many changes in our environment this time of the year. One thing that doesn't change is our commitment to your children and their education. Thank you so much for sharing them with our staff as we all play and learn together!!

Halloween Festivities
It's hard to believe that it's almost Halloween! Friday, October 30, is our Halloween Parade. The lower lot will be coned off for the safety of the children. All parents should park in the upper lot or near the playground and walk their child, dressed in costume, to the entry doors. Then, please grab a spot outside to watch the parade. **** 2 year old students should use the upstairs car line as usual.**

The parade will begin at 9:15 at the upper doors, and we will walk along the parking lot to the big rock. We will all sing a few holiday songs, and then there will be a photo op for each individual class. After the parade and photos are finished, the children will take off their costumes and have a regular school day. Please note that we will **NOT** have Friday Specials this day. See your teacher's emails or newsletters for specific party information. All treats that enter the preschool must be NUT-FREE.

Our 2 year old students do not parade outside the school. They will celebrate on Thursday, Oct 29 and Friday Oct 30 by wearing orange or a Halloween shirt and have a special snack during school. Please see your teacher's communications for further information.

Concordia Cares Events
We will once again collect extra/unwanted Halloween candy to donate to Stockings for Soldiers. There will be bins at each entrance from Halloween until Thursday 11/5.

We are asking that children in our 3 and 4 year old classes bring in canned goods for our chapel service on Wednesday, November 18. We will collect these and donate them to the local food pantry.

In December, we will collect new hats and mittens on our giving tree to donate to local children in need.

Fall Fundraisers
Thanks to all who attended our Trunk or Treat. It was very fun and festive! The event raised approximately $1,000 for our school!!

Last week, you received the **Original Art Works** program. Your teacher sent home a piece of your child's artwork. You can order different items with this artwork on it such as mugs, key chains, t-shirts, etc. The items are wonderful mementos for your family and great gifts for relatives. Please remember to return the artwork with the order forms. You should pay by check or cash. Orders will be here in plenty of time for Christmas.

Our next fall fundraiser **"Raise Craze"** will be starting on November 2. During this fundraiser you will be able to set up a profile for your child where friends and family can donate to our school. A link will be provided to you and donations can be made online. Funds raised will be used for things such as playground maintenance and items for the classrooms. During this time the children will be participating in various "Acts of Kindness" (such as a canned food drive and making cards) at school. More info to come soon!

Scholastic Book Fair
The fall book fair will be held in the downstairs lobby area from November 5-12. You will be able to shop at drop off and pick up. If you would like to shop in the morning, please go through the regular car line and then park your car in a spot that doesn't interfere with car line traffic. A cashier will be present to help you shop and check out. You can also shop after school. Please pick up your child from the classroom before heading to the book fair. Look for a sign up genius to volunteer to help with check out.

School Photos
John Gallen will be here to take school portraits of the children on November 4 and 5. Envelopes describing the different packages and pricing will be coming home soon. Please indicate your choice on the envelope and place your check inside or pay with the QR code. Photos will be here before we close for Christmas break.

Fall Conferences
Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Monday, Nov. 23 for Mrs. Spillan's 3 day 2s, Mrs. Caruso's 3s and Mrs. Dramis' Readiness class; and Tuesday, Nov. 24 for Mrs. Spillan's 2 day 2s and Mrs. Doran's 5 day 4s. School will not be held on either day. Your teacher will contact you with available time slots. Babysitting is available during your conference time.

Looking for something to do with your child when we don't have school?? There is a fundraiser planned for Monday, Nov 23 from 10 am to 8 pm at Captain Hook's Playroom. The cost is $20 per child. Adults bringing the child are free. 25% goes back to Concordia.

Field Trip Fees
Field trip fee sheets will come home soon. The paper will list the programs in and away from school that your child will participate in this year along with the cost of each trip. A total is listed at the bottom, and that is the fee you should pay. Julie will send invoices to you or you can send in a check. Field trip fees are due by December 1.

Friday Specials
The last Friday Special for the fall session is Dec 11. Registration for the next session will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 9. It will be a 12 week session (2 weeks longer) and cost $240. Registration forms will come home in mid-Nov. The offerings are soccer, dance, karate and yoga. The winter/spring session of Friday Specials will begin on January 8.

Weather
The weather is getting colder, but we still play outside as much as possible. Please dress your child appropriately. Also, please check the change of clothes you sent in for your child at the beginning of the year. Many are warm weather items. Please change them with the seasons and as your child grows. Label as many of your child's items as possible including his/her coat, hat, back pack and lunch box.

It's shaping up to be a busy and fun-filled fall
Yours in candy corn and thankful feathers,
Helen Spillan

Upcoming dates:

10/30	Halloween Parade 9:15 am
11/2-30	Raise Craze Fundraiser
11/4,5	School Photos
11/5-12	Scholastic Book Fair in downstairs lobby
11/9	Advisory Board Meeting 7 pm
11/18	Canned good donation at Chapel
11/23,24	Parent/Teacher Conferences, NO Classes
11/23	Fundraiser at Captain Hook's Playroom
11/25-27	Thanksgiving Break

