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**Halloween brings a candy bar
Christopher Columbus has a holiday
Fall is here and winters on its way... Brrr**

A note from the Director:

Happy Fall to all of our wonderful parents and students. I am so excited to have joined the Trinity team. I want to let you all know that I have come in to this position knowing that the school was in great hands during the interim. Mrs. Sims and Mrs. Cleveland have done a great job. When you see them, please give them a pat on the back.

We're Having a Batty Good Month

In our 2 year old classes:

We are ever so busy enjoying new foods, crafts, and stories of Fall and Halloween! Pumpkins, lacing and number puzzles have kept us extra busy. Plus we are learning so many new and different finger songs. We are mastering the potty and manners so quickly which leaves more time for singing and stories! Being in preschool during the holidays is a lot of fun!

In our 3 year old classes:

This October we have started our rainbow writing with letters: W,S,G, &P. Art activities include going wild with the Wild Things, spinning spooky spiders, hand-picking ghastly ghosts and picking playful pumpkins from the pumpkin patch. We will finish October with our Halloween party and games. Happy Halloween from the 3's.

In our 4 year old classes:

We flew to North America to visit their neighbors Canada and Mexico. We will go to Central America and then South America to land in Brazil for Carnival or Halloween. We will discuss letters N,U,M,H, & C. Happy Fall Travels from the 4's.

In our Bridge class:

The Bridge class has been busy reviewing capital letters B, D, E, F, H, L, K, M, N, P, R and using them in various phonic awareness activities. We learned to "read" color and number words. Come and take a peek at our safety tips as we discuss ways to stay safe this month. In Math we continue to count, make patterns, recognize sets, and use non-standard measurement. We are now comparing numbers using words like "greater/less than" and "more" and "fewer". We are looking forward to Halloween and Pumpkin math!



Our Days are Falling into Place

Our school year is underway! Pictures are being painted, numbers are being learned, ABC's are being sung, shapes are being sorted, and our littlest ones have fluttered across the playground accompanied by the occasional butterfly. The children are adapting to new routines and are exceeding our expectations. Whether at work or at play we are learning, teaching, and enjoying moving through our first month of school. In the midst of all of our hard work, there is a change happening around us. Fall is in the air! As cooler temperatures approach, please remember to change out your child's "extra" clothes and replace them with long sleeves and pants. Please remember to label everything especially coats as the weather turns colder. We will play outside as long as the temperature is above 40 degrees.

October at TES

- Scholastic book orders are due Oct 21st. Please make checks payable to Scholastic
- We will be taking individual and class pictures in our Pumpkin Patch Oct 18th and 19th
- Parent Teacher Conferences will be Oct 20th and 21st. Please sign up with your child's teacher.
- There will be **NO** school, stay and play, or enrichment classes on 10/20 or 10/21 to allow all of our teachers to be at conferences.
- Class Halloween Parties will be:
T/T 2 yr olds- 10/27
M/W 2 yr olds- 10/31
ALL 3 yr olds- 10/28
4&5 yr olds - 10/31

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Halloween: A Christian Holiday?

Everyone has some form of tradition that is passed down through the generations of families, most of which we never bother exploring. Today Halloween is celebrated all around the globe but the Halloween Holiday has its history firmly planted in Ireland. Halloween is also known as Samhain, All Hallows Eve, Hallowmas and Hallowtide. It is celebrated on October 31st, but the holiday of Halloween is also celebrated on the Christian holidays of All Saints' Day (November 1st) and All Souls' Day (November 2nd). All Saints' Day is the Christian festival when all saints known and unknown are commemorated and prayers are offered to them and special masses are said.

Long before Christianity arrived in Ireland Halloween was known as Samhain, this is because the Celtic year was divided into two - the Bright half which is called Beltane and the Dark half which is called Samhain. The Pagans of the time believed that on the night of Samhain, Ghosts and Goblins came out and would destroy the fall harvests. So to please them, they put out a multitude of treats. They also believed that the ghosts and goblins were afraid of "scary" faces, so they carved faces into a variety of gourds and melons and placed them around the fields to keep the spirits away from the harvest. They believed anyone out on this night would be killed by the bad spirits.

In approximately 420 A.D. a sixteen year old boy named Patrick was captured from Wales by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Ireland, where he lived for six years before escaping and returning to his family. Once home, he continued his education and soon became a priest. After entering the Church, he returned to Ireland as an ordained bishop. Bishop Patrick who would later be known as St. Patrick, wanted to show the people of Ireland that there were no such thing as ghosts and goblins. So, he spent the night of Samhain sitting in a chair in the middle of town. The next morning when he was alive and unharmed the people began to believe the things that Bishop Patrick told them. It was this new found trust that allowed him to bond with the Irish people. Later he went on to his most famous task. He used the native and abundant three leaf clover to teach them about the Blessed Trinity.

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Trinity Reminders



Hearing Screenings are Due

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Just a quick reminder to all of our four and five year old parents. Each child is required to have a hearing screening to be done and on file in the office. If you have not turned one in, please stop by and get a form. Your pediatrician probably did a hearing screening as a part of the four or five year old well child check.



Halloween at Trinity

Halloween is a fun time to dress up and practice pretending to be someone or something else. It is a time of wonderment and exploration for our pre-schoolers. On the day of your child's class party, we encourage them to wear their Halloween costumes to school. Please keep in mind that scary costumes are not appropriate for this age group. Costumes should still allow the children to safely play at recess. Additionally, many costumes are difficult for children to maneuver during bathroom breaks so please consider that when choosing a costume for your child. Lastly, some costumes may be hot, so please send or have your child wear clothes under the costume in the event they want to remove their costume.



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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the readers attention. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communica-

tion that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.



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Caption describing picture or graphic.

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