



ST. EDMUND'S NURSERY SCHOOL

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER – 2017

Family /fəm·mel·ee/ n. – a group of people, each a unique masterpiece, sharing unconditional love, hugs and support. One of life's sweetest blessings cherished always.

October is a month with many changes in nature. We will be learning about the season of autumn/fall as we cook, study and experience lots of art. We will also talk about the firefighters and their fire engines and we will have our first “**Fire Drill.**”

Christian Quality: COURTESY, “A Friend Always Loves You” - Proverbs 17:17

The children will be busy cooking, cutting, pasting, and painting with red and yellow, to make **orange**, the color of the month. The shape is a **triangle**, the number is **2**, and the concept is “**big**” and “**little.**” The theme is learning about **ourselves** and how very **special** we are. We will discuss how it feels to be in school, how we share, how we take turns and how we make new friends. We will talk about healthy habits such as eating healthy food, brushing our teeth, washing our hands, being polite and we will learn about our five senses.

Important Dates in October:

- Monday, Oct. 2 - Chapel – MWF and 5 Day – 9:00 am Blessing of the Animals - Parents welcome to attend, will be in the courtyard
- Monday, Oct. 2 - Spirit Days – SENS gear or red, white and blue
- Tuesday, Oct. 3 - Chapel - T/TH and Pre-K – 9:00 am Blessing of the Animals – Parents welcome to attend, will be in the courtyard
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- Thursday, Oct. 5 - Julie Lilly Photography – T/Th and 5 Day
- Friday, Oct. 6 - Julie Lilly Photography - MWF and Pre-K
- Monday, Oct. 9 - **Elk's Eye Screening** – MWF classes
**Permission slips will be sent home for each day
- Tuesday, Oct. 10 - **Elk's Eye Screening** – T/Th classes
- Wednesday, Oct. 11 - **Elk's Eye Screening:** 5 Day and Pre-K
- Thursday, Oct. 12 - Kindergarten and Elementary Options Night at Westridge School in Pasadena 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- Friday, Oct. 13 - **Family Fall Festival** – sign up sheet will be circulated for shifts.
Everyone plan on attending, please.
- Monday, Oct. 16 - **Fire Drill** – 10:45 am
- Tuesday, Oct. 17 - **Fire Drill** – 10:45 am
- Monday, Oct. 23 - Friday, Oct. 27 – Mrs. Nelson's Book Fair**
- Halloween Dress up and Parade**
- Monday, Oct. 30 - **Halloween Dress up and Parade** – MWF classes – 9:15
- Tuesday, Oct. 31 - **Halloween Dress up and Parade** - T/Th, 5 Day and Pre-K classes 9:15

Picnic Information:

Monday, Oct. 16 - Special Halloween Picnic -Trick or Treat Bag
Mrs. Doerning and Mrs.Wagner – This is an optional activity
Additional \$15 charge

Picnic afternoons have started and we are having fun! Any enrolled student is welcome to come to any of our picnics (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday,) regardless of the days your child comes to school. Picnic is from 12 noon with **pick up no later than 2:45 pm.** A late fee of \$15 will be charged for any student picked up after 2:50 pm.

Our intention is to simplify our picnic payment system and streamline bookkeeping. We are asking for families using our terrific picnic program to write checks to SENS in \$100 increments instead of a separate check for each picnic. You may certainly write a check for \$200, \$300 or more as well. Mimi Stolpe and Carol Mekaillian will keep track of your picnics and notify you when you need to put more money in your "picnic bank." You can reach either Mimi or Carol at stedmundsinfo@gmail.com. If you are going to take advantage of our "special picnic" days, you will write an additional check for \$15 for those specific days. We hope this will streamline your check writing as well and not burden you with keeping track of picnic coupons. Liz, Mimi or Carol welcome your questions.

Safety First, Please!

Please be extra careful when entering the main parking lot when arriving in the morning...there are distinctly marked signs for entrance and exit-we have had a few near misses! **Please be sure to observe all traffic directions. No car should exit through the entrance driveway.** If there are no available spots when you arrive please drive out to San Gabriel Blvd and park on the street and walk in. Thank you for observing our reserved parking spots.

Also, please stop in south parking lot and buckle up your children before leaving school at dismissal time.

Reminders:

- ✓ For the safety of your children - please have them wear rubber-soled shoes. No party shoes, sandals, crocks, or backless shoes.
- ✓ Please label all sweaters, jackets, sharing and lunch boxes.
- ✓ Make sure to read all the notices that go home and that are emailed.
- ✓ If your child is going home with someone else, please write a note or make a comment on the Sign-In sheet (even though they are on your Authorization Sheet)
- ✓ Please be sure to put picnic dates in the memo section of your check. If you are paying by cash, please label the cash with a slip of paper and include your name and picnic date. Please pay when you sign up, a coupon will be given if you do not attend. Each picnic cost is \$20.
- ✓ PLEASE honor our **dismissal time of 2:45**. A late fee of \$15.00 will be applied after 2:50 pm.
- ✓ **NO CELL PHONES IN CAR PICK-UP LINE INCLUDING HANDS FREE PLEASE – this includes picnic pick up as well.**
- ✓ **PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO CLIMB TREES OR WALLS, ETC. AT DISMISSAL**

**Have you registered for escrip?
Have you purchased SCRIP?
Just think of the possibilities if everyone participated!!!**

Questions: ask, Kristen Fohrer DeArman at kristen.fohrer@gmail.com or Jennifer Hall at jennifersofio@mac.com

SENS Families and Staff support our community. Our current service projects for this year are:

- **Hillsides** – Purchase a book at our Mrs. Nelson’s Book Fair to benefit Hillsides’ children – details to follow
- Grocery store gift cards to support Hillsides at Thanksgiving – details to follow
- SENS staff provides Christmas for a needy family through the **Door of Hope.**
Please let us know if you are interested in participating.

THANK YOU ST. EDMUND’S NURSERY SCHOOL FAMILIES
FOR YOUR HELP IN MAKING OUR SCHOOL SO SPECIAL
FOR ALL OF OUR CHILDREN!

October Courtesy

October is the month we talk about *COURTESY*. Courtesy starts with “Please” and “Thank You” but is really about teaching our children how to respect others, respect themselves and respect their community. Courtesy is a kindred sibling of Kindness and can be a lost art if we focus too much on the “me”, the “here” and the “now”. We hope you will take time this month to talk with your child about the “why” behind **Please** and **Thank You** – and talk about the positive impact those words can have on the recipient. We hope these quotes and books will be something you can share with your children to explain the importance of friendship – and to help them learn to nurture relationships.

“Life is a Gift, and I try to respond with grace and courtesy”

~ Maya Angelou

“Treat everyone with politeness, even those who are rude to you – not because they are nice, but because *you* are.”

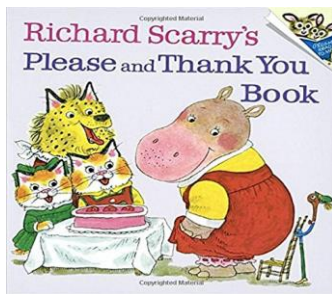
~ Author Unknown

“A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.”

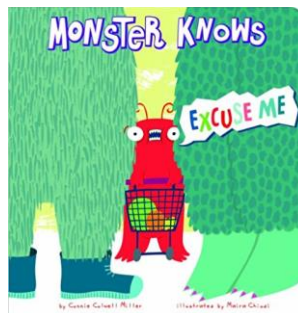
~ Saint Basil

“Manners are a sensitive awareness of the feelings of others. If you have that awareness, you have good manners, no matter what fork you use.” - Emily Post

The books below are available on Amazon.com.



Richard Scarry's Please and Thank You Book
by Richard Scarry



Monster Knows Excuse Me (Monster Knows Manners)
by Connie Colwell Miller, Maira Chiodi



I'm Sorry (Book of Manners)
by Parragon Books