



Your Friday Newsletter from St. Thomas Early Learning Center

October 14, 2011

Parents: This next announcement is especially for you:

"KNOWING YOUR CHILD".....You are Invited to Join Us at No Charge

We are very pleased that Dr. Jan Hughes, Ph.D., Professor, Licensed Psychologist, LSSP, will be speaking to all of our Teachers & Staff



Friday, October 21st

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Parish Hall, St. Thomas Early Learning Center

Nursery Services will be provided. There will be plenty of time for question & answers, so please take advantage of this opportunity to be with our St. Thomas teachers and Dr. Hughes.

Dr. Hughes is an expert in the field of ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) and how this may affect a child's social, academic, and behavioral success and poses challenges for the entire family. She will offer strategies for interventions that build on child and family strengths to address areas of concern, empowering parents to manage difficult behaviors and to enhance family and school relationships.

(Regular classes will be in session for all children, with parent volunteers. All teachers and teacher's aides will be in this Staff Meeting in the Parish Hall during this time.)

Fall is in the Air.....and at St. Thomas ELC !





Gluing...

A Glimpse of this week:

*Your children are busy at work
and play—everyday!*



Scooping...



Listening...



Cutting...



Measuring.....



Chopping...



Rolling....



Coffee anyone?? **October 19th** Come join the group of Moms & Dads at the Picnic Tables on our Playground for a coffee time each month...a great time to chat and meet other parents after drop off time in the mornings.....8:30 a.m. –October 19th

That day is also our Fall Fun which will begin about 9:30, so come and plan to stay for the morning!

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Try this poem with your little ones:



Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate.

The first one said, “Oh, my it’s getting late.”

The second one said, “There’s magic in the air.”

The third one said, “But we don’t care.”

The fourth one said, “Let’s run and run and run!”

The fifth one said, “Isn’t Halloween fun?”

Then “Whooooo” went the wind and out went the lights.

And five little pumpkins rolled out of sight !



Carrots are planted, watered, thinned out....now just to watch them grow



Candy Tithe

The fun and excitement of Halloween are fast approaching! For some of our precious St. Thomas ELC and St. Thomas church kids thoughts about costumes and candy have been front and center for weeks! Let's make this Halloween season meaningful as well as fun. Please consider a "candy tithe". This year the church and the school will be asking all kids to share a portion of their candy with agencies that help low income families. For lots of families candy is a rarely seen luxury. Please work with your children to share a portion of the candy they collect. A candy tithe can be a great way to teach kids about sharing and sacrifice. On Wednesday and Thursday November 2nd and 3rd the candy collection will be blessed in our ELC chapel services. The candy will then be distributed through the Food Bank, the Brazos Church Pantry, and St. Thomas' own mobile food pantry.The Reverend Rhoda Montgomery

Finally, a Note from Mrs. Skow:

It is always my pleasure to give a tour of our school to visitors. This morning I had a guest from the Education Dept. for Teaching, Learning, & Culture from Texas A&M University. As we walked through our outdoor areas and each classroom, she kept saying, “I wish every child could experience a place like this. Your teachers speak so gently, the children are happy, engaged in learning, and are developing life skills that will become a part of who they are. I see many schools in my job, and this one is unique in the calm atmosphere. I can feel it, see it, and I want to bring our students here so they can see first-hand what a good pre-school should be.” 😊