

Wichita Friends School Newsletter

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Fall Edition

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Upcoming Events

ABC and 123

News from the Early Childhood Classrooms

September 18

K-1 Zoo Field Trip
2-6th Fair Field Trip

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Chili Cook-Off 6:30 – 8:00
Heartland Meeting

Sept. 21

Red Wheel Starts

Sept. 25

In-service Day (Latchkey
Offered)

Oct. 4

Goddard Fall Festival

Oct. 16

All-School Bonfire

Oct. 30

All school Field Trip to the
Pumpkin Patch

This year we have seen a lot of growth, changes and new faces. God continues to bless our school and our program. Here is a small glimpse into the daily lives of our youngest students.

All three classrooms are exploring the globe in Social Studies and learning about each other. Recognizing and writing names are vital building blocks that each classroom is working on, in various stages. Some are recognizing what their name looks like, some are learning how to write their first letter or first name and some are writing first and last names. Both Junior Kindergarten classes are continuing to recognize, name and write their letters and numbers and manipulate the sounds each letter makes.

Mrs. McElroy's Class: This week in the preschool room we continued talking about animals, and discussing last week's visit to the zoo. We made animal pictures with watercolors, made snakes with play-doh, and read lots of zoo books! Be sure to check out our bulletin board in the hallway to see some of our great artwork!

Miss May's Class: For the past two weeks we have worked on a science unit on the sun. We have worked really hard and had fun creating our sun books. Look for your child's book in their Friday folder this week! This past week we have worked with the number 3 and talked about how numbers are all around us. Each student got to bring an item from home that had a number 3 on it, to share with the class. We had lots of fun showing our items to our friends.

Miss Atwater's Class: These past few weeks we have been conducting various science experiments, from sticky water drops, melting butter and ice in the sun to predicting which items would sink or float in water. We have also been finding out what makes us special by creating "All About Me" books and family photo collages. You can read all about each child by visiting the hall bulletin board by the classroom.

Come by and visit any of the Early Childhood Classrooms, you will be in for a treat! - The EC Program Teachers

Don't forget the
Chili Cook-off is
next Friday!
Be at Heartland
Meeting House
(behind the
school) at 6:30.
Come hungry!

The Wichita Friends School instills integrity, responsibility, dignity & respect through a well-rounded educational curriculum within a caring community of teachers and parents.

InService Day Latchkey

Friday, September 25th the teachers go to school (inservice training) and the kids get to have the day off! While there is no school on the 25th we want to be sensitive to the needs of our families, so we will be offering an all day latchkey session. The session is available from 7:00 am until 6:00 pm. There is an \$18.00 fee for this service. Anyone who plans on attending must sign up in advance. Sign-up sheets are located in the latchkey room and on the front foyer bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact the office.



Where in the World?

The upper elementary classes have been scouring the globe in search of Mrs. Waffenschmidt. She is sending the 4/5/6 class hints from where she is visiting each week, and the children have to research that information to determine where she is. After finding her in the Taj Mahal they were able to take a virtual tour of it on the SmartBoard! What a fun way to study!

Field Trip Reminder

The 2nd -6th graders will be going to the Kansas State Fair on Friday, September 18. Please remember to have your children dressed for lots of walking in the sun and to bring a disposable sack lunch with them. There are a lot of great activities planned, please be prompt and prepared.



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Early Childhood Director - Laura Atwater
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