



Scrappy Scotty

October 2010

McDonough Presbyterian Children's Academy



Finally, Fall is in the air. It seems like the warm weather has lasted forever but now we are beginning to really feel like the season is changing. There are many signs of Fall here at the school. The students are busy learning about the harvest and studying how things grow on the farm. They are learning about tools that we use to work on the farm, prepare for the harvest, and that we use in everyday tasks.

October is a very busy time here at MPCA. Next week, we will be hosting all of our dads for Pastries with Pop. We hope that they will be able to join us. These special days are October 6 and October 7 starting at 9:00. If dad is unable to come, please feel free to invite another special individual. We will also have school pictures the following week on Monday and Tuesday. The week of the 18th is the busiest of all. Our students will be visiting Southern Belle Farms on Wednesday and Thursday, and of course, our 6th Annual Fall Feast and Auction will be on the 20th. This is our largest fundraiser each year and helps fund scholarships for families who are in need along with making capital improvements to the school. This year we are focusing on improving our technology in the classrooms. The meal is catered by Pasta Max and there are many fun and exciting items in the auction, including some one of a kind projects created by each class and the class baskets. There will be cabins, airline tickets, and Falcons' tickets among other things. We hope you will join us. We will round out the month with our Fall Festival on the 29th. This is during the school day, and you are welcome to come but it is not required. The children get to wear friendly costumes, play games, and jump in our bounce house. It is a really fun day!

We hope that you are enjoying your child's year at MPCA as much as we enjoy teaching them each day. All of our children are a unique gift from God, and it is an honor to be able to share them with you. If you need anything please feel free to stop by the office. We will be glad to assist you. Happy Fall!

What a class

Ms. Marty's and Ms. Jill's class is our class of the month. They are our youngest class, being only one, but they are definitely getting into the routines of school. These students can come on either Monday/Wednesday, Tuesday/Thursday, or Friday. They enjoy doing a variety of art projects, playing with one another, and learning to share. Ms. Marty is on her second year of teaching our youngest students, and Ms. Jill is enjoying her first year. Even though these students are young, we marvel each day at how quickly they learn new concepts and adjust to new situations. It is truly a joy to watch them learn and grow throughout the school year.



Upcoming Dates

- October 6/7 Pastries With Pop
- October 11/12 School Pictures
- October 13 Kindergarten to see Mr. Al
- October 20/21 Southern Belle Farms
- October 20 Fall Feast and Auction
- October 29 Fall Festival
- November 1/2 No school (Staff Development)
- November 8 Progress Reports go home
- November 16/17 Thanksgiving Feast
- November 22/26 Thanksgiving Break





Teacher of the Month

Ms. Angie is our teacher of the month. She teaches Spanish to our three year olds, our four year olds, and our Kindergarten. This is her fourth year on the MPCA staff. Her children both attended MPCA and have now moved on to elementary school.

Originally, Ms. Angie is from Georgia. She has always lived within a 30 mile radius of McDonough. Her and her husband, Anthony, have been married for almost eleven years and have two children, Nolan, who is 7, and Naomi, who is five and a half. She has one pet, Gobbles, who is a big orange and white cat. Her favorite food is Mexican, but she really enjoys eating Cheetos, too. Outside of school, she enjoys baking and sewing. She also enjoys singing with the Henry Singers and volunteering at Timber Ridge Elementary, where her children attend school.

When asked what she enjoys most about her job she says that she enjoys coming up with creative ideas to help teach her Spanish classes. She also enjoys hearing parents share how their children are using their Spanish words outside of school. Finally, she says that she enjoys her co-workers and that they make coming to work each day fun. The main reason she decided to teach at the school is because she has a Bachelor's in Elementary Education and had taught third and fifth grade for seven years before having children. Coming to teach at the preschool after being at home for a few years allowed Ms. Angie to have fun teaching again, but with a lower stress level than an elementary school setting. It also helped her brush up on her Spanish skills. Ms. Angie's favorite memory from her own school days is being in the high school band.

Kudos
A special thanks to everyone who helped make Grandparent's Day a special day!



Notes from Ms. Lyric

I truly love working with your children this year. Visiting with them each week in music and Bible is lots of fun and it is rewarding to see them grow throughout the year. One of the things that I want to focus on this year is the idea of giving to others. I want them to learn that when we share with others we can make a big difference in the world. To reinforce this idea, the children will start having "offering" time in chapel. However, instead of money, I would like them to bring in either one canned good or one school supply item. The canned goods will be donated each week to Helping In His Name food pantry, and the school supplies will be donated to McDonough Elementary School. I think that the children will be surprised to see that if we each give a little, we can make a big difference. Items should come to school with the students on Wednesday so that they can bring them to chapel. We hope that you will all help us share this important lesson with our children.



Teacher Wish List

- Cotton balls
- Stickers
- Treasure box toys
- Baby wipes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Kleenex
- Colored Copy Paper
- Play Dough
- Bubbles
- Environmentally Friendly Cleaning Supplies
- Lysol
- Pre-packaged snack items

Please bring these items to the office and label with your child's teacher's name.

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