



# Mrs. Utschig and Mrs. Albanese's October Newsletter

During the month of October, the "magic letter bag" will make a few appearances in 4U/A! The children will be introduced to the letters B, C, D, E and F. They will create art projects integrating these letters - balloons, cupcakes, candy corn, drums, eggs and flowers. The students will also practice writing these letters and their names in their writing books.

The children will learn a great deal about safety this month. The Harrison Fire Dept. will bring their "crew" to give the children a demonstration of fire safety rules. This is one of the many highlights for the children at St. Gregory's.

This month, the students will work on the following themes: Bears, Fall, Christopher Columbus, Dinosaurs and Halloween. The Bear unit will culminate with our annual "Teddy Bear Picnic." Hopefully, we will be able to enjoy our picnic outside in the beautiful Fall weather! The apple projects will be replaced with many signs of Fall - fall trees, pumpkins and ghostly Halloween scenes.

4U/A will be a "spooky" room for the month of October! I'm sure your homes will soon be covered with the Halloween projects the children will be making this month. There will be witches, black cats, bats, pumpkins, and monsters decorating the classroom.

Science lessons will be easy to complete this month. The children will study "Sinking and Floating" using pumpkins. They will also estimate how many seeds they will find in a pumpkin....and due to a story we will read in school, - How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin?....they will most likely estimate correctly.

Number 2 will be introduced, and a new shape will make an appearance - the triangle. Social Studies will also be easy to add to the curriculum with a study of Christopher Columbus. The children will be able to "get up close" to their community worker in October - the fireman.



Please join us for "Back to School Night" on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Great to Live in Harrison Day celebration is Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you marching in the parade wearing your St. Gregory's shirts! Pajamarama Day is Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. The children can wear their favorite pajamas into school that day, but they still must wear sneakers or shoes. The Scholastic Book Fair will make its first stop at St. Gregory's from Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. You will be able to be a "Mystery Reader" in our classroom during this week.

Our class is scheduled to visit the "Pumpkin Patch," where they will be able to choose their own pumpkin to bring home. This will take place on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Thursday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> will be our "Trunk or Treat" event! The children will parade in their costumes around the parking lot visiting the car/van trunks decorated for the holiday. School dismissal will be at 11:30 on that day so they can rest up for the activities that night! Thank you, in advance, to all the parents who will volunteer for the Pumpkin Patch and/or Trunk or Treat.

October will bring another full month of enriching learning opportunities for the children in 4U/A!

