



ILS Connections

A monthly Newsletter Connecting
our school families, teaching staff, school leaders,
congregation, and community!

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Making Disciples for Life! Oct. 2022



From our School Director

"Life is like a box of chocolates," Do you remember that line in a movie? Then: *"you never know what you're going to get!!"*

That quote came to mind recently as I was thinking about Preschooler emotions! Truly, you don't know how they're going to react: offer a child the wrong color sippy cup and they explode, why?! They might cry when you expect them to laugh; and then laugh when you expect them to cry. Why? Well, think about your emotions when someone really hurts your feelings, or you get really bad news, etc. It's hard for us as adults to get a grasp on our emotions and sometimes we fail to control an emotional outburst; but we've had years of life experience. Preschoolers in their second or fourth year of life don't have a lot of experience; and emotions are *hard and wild!* That's why it's best for parents, grandparents, and teachers not to overreact when a child is having their fourth meltdown cry of the day because their shoe came off, or another child took *their* toy. This is a great time to just listen and a teachable moment about a particular emotion which may be a new concept to him/her. So if your toddler is screaming at you because they wanted a spoon and not a fork & spoon, relax; and calmly help them relax. Know that logic won't sway them; just keep loving them and keep talking about emotions and how to relax through the stress. And if your emotions are raging, take a break and don't explode in front of the child. Show them how you use a skill like counting to 10 (or 50) or refocusing on something pleasant! Oh, and you may have to repeat this thirty times in the next month ... relax! Your child is learning and growing each time!

If you have questions or suggestions about our school please contact me: school office: 217-442-5036; text or call my cell: 217-516-0085; ILS.MichaelHeidle.Director@gmail.com or: ILS.PreschoolOffice@gmail.com.

Young Two's in Blue Toddler Room

The month of September flew by! We have been learning the color red and will move on to the color orange for the month of October. The young 2's have amazed everyone with how well they sit during circle time, lunch, and in chapel. They still love dancing and singing nursery rhymes and reading books during circle time. All of them have been doing great with sharing.

Our new favorite activity is stacking our rainbow stack and roll cups as a group. I have loved watching them learn/do new things and look forward to learning about everything orange! Mrs. Ricketts



Two's Class in our Red Room

Thank you for your patience as we transition as new staff: Ms. Lori and I have enjoyed getting to know you and your clever children. We had a fantastic week learning about different fruit like pineapples and pears. We brought out the reinforcements—playdough and clay. You have a bunch of good singers too in this active class. We look forward to some fall activities!

Mrs. Lasher

Three's Class in the Yellow Room
Happy Fall ya'll!! September has flown by. We have started our weekly themes and the letter of the week. The class is really enjoying circle time and music. We love to move and dance. We have learned about apples, bees, community helpers, and dinosaurs in September. The letters we have reviewed are A,B,C and D. October is going to be a fun month with our Halloween party and costume parade!
 Mrs. Hammer



Three's Class in our Purple Room
 Our class is so excited to be entering into October and the season of Fall—the cooler weather, the colorful leaves, and all the fun activities we have coming up! This month we will be focusing on the letters F, G, H, I. We will focus on Fire Safety for one week with the help of a visit from the Danville Fire Department. We are also thrilled for outdoor scavenger hunts to explore all the changes occurring during the changing of seasons. As always, pumpkin picking and pumpkin decorating are in our plans! Finally, at the end of the month, our students will get to show off their favorite costumes in the Halloween Parade and then celebrate with a class party. It's going to be a busy and fun month for all of our preschool friends!
 Mrs. Showers

PreK Class in our Green Room
 September was a great month in PreK! We started our *letter of the weeks* with letters Ss for sunflower and seeds. We went to Farm to Fire on Henning Road and learned about seeds and also got to pick 3 flowers and a pumpkin. We had so much fun! Then we did the letter Aa. We learned all about Johnny Appleseed and had a fun apple party. We charted what color apple we liked best and whether we liked cider or juice. In God's time we learned about Noah, Father Abraham and the birth of Issac, and Jacob and Esau. In October we will continue on our bible stories with Moses' and Joseph's lives. In October we will also learn about fire safety, fall leaves and pumpkins. We are so excited about the fall season!
 Mrs. Heidle



67 students enrolled at ILS

Lunches on the Lawn
 We had a great turnout for both of our Fall Lunch on the Lawn events! Two are scheduled for the Spring (Apr 27, May 10). Perhaps we'll do a Family picnic lunch in the gym this winter! Thanks for your participation!!

BoxTops
 Please use the BoxTops app to scan each store receipt to earn money to our school automatically. See the display in our church for more info; or talk with Mike & Sue Heidle for a demonstration on your phone!

Please visit our Immanuel website: www.ildanville.com and click on our School tab for info and more photos of our ILS! And be sure to follow Immanuel Lutheran Church & School on Facebook for photos, videos, and updates! Check out our Facebook page often!!

Upcoming Dates for ILS!
 Oct. 6-7: No School: Lutheran Ed. Conf.
 Oct. 31 8:45 am Halloween Costume Parade
 Nov. 9 6:30 pm ILS Veterans Program
 Nov. 11 No School: Veterans Day
 Nov. 23-25 No School: Thanksgiving Break

NO SCHOOL!

Please notice there is no school at ILS on Thur/Fri, Oct. 6-7 for our Lutheran Educators Conference & Teacher in-service. No school; no special daycare those days.

TUITION BILLING!

We will strive to send October billing sheets home Oct. 5 showing any remaining fees from September (lunch, etc) as well as a reminder that October tuition is coming due (payment due on 10th late after 15th; or EFT scheduled). Call/text Mr. Heidle if you have any questions about our billing; the billing statement; or if you need a payment plan or other assistance (we do strive to work with you to keep your child in our classroom). Thank you for keeping up with your payments that help us operate our school effectively!!

Thank you!

Our school mission through October is bringing food items and \$\$ for Immanuel's Food Bank. So far we have collected 172 food items and \$129! Your donations are wonderful and appreciated! Oct. 5 we're collecting canned vegetables; and cans of soup Oct. 12. Mid-October we will begin a new mission project to support Hope Center that serves children in Fair Oaks housing with good aftercare, snacks, and citizenship skills. Thanks!

Box Tops for Education!

Box Tops for Education no longer clips for money for the school. There is an app. Once you download the app and choose ILS to receive your donations you scan your grocery receipts and it automatically goes into our account. Don't want to get the app just send in your receipts and the teachers can scan them for you. We see lots of items that come in for snack and we are losing out on free cash for the school if those receipts aren't scanned. It only takes a few seconds to scan receipts and it does add up in support for our ILS! *Thank you!!*



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

WOW! Thank you for your support for our August/September Scholastic Books order; not only did children get great books, but your book orders meant each of our teachers got \$30 in FREE books for their classrooms! Thank you!!

A new Scholastic Book Order form should be in your child's book bag this week. These books are a great value and each classroom will receive bonus points for classroom items based on books you purchase. Orders are due Tuesday, Oct. 11.



PICTURE ORDERS!

Rossi Studios took some amazing photos of your children Sept 20/21. You should receive an email in the next week with instructions (website and sign-in) to view the proofs and order any pictures.





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