

H.O.P.E Newsletter

H.O.P.E. visits Pumpkin Patch

Fall brings a variety of wonderful activities for all the family to enjoy together. Green leaves are changing to beautiful reds and oranges: hot summer days are now short cool hours awaiting Jack Frost and snow. Don't forget the smell of fireplaces burning as we sit with popcorn and a movie with our family. As we consider all of the children at H.O.P.E. our family, we all enjoyed a field trip to the Pumpkin Patch. in Mayflower off Hwy 89. Kids were treated to a miniature zoo, playground time and to a hayride which culminated with getting to pick your very own pumpkin to take home. Each class also picked a pumpkin to carve in their classroom. Thanks to all the parents

and volunteers who took the time to go with us. The pumpkin patch trip was a first time trip for lots of the kids. Thanks to **Raven Givan** who provided snapshots of the 3-year old class trip.



H.O.P.E. would like to thank all the parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents and friends for lending a hand on our first fund raiser. We sold \$4,667.00 in merchandise with a \$2,200 profit for the preschool. We could

not have done it without you. Although there was no contest for who sold the most products, **Antwanette Wilchie** had \$896.00 in sales. Antwanette is in Ms. Norma's 4 year old classroom. **Destin Tate** had \$811.50 in sales. Destin is

in Ms. Leona and Ms. Thelma's 3 year old classroom. We pledge to continue to offer our services free of charge. If you have an idea for a fundraiser, please contact Lia Tate at 501-358-0054.

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(Helping Others
Prepare to
Excel)

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Special points of interest:

- *When can your children understand the value of money?*
- *Christmas Schedule*
- *Fund Raiser Results*

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December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>School's in</i>	3 <i>School's in</i>	4 <i>School's in</i>	5	6
7	8	9 <i>School's in</i>	10 <i>School's in</i>	11 <i>School's in</i>	12	13
14	15	16 <i>Gift due</i>	17 <i>Santa's in Town 9:30</i>	18 <i>Last day of school</i>	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>			

It Makes \$ollars and ¢ents!

Information provided by Rhea Williams, First Security Bank

It makes sense to save. Many of us want things in the future that we can't afford unless we save for them. Saving makes good common sense! Unfortunately, we fail to teach our children ways to save. We use common excuses like "he is too young to understand now". But children are not too young to start learning the value of money and how to save it. Here are a few tips to help you start a savings plan for your children that actually includes the children in the decision making.

Explain the principles of saving money and ask them what they would like to save money for. Find out how much it costs and how much they need to save each week. Tell them how long it will take to reach their goal. Of course, try to help them keep their goal realistic and reachable. The traditional piggy bank is a good place to start. Children will be thrilled to see their money pile up. As the piggy bank gets full, explain to them what a bank is. Banks can help you reach the saving goals faster than if you keep your money at home for many reasons. Your money is safer in the bank and it is kept in a fireproof vault. Also, you're less likely to take money out of your savings if it is not within easy reach. Even better, your money grows in the bank because you are

paid interest on your balance. Take your children to the bank with you. Let them take part in opening up their very own savings account.

As children (at least most of them) don't have "jobs", they count on parents, family and friends for their "income". There are a number of ways kids can earn and save their money.

- Money for good grades (put it the bank instead of spending it).
- Bring birthday money to the bank
- After the Tooth Fairy visits —make a deposit
- Deposit your allowance

All those quarters, nickels, dimes and pennies add up to dollars. So start now while they are young developing good saving

Kids Corner

Draw a line from the letter to the picture that begins with each letter.

Aa



Bb



Cc



Dd



Ee



Ff



Gg



Hh



Ii



Santa Clause is coming to Town



Santa is coming to town at 9:30 on December 17th. Please send a wrapped gift for YOUR child by Tuesday, December 16th. Please write your child's name on the gift. If you do not send a gift, your child will not receive a gift. Parents and family members are welcome to attend!

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H.O.P.E Preschool is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit organization whose mission is to challenge students to exceed the kindergarten level of standards by developing skills in the following areas:

- Academic
- Social
- Communication

H.O.P.E. encourages students to develop a positive self-concept and identity by using positive praise and reinforcement. H.O.P.E. envisions that all students will not only maintain, but exceed grade levels during their lifelong learning experiences.

For more information or to enroll your child, contact Lia Tate at 501-358-0054 or visit our website at www.pinestreethopepreschool.com

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*"Not for ourselves, but for all"
Class Motto Pine Street High School Class of
1948-1949*

Other important dates:

- Christmas Break—December 23rd —January 13th:
- Spring Break—March 24th - 26th
- Last Day of School—May 14th
- Graduation Ceremony - May 14th at 6:30 p.m. (details will be provided at a later date)



Look What's Coming!

December 2008

Letters: J, K, L
Number: 9 - 10
Shape: Star
Color: White

- **Fasten Up!** Brrr! Chilly weather is coming! There are many ways to fasten our cold weather gear, as well as our everyday clothes. We will touch on a variety of fasteners in this "fasten"ating theme.
- **Gingerbread Days:** Baking is a holiday tradition! We'll bring the smell and tastes of gingerbread to your home with lots of yummy fun!
- **'Tis The Season:** There are many different holiday celebrations this month. The children will learn about Christmas, Hanukkah, Lucia Day, Kwanzaa, and more!

January 2009

Letters: M, N, O
Number: 11 - 12
Shape: Circle
Color: Blue

- **Snowflakes And Icicles:** Winter is usually cold and icy. There are fun things to do in the snow, as long as we are wearing warm clothes! Animals need to keep warm too. We will learn how people and animals keep warm in winter.
- **Wheeling About:** Wheels are important to many things, such as cars, trucks, bikes, airplanes, shopping carts, and toys! The children will learn how wheels help things get from one place to another!
- **Once Upon a Time:** Traditional tales will be introduced to the children in this re-worked theme. Favorites such as Three Billy Goats Gruff, The Three Bears, Little Red Hen, and Peter Rabbit are just some of the fun stories that the children will be enjoying.

February 2009

Letters: P, Q, R
Number: 13 - 14
Shape: Heart
Color: Pink

- **Teeth Tips:** Dental Health Month is the perfect time to reinforce healthy dental and hygiene habits. This will be done through fun activities and games. Groundhog Day is also part of the fun.
- **In the Mail:** Valentine's Day is the perfect time to show our friends and family that we love them. The children will share their love by doing kind things for each other and making cards and gifts.
- **Teddy Bear Games:** Teddy bears will join in the fun of the children's daily activities. Directional concepts and terms are introduced using our teddy bear.