



October 2023

Parent Newsletter

For Kids!

What's Up With That?

I heard a funny whistling sound in a tree this summer!

I looked up to see two baby Barred owls on a branch!

I wondered why they were making that noise!

It seems the baby owls were telling mom and dad they were hungry!

Very soon, I saw Dad fly through the air carrying a tasty treat to the babies!

Fun Facts:

-The Barred owl gets its name from the "stripes" or "bars" on its chest.

-Most owls have yellow eyes but the Barred owl has brown eyes.

-When they are older their call sounds like "Who cooks for you? Who cooks for you all!"

Keep your ears and eyes open for the Barred owls! -Ren



Dear Parents,
I stumbled upon an article the other day titled "What's the Hardest Stage of Parenting?" I thought to myself, "whatever stage you're currently in." The *Psychology Today* article from 2016, did identify the middle school years as toughest. As a survivor of the middle school years (our girls are 14 months apart, so we were doing middle school x2), I think this is valid. Strangely, this was not the toughest time for me.

I have to admit that infancy was when I struggled most as a parent. I was a mess

when our girls were babies. I was afraid I might break them. My mom gene didn't kick in right away and I couldn't figure out why everyone kept saying I was going to love this so much.

I recall I was just getting in the groove and really feeling confident as a mom when our oldest was about 6 months old. Then, I found out I was pregnant again so any feeling of victory went right out the door. I got through the tougher times a little quicker with baby number two and when she was about four months old, I had my

confidence back. No matter what phase your children are in, there will be struggles. No age is perfect. As I look back, though, I can honestly say I would relive any of them with my kids (yes, even infancy, and most definitely middle school) because they were all special. They were becoming the wonderful adults they now are, and it was a joy to be there for it all. So, if you are in a tough phase, know it will pass and you will miss it one day. It's all part of the journey!

Cara



PS3 & PK Pumpkin Carving Night
Tuesday, October 24th
6:30-7:30pm
Watch for details from your child's teacher!



Winter Warmth

We are collecting donations of coats during the month of October to be delivered to families in November! New or gently used coats would be appreciated! We will collect your donations at drop off or pick-up! Thank you!

Individual & Class Pictures
October 4, 5 & 6



Gary Martin Photography

You should have received an email and envelope with details.

Reminder:
FEMA and the FCC Plan
Nationwide Emergency Alert
Test for Oct. 4, 2023
at 2:20 p.m.



October Spotlight!

Music & Movement

Weekly Themes:

Week 1 & 2 Autumn
Week 3 Creepy Crawlies
Week 4 Pumpkins!

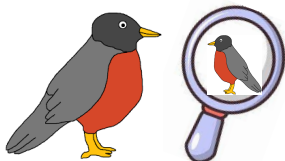
Nursery Rhyme

Little Miss Muffet



I Love My Body

I love my body from my head to my toes
I love my face! My eyes, my mouth my nose
I love the way I look when I look in the mirror
I stand a little closer just to see a little clearer
Who is that? It's me
And I am looking good as good can be
SO what do I say?
I tell myself, "I love me!" everyday!



Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on the gate
The first one said "My, it's getting late."
The second one said, "There are ghosts in the air!"
The third one said, "Who goes there?"
The fourth one said, "We'd better run!"
The fifth one said, "It's just Halloween fun!"
Then *whooo* went the wind and out went the lights
and the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight!



Sunday Mornings at Second!

- 9am-9:45am Sunday School for all ages
- 10am Worship *

*4year olds through 8th graders begin in Sanctuary with their families. After "The Word with Children" students are invited to head to Children's Choir or are welcome to remain for the entire worship service.

- Sunday Morning Care is offered to our younger children.

Second Presbyterian Church is a welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives.

Bible Time Adventure with Mrs. Leithauser

This month, we will hear the story of Abraham and Sarah. Without hesitation, Abraham followed God's directions and commands. God was with him every step of the way, watching over him. The children will hear how God loves us and helps us follow him, calls us by name, and gives us good surprises.



Preschool 3s and Pre-K Parents: Don't forget Pumpkin Carving Night on October 24th. Watch for details from your child's teacher!

Creepy Crawly (to the tune of itsy-bitsy spider)
Creepy-crawly up my arm a spotty little bug
When she makes it to my neck, I give a little shrug
But she climbs a little higher and settles on my nose
So I give a giant *AACHOOO!*
And she scurries to my toes



Grey Squirrel

Grey squirrel, grey squirrel swish your bushy tail
Grey squirrel, grey squirrel swish your bushy tail
Wrinkle up your tiny nose,
hold a nut between your toes
Grey squirrel, grey squirrel swish your bushy tail

Halloween Pumpkin (*I'm a Little Teapot*)

I'm a little pumpkin short and stout
Here are my eyes and here is my mouth
When it's Halloween and I am out
See me glow and hear me shout! BOO!



Important Dates!

Oct. 12 & 13	Fall Break -Closed
Nov. 22., 23 & 24	Thanksgiving- Closed
Fri. Dec. 22 -Jan. 5	Christmas Break- Closed
January 8	School Resumes
January 15	M.L. King Day- Closed
February 19	President's Day- Closed
Friday, March 29-April 5	Spring Break - Closed
Monday-Friday, May 13-17	Last Week of School