

PRESCHOOL CELEBRATES FALL FAMILY FEST

On Thursday evening, October 18, Orland Park Christian Preschool hosted its annual Fall Family Fest. The three- and four-year-old preschool students were very excited to bring their parents, grandparents, and siblings to our church gym so they could share some of the fun things they have been learning since preschool began in September.

The evening started with an opening prayer and a performance of some favorite songs about Fall. As proud family members listened in delight, the children sang songs and recited poems about falling autumn leaves, floppy scarecrows, and silly acorns.

After this opening performance, everyone took turns going to three centers spread around the gym. One of the centers was a craft table where all the children could make a pumpkin-head scarecrow on a stick. The other craft center had materials to make a fall tree with leaves that spelled out each child's name. Hunting for candy treats in a pile of shredded paper was the activity for the third station. These activities provided fun for the whole family!

The evening closed with refreshments of warm apple cider, coffee, juice, and a variety of delicious cookies. These treats were supplied by the parents of the children in our 4-year-old class who are attending our preschool for the second year. A

big thank you to the preschool staff who attended (teachers Ruth Baas, Lisa Cavanaugh, Brenda Harms, Cindy Schipma, and Barb Vree) as well as Preschool Board members that were able to come out (Bryan Boersma, Phil Schaafsma Jr., and Beth Solle) and Matt and Joel Kamp for giving extra time and energy to set-up, serve, and clean-up for this event. Many comments of appreciation were received from preschool parents who enjoyed the activities with their children and the fellowship of meeting the families of their children's classmates.



Hunting for candy treats in the pool of shredded paper.



Each colored leaf on the Fall tree gets a letter to spell my name.

As always, the staff at Orland Park Christian Preschool greatly appreciates the support and prayers of our whole church family as we teach children in the name of the Lord our God, the Creator of all the beauty of Fall and the wonder-filled children we teach.



Preschool News

LEARNING ABOUT FIRE SAFETY WITH A TRIP TO THE FIRE STATION

Fire Safety Week: Our learning theme for the third week of October was fire safety. We were able to take field trips to the Orland Fire District Building #1 on October 17 and 18. The Fire Safety Educator did a wonderful job of teaching the children about safety around fire, helping them learn to "Stop! Drop! Cover your Face, and Roll!" if their clothes ever caught on fire, and to "Get Out and Stay Out!" if they notice smoke or if their smoke alarms start beeping. She used a police officer puppet and a fire fighter puppet to keep our attention and help us understand the importance of staying away from matches and lighters.

At the end of her talk, we were able to tour the bunkhouse where the firefighters eat, sleep, work out, and wait for calls to go help people. We were treated to climbing up in a huge fire engine and looking around at other emergency vehicles such as ambulances, fire boats, and rescue trucks. One of the firefighters put on his turn-out gear, showing us how each piece keeps him safe. We learned that we do not have to be afraid of fire fighters. They are people who always want to help us and keep us safe. Our visit ended with the firefighters giving each child a free fire hat and a coloring book/calendar about fire safety.

We are grateful for the community support given by the Orland Fire Protection District to provide a fun and educational visit for the children of Orland Park Christian Preschool.



Orland Park CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

INTRODUCING THE NEW OPCRC CHURCH LOGO!

As you may have noticed, our newly approved church logo is now in use in our bulletin and the *Outlook* newsletter. We are so excited to unveil this new logo to you, a logo which reflects that Orland Park Christian Reformed Church is a church that is ***grounded in Christ and growing in Christ.***

