

# OSLS PRESCHOOL

## 2015 OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



### **OCTOBER** **REMINDERS**

**10/13**

PTF Meeting @ 9am

**10/15 & 10/16**

Creature Feature:  
A live animal presentation!

**10/18**

Dolphin Sunday!  
Children singing @8:30am

**10/18**

FAM Walk

**10/21 & 10/22**

Earthquake Drills

**10/29 & 10/30**

Halloween Parade &  
Classroom Parties

### INVESTIGATING THE WORLD AROUND US

Coming across a recent article on promoting inquiry with young children, recent research has underscored young children's capacity for science learning (NRC 2012). Long before they enter kindergarten, children generate ideas about the world and how it works based on evidence from their own experiences. These early theories, although often inaccurate scientifically (all round things sink; balls can roll by themselves), represent a rudimentary understanding of science concepts across content areas, including physics. As they seek to make sense of their world, young children also reason in ways that are foundational to later scientific thinking (Center on the Developing Child 2011; NRC 2012).

As the school year is steadily proving, our students at OSLS Preschool are constantly stimulated as they are developing their own experiences and understandings of the world around them! We have the privilege of giving our students investigation tools and concepts so they may become

independent thinkers and have inquisitive spirits that will last a life time in their development and education!

Take some time to be an investigator with your child-engage, explore and reflect with your child their discoveries and findings! You may find your own curiosity in this beautiful relationship of investigating and discovery in the world around you is just as exciting!

*Take care always & blessings to you,*

*Katherine L. Yeakel, OSLS Preschool Director*



**Verse of the month:**  
2 Corinthians 5:17

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

Chapel Offering for October will be given to: *FAM Hunger Walk*



*Service project of the Month: FAM Hunger Walk!*  
*Join us on October 18th at the San Clemente Community Center to walk with us to help end hunger in our neighborhood!*

# A NOTE FROM YOUR TEACHERS!

## Mrs. Hardison

Well, we are off to a great start this year. We have spent September getting to know each other and getting used to school routines. Both classes have come together so nicely. We have a great group of kids this year! We have many fun activities planned in October. Our unit this month is exploring nocturnal animals. This is always a fun and exciting unit, which includes a hands-on exploration of animals through our Creature Feature visit. We will continue to work on counting skills and number concepts, such as more/less and ordering objects. We will also be exploring objects sorting them by their attributes. We are moving right along with name recognition and name writing.

## Mrs. Waugh

Welcome to Fall! We have had a wonderful September getting used to school routines and getting to know each other. All three classes are doing so well! It's time for Fall activities, which will include learning about Shapes, Transportation, Nocturnal animals, Weather changes, exploring pumpkins and continuing with name recognition. We will also continue on with our Letter of the week activity. The children are really enjoying their letter share day, and I hope it provides an opportunity for you and your child to share learning together! Here's to a great month ahead!

## Mrs. Micallef

For Pre-K children, their family is the center of their world. The purpose of this second unit is to help children think about and explore the concept of family; their own families as families around the world. While focusing on this theme, children will explore different elements of the family unit; they will listen to selections and engage in activities that focus on the characteristics that families share and the things that make families unique. We will also be learning about the people who make up families and the relationships among them. Through reading and discussing, we will be helping children understand that the affection that family members have for one another is what truly distinguishes a family. Consider discussing your own family to help your child understand the relationships among family members. Identifying family members with words such as *aunt*, *uncle*, *grandparent*, and *cousin* will help reinforce your child's understanding of family-relationship words.

## Mrs. Wohlfarth

The outside classroom will be all about pumpkins, pumpkins, pumpkins during the month of October. We will be measuring them, weighting them, painting them, planting them, etc. Also, I will be putting together an outside pumpkin patch for the for the children to participate in some exciting dramatic play. Look for a letter in your buckets if you are interested in helping contribute to items needed for the pumpkin patch.



A special thank you to everyone who helped make our wonderful garden possible! What a blessing! A special shout out to "Organics Out Back" for donating the garden boxes and supplies! For more information on this amazing & local company visit [www.organicsoutback.com](http://www.organicsoutback.com)

