

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

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Halloween at the Preschool



“When black cats prowl and pumpkins gleam, the moon laughs and whispers ‘tis near Halloween!” Author Unknown

The halls of preschool have gotten spooky this past week! Needless to say, despite many changes in the world around them, our students are still bursting with enthusiasm for Halloween. The teachers have not wasted a minute in capturing that excitement with all kinds of frightful activities this past week.

It never ceases to amaze me the creativity that grows from natural curiosity as well as that which comes following a bit of teacher direction. I’ve seen examples of children’s growing imaginations all week. One of my favorites included witches’ brews. If you were a witch would you make pots of brew with cobwebs, lizard lips, and bat wings?? Many of our pretend witches would! And it seems the more disgusting the ingredient, the louder the laughs! There were also many haunted houses being built. How many pieces of wood do you need? Will you add cobwebs and paint it all black? In one of the 4-year old classes, the children even dictated a story to the teacher about their house. Although the majority of the stories were not what we know in

a traditional sense of a story, they were certainly true representations of all of the ideas which swirl around in a child’s imagination. The students brought those ideas to life in their own rendition of a haunted house while the teachers reinforced their ideas on paper in the form of a creepy tale.

In another class, the children were challenged to make scary spiders given a plastic black bowl, google eyes, and pipe cleaners. Each one had a unique look that was born from the blossoming imagination of a creative 3-year old. In the 2-year old classes, they raised the bar on pumpkin decorating using a variety of paint colors and purple/orange glitter. It’s no surprise that most of the children were heavy handed in shaking on the glitter and spreading the paint! The grins and smiles that the children had on their faces when they brought their pumpkins to their parents in carpool was a testament to how proud and eager they were to share their masterpieces.

The sizzle of creativity did not stop within the preschool walls. In order to

maintain COVID safety protocols, we cancelled our annual Halloween costume parade this year. As an alternative, we encouraged families to participate in a Halloween car decorating contest during morning drop-off. The giggles and ‘boos’ that occurred during carpool as families showed off their best Halloween car accents were thrilling! Not only did the parade capture the imaginative designs of our families, but it showcased the ability of our preschool community to come together during challenging and disappointing times and spread some happiness for each other!

Please join me in giving extra thanks to God for our passionate teachers, precious students, and supportive families! I truly believe that God’s love shines through them and reminds us of His many blessings!

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