



# Harbour Highlights

October 2018

Happy Harbour ECP  
www.happyharbourecp.org

## Important Dates

Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pumpkins Arrive
Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Early Release (Pick-up at 11:30)
Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>	No School (CCISD Holiday)
Oct. 23 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Festival
Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Trunk or Treat Fun

## From The Directors...

The month of October brings many exciting events for your children. On October 7<sup>th</sup>, the pumpkins will be arriving for Bay Harbour's Pumpkin Patch sponsored by the youth ministry. Your children will have an opportunity to visit the patch with their class, enjoy story time while sitting on hay bales, and be able to purchase (for 50 cents) a tiny pumpkin of their very own!

We also have Fall Festival on October 23<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) and October 24<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday). Your children will have a great time playing festival games and going to the fun, festive booths. If you are interested in volunteering to work in a booth or helping in any way with Fall Festival. Sign up when the "Sign-Up Genius" link is live.

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, plan to visit Bay Harbour's "Trunk or Treat" evening of fun from 5:00-7:00p.m. Your child can dress up, and receive prizes and candy from several decorated cars in the church parking lot.

Thank you for sharing your children with us. We love the opportunity to watch them grow and learn!

Blessings! Heather & Sheri

## Now Hear This...



### Things to Remember:

Santa Pictures Fundraiser -  
November 13<sup>th</sup>  
4:30 - 8:30 in the Family Life Center

HHECP Tax Free Days -  
November 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Program is December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>  
at 11:00 a.m.! No Chapel on those days.

Tuition: Please remember that tuition is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. Late fees are assessed after the 5<sup>th</sup> of this month. A tuition drop box is located outside the office for your convenience.

Playground: Children/Parents are not allowed on the playground before or after school. This is a safety issue.

Spirit Day: Show your school spirit by wearing your Happy Harbour T-shirts on Chapel days.

Rainy Day Pick Up: We have a few spots left for families with kids under 2. Sign-up in Office.

Immunizations - Please remember to bring updated immunizations to the Office after well-child visits.



### **Birthday Blessings!**

Kailyn B.  
Brody C.  
Eli G.  
Emma H.  
Charlotte H.  
Jase H.  
Riley H.  
Kate H.  
Ellie K.  
Cole L.  
Samuel M.  
Emilee M.  
Lily R.  
Thomas S.  
Ivy S.  
Klein T.  
Ava T.  
Aarvi V.



### **Curriculum Corner**

Growing your little one through reading -- I'm not talking early reading by the student, I'm talking about being read to. The act of reading to a child increases vocabulary and language, phonological awareness, knowledge of print, letters and words, all of which leads to comprehension. Early exposure to books and gaining the ability to understand/comprehend what is being read can lead to reading for enjoyment.

Reading aloud to a child, discussing the story, and introducing materials that make the story relational, encompasses many of the objectives of language and cognitive development.

Our teachers read to their students daily. We suggest you as a parent or grandparent, do the same. When a child has been read to at an early age they begin to want to be read to. They begin to connect to the stories that they like. As we read to our students we encourage them to talk about the story. We ask open

ended questions like, "What do you think will happen next?" Or "How would you feel if that happened to you?" When I go over our monthly bible verse, I point to each word as I say them. Showing the children that letters make words and words make a connection and can tell us information.

In the classroom our teachers add materials to their centers such as magnetic letters, pencils and paper, dramatic play items and storytelling props and more books relating to topic for independent review, just to name a few. This carries language development into all areas of the curriculum.

In our four's classes, often times a story is read aloud to the class and then the teachers have the children dictate to them their favorite part of the story or what character they would be. Then they draw a picture of that very same scene or a picture of what they would look like if they were a dinosaur, for example. This activity provides the opportunity to engage in one-on-one conversations with the children and get them communicating about how they see their world.

Parents of 3 and 4 year olds, take a glance at the back of the lesson plans you receive each week and check out objectives 22-50. These are the areas of cognitive and language development (2's parents – check out objectives 10-21.) Interactive reading with your child will enhance all of these objectives. So if reading every day with your kids isn't a part of your routine, get started now. We are just getting into the routine of a new school year. Make reading to your little ones a part of your day; maybe at bedtime or a short Bible story while your child eats breakfast.

I love it when a child starts "reading" a familiar story on their own (that is retelling the story from memory). Reading books can unlock a wealth of learning!

Enjoy a book with your child today!

**Letitia Hardin—Curriculum Specialist**

## Other Things to Note:

### Bay Harbour UMC Bible Study

Women of all ages are invited to a dynamic ministry at Bay Harbour United Methodist Church called **Girlfriends!**

Join us for a fellowship and friendship as we learn and grow in our life of faith. Girlfriends offers women an opportunity to encourage and support each other as we study God's Word and find out more about how to live our Christian faith. We offer Bible study groups on Tuesday morning and evening and Wednesday morning in the fall, winter, and spring. Please check all the details at: [www.bayharbourumc.org/girlfriends](http://www.bayharbourumc.org/girlfriends)

The fall session of Girlfriends begins October 2 and 3.

Please wear Tennis Shoes or closed toe shoes.



Please drive slowly in the parking lot ... and hold the hands of your little ones.

Reminder: Pack small portions (i.e., snack size baggies) for the school snack time.

Bible Verse: Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Proverbs 3:5