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## FROM OUR DIRECTOR

**Happy Fall!!!** It is hard to believe it is already November. It has been a wonderful Fall and our students are having a fabulous time at KSPC! This is one of my favorite times of the year because the students are settled into the routines and there are so many exciting things happening at our school! Our students have enjoyed the beautiful, colorful tree on our playground, raking and collecting leaves, taking nature walks, visiting science centers to observe leaves, pumpkins, seeds and acorns, singing Fall songs, listening to Fall stories, counting and patterning Fall objects, learning about nocturnal animals and doing wonderful Fall projects! Please be sure to check out all the wonderful work that decorates our school and is coming home! Our goal is for your children to love learning and we do this by focusing on developmentally appropriate instruction that provides our students with meaningful, hands-on instruction. We appreciate all who have supported our Fall Fundraisers so far! Our Halloween Family Event and Family Nights at The Market at Liberty Place have been tons of fun and our school has earned a wonderful profit from these nights! If you have not had the chance to come to one of these nights, no worries, we will have another in Spring! Thank you to The Bosley Family (former KSPC Family) for making these nights possible! The support from our fundraisers so far helped pay for the wonderful Nocturnal Animal program we had in October. Thank you!

On Tuesday, November 7th our staff had Teacher Inservice Day. We began our day with a staff meeting to work on our curriculum. The remainder of the time was spent working on Fall Student Evaluations. They went home early November. The focus of these evaluations was on the social and emotional part of your child (the Spring Evaluation will include social, emotional and academic information). We hope these evaluations provided you with information about your child and gave you an idea of things your child can practice at home. Please know that we are always available to speak with you about your child.

November is a time when we teach our students about The First Thanksgiving. During this time we try to focus on the idea of thankfulness, family, friendship and traditions. We also introduce our students to the holiday's history. As educators, our job is to seek knowledge and grow so we can be the best teachers we can be.



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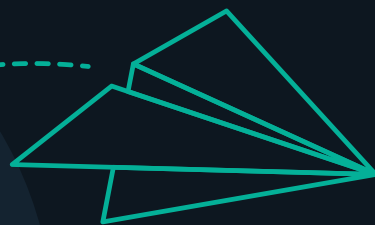
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Therefore, our curriculum is constantly changing in order to promote a balanced perspective on Thanksgiving, which is appropriate for this age. The culminating activity will be our special Thanksgiving Feast. This is another special school tradition that you and your child will always remember. My own adult children still talk about the memories they have of the feast. Each class will be preparing a food item to bring to our Feast. Check with your teacher to see what time parents are invited to witness this wonderful school event and be sure to bring your cameras!

December is always an exciting and busy month at the preschool! It is like Santa's workshop over here with the children making special holiday gifts for parents! They get SO excited to give these holiday gifts to you, so be sure to enjoy! We will have our Polar Express days on December 11 and 12. This is another favorite KSPC tradition! Our teachers and students enjoy reenacting this favorite story! Be sure to send your child in pajamas that day. In addition, the jolly old elf himself (SANTA) will make an appearance (PLEASE KEEP THIS A SECRET). Santa will be reading the Polar Express to our students and he will give every student something special from his bag! Ask your child's teacher to get all the details. This will definitely be a highlight of December!

Mark your calendars for our Holiday Program! You WILL NOT want to miss this sweet performance! This year's program will be on Friday, December 15th. There will be 2 shows in order to accommodate the families that love to attend. The shows will be 9:00 a.m. AND 11:00 a.m. upstairs in the church. The 9:00 Show- Munson (M-F), Wuchter (TTh), Harten (TTh), Belton (TTh). The 11:00 Show - Wuchter (MWF am AND pm), Doherty (Th and MWF) Belton (MWF), Harten (MWF) Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served in the parish hall (big room) immediately following the show (we will be asking for refreshment donations as it gets closer to the show). School will conclude at this time and resume on Tuesday, January 2nd.



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Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 2nd with registration also beginning that day. Registration will be open to current and returning families during the month of January, so be sure to get your applications in and pay close attention to the dates listed on the application. New families will register beginning February 1st. Registration forms will be distributed the week before you leave for the holiday break. If you have any questions about the placement of your child for next year, please don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher. In addition, if you are interested in becoming a 2024-2025 KSPC board member, please see me as soon as possible.

As we quickly approach the end of 2023 I would like to take this opportunity to tell you that I am very thankful to be surrounded every day by such enthusiastic, sweet children who approach each day with excitement! A special thank you to all of our parents, staff and students for a wonderful start to our school year! We are fortunate to have such involved parents, caring teachers and wonderful students. I look forward to a happy and healthy 2024 here at KSPC!

*Happy Holidays*

Jen Augustine



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## KSPC VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Our cooperative spirit is one of the things that makes our school so special! We could not run our school without participation from our fabulous parent volunteers! Thank you, to the Martin Family and the Burns Family! We so appreciate you taking time out of your weekend to remove a very prickly bush and replace it with a wonderful **Crepe Myrtle tree**. We are so excited to watch this tree grow along with our KSPC students!



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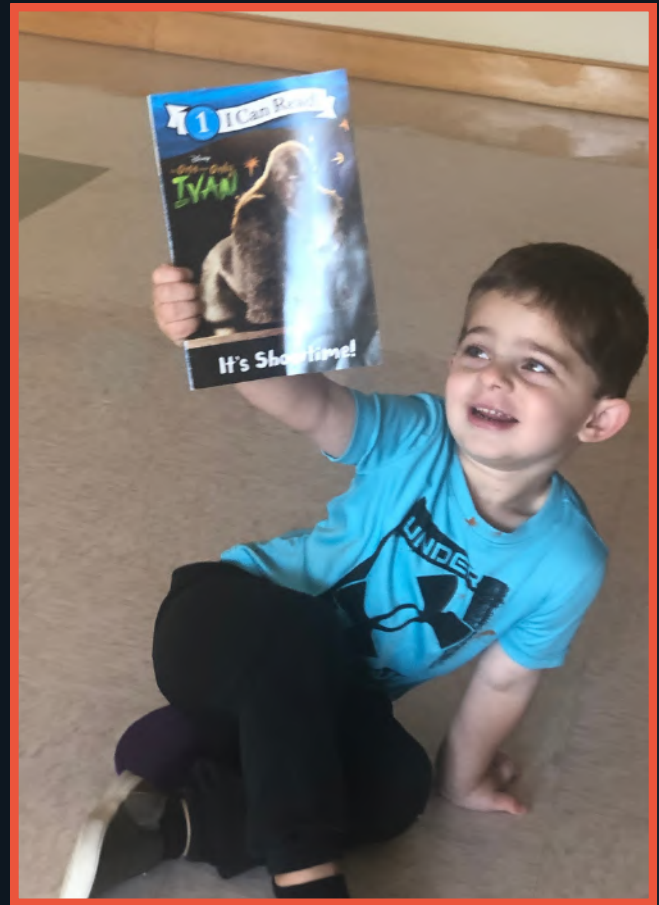
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I absolutely **LOVE** teaching music, physical education and library to your children! It is SO WONDERFUL to teach ALL the children in our school and really get to know them! Thank you for sharing your children with me!

### Library Class

Beginning in October your child began visiting Library Class with Mrs. Augustine! During this class students have the opportunity to listen to a story to go with our thematic curriculum and enjoy the many story puppets I have to help tell the story! The remainder of the class is spent selecting a book to bring home. Please take the time to read this book with your child. Once you are finished enjoying the book, please send it back to school. You do not need to wait for your scheduled library time to return the book. Your teacher will write your library class day on your monthly calendar. Thank you for helping us to foster the love of reading with our students!



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### Physical Education/Gym

Our students are always SO excited to attend "gym class" in the "big room" for large motor development. Be sure to send your child in sneakers on gym days because the students participate in a variety of physical activities including stretching, running, and an introduction to sports, games and yoga. The favorite activity so far has been the Halloween obstacle course. I am constantly searching for fun, creative ways to teach gross motor skills and incorporate our monthly curriculum themes into my class!





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### Music

The students love singing and dancing in music class! Each class is structured by sing-alongs, playing musical instruments (rhythm sticks, bells, shakers, tambourines, triangles), and dancing. Students especially enjoy being the "leader of the band" and marching around with an instrument of their choice. The goal is to incorporate many preschool skills like rhyming, numbers and letters and much more into this class while making it tons of fun!



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Mrs. Augustine, Mrs. Augustine,  
what do you see?



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I SEE SO MANY WONDERFUL THINGS  
GOING ON AROUND ME!



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## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING TO DO IN THE FALL?

Mrs. Munson's Five-Year Olds

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|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Lauren    | jump in leaf piles.              |
| Alice     | look for different color leaves. |
| Gavin     | find different kinds of leaves.  |
| Cayden    | go on a leaf hunt.               |
| Leah      | jump in a leaf pile.             |
| Violette  | celebrate my birthday.           |
| Ellarose  | have a pumpkin party.            |
| Whitney   | play with the leaves.            |
| Grae      | trick or treat.                  |
| Sadie     | trick or treat.                  |
| Genevieve | jump in the leaves.              |
| Bennett   | trick or treat.                  |
| Sylvia    | trick or treat.                  |
| Bryce     | jump in the leaf pile.           |
| Cadenen   | dress up for Halloween.          |
| Rachel    | jump in leaf piles.              |



TRICK  
OR  
TREAT