

# St. Aidan's Episcopal Church Preschool/MMO



## October Newsletter



### UPCOMING DATES

- 10/8 P.O.P.S. Meeting  
9:15a.m.  
Library
- 10/15 Pumpkin Patch  
Fieldtrip
- 10/17 St. Aidan's Fall  
Festival
- 10/29 Fall Harvest Class  
Parties

It's a boy

Congratulations to Julianne Min, in the 2's class, for welcoming her new little brother, Jimmy Jr., on 9/10. Jimmy was 7'12oz and 19 1/2" long. Welcome!

### Attention

- Don't forget to go online at [jamespettitphotography.com](http://jamespettitphotography.com) to view your child's school portraits!
- Our fall fundraiser will be underway soon. Look for details coming soon!

### From the Director's Desk...

Dear Parents,

Your preschoolers had an exciting week last week with two visits from the Milton Fire Department. They all became Jr. Fire Fighters by learning valuable phrases such as, "fall and crawl", "stay low and go", and "don't hide, go outside". They climbed inside the fire truck and even sprayed the fire hose! We also had our 1st fire drill, and the kids did great!

As a reminder, school begins at 9:00a.m. There are an increasing number of students arriving late. At our last staff meeting, teachers were reminded to begin their morning instruction no later than 9:15. To delay past 9:15, significantly cuts into your child's learning day. Additionally, should you need to address any issues with your child's teacher, please wait until the end of the day. Morning conversations are also lingering and need to be kept brief. Thank you so much for your attention to this matter, as we all work together to create the best learning environment for your child.

Thank you to parents **Joel Kidd, Susan Griffis, Jennifer Bell, Jason Adkins, and Suhail Kachwala** for donating their time in building the new playground. Your children really seem to love it!

I hope you find time to enjoy the beauty and wonder of autumn.

In His Service,



Ms. Jill

### HERE WE GROW AGAIN!

We are excited to announce the formation of a 2nd MMO class that will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays. Children must be 18 months old by Sept. 1, 2009. The first day of this new class will be Monday, October 12.

Tuition will remain \$150/month for 2 days. If you'd like your child to attend all 4 days of MMO, the tuition rate is \$265. We do have a few spots still open in this class. Please help us spread the news!

### PRESCHOOL PHONE

Many of you may have experienced problems when calling the preschool. We are using a voice-over IP system, which sometimes either causes audio issues or doesn't work at all if the internet is down. We are working diligently on fixing this problem. If you need to get in touch with me, you can call the church office at: **770.521.0207** OR call my cell at **678.595.8231**. Please do not give my cell number out to anyone else. If you call the preschool and leave a message, I will receive it and return your call as soon as possible. Thanks for your patience!

## Berry Patch Farms Fieldtrip



We will be taking a fieldtrip on Thursday, 10/15 to Berry Patch Farms. [www.berrypatchfarms.net](http://www.berrypatchfarms.net)

A parent or guardian is required to accompany every student in Ms. Ceci and Ms. Lizzie's classes. Students in Ms. Kim and Ms. Natalie's class may carpool together. Permission slips were sent home last week. We are very excited and look forward to having you join us!



## Fall Harvest Parties

At St. Aidan's, we don't celebrate the secular side of Halloween, but rather put our focus into the beauty of the Autumn season and the bountiful harvest God has provided. This year our Fall Harvest Parties will be celebrated in the classrooms on October 29th. See your child's teacher if you would like to help with this event.

# Parent's Pick

**If I Had My Child to Raise Over Again**  
by Diane Loomans

If I had my child to raise all over again,  
I'd finger-paint more, and point the fingers less.  
I would do less correcting and more connecting.  
I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes.  
I would care to know less and know to care more.  
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.  
I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play.  
I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars.  
I'd do more hugging and less tugging.  
I'd build self-esteem first, and the house later.  
I would be firm less often, and affirm much more.  
I'd teach less about the love of power,  
And more about the power of love.



## St. Aidan's Fall Festival

October 17, 2009  
12:00 Noon - 7:00 pm

### Great Food!

- \* BBQ Served All Day
- \* Baked Goods
- \* Sweets

*Huey Ride Tickets  
and BBQ Food Tickets  
On Sale Now!*

### Great Events!

- \* Huey Helicopter Rides
- \* 50/50 Raffle
- \* Gift Basket Raffles
- \* Antique Car Cruise-In
- \* Craft Fair
- \* Bonfire
- \* Folk Music
- \* Kids Games
- \* Inflatables
- \* Hay Rides

**Come Spend the Day!**

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church  
13560 Cogburn Road, Alpharetta, GA  
(GA 400 to Windward Parkway - Go west 1.8 miles)

## Pumpkin Mania!

The Preschool/MMO will have a booth at the St. Aidan's Fall Festival. We will be decorating pumpkins, playing "Ring-the-Pumpkin" and "Pin the Nose on the Pumpkin". All proceeds from the day will go the preschool. We need volunteers to help us man our booth. Please see the sign up sheets and help us out by giving us an hour of your time, or donating items. Thank you!

## JUST FOR LAUGHS



A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

