



### ELC Happenings for Oct. & Nov.!!

10/13:

Vocations  
Mass, 8:15a

10/14:

Fire Safety Visit  
from the Fire  
Department.

10/15:

ELC Picture Day!  
Parent Surveys Due

10/18 -10/29:

4's Dial Testing

10/25-10/29:

Kinder Dial Testing

10/22:

Prayer Service,  
10:45am /

Fundraiser Ends,

10/29:

Halloween Parade

11/1:

All Saints Day

11/2:

All Souls Day,  
Election Day, No  
School/ELC

11/5:

Mandatory  
Parent/Teacher  
Conferences

11/11:

Veterans Day,  
No school

11/12:

ELC Prayer Service

St. Ann's Early Learning Center October 2010



## Principal's Newsletter

*"Given the right conditions, all children can learn..."*

### Reminders and Information



### You've Got Mail!!

In the coming weeks you will begin to see ELC correspondence come your way via email. Memos that do not require a written response will be sent home via email. Please help us by keeping your records current and up-to-date! If you need to update your email address with us, please kindly visit us at the ELC admin offices and update your records as soon as possible. For those of you who do not have an email address, we will continue to deliver a hard copy to your child's mailbox.

### No Outside Food is Allowed Campus

Due to the Federal Food Program and students who have allergies, the ELC does not allow outside food through our gates. Should you want to bring goodie bags in honor of a special occasion, please make sure there is no food in the goodie bag. Please give these goodie bags directly to your teacher who will check the goodie bags and then place them in the students mailboxes. Remember, goodie bags are not necessary at all. We truly appreciate your support and cooperation in keeping our ELC safe.



## The Dinosaurs Visit Aloun Farms!

On Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 42 students, 5 teachers, and 30 chaperones set out to find the perfect pumpkin. The Dinosaur Classes boarded the bus, followed by a caravan of parents. Upon arrival at Aloun Farms, the students were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Onion. We were treated to a hay ride around Aloun Farms. The eager Pumpkin pickers then went off in search their prize jack-o-lantern. We then went to have a relaxing picnic and share in fellowship with our friends at Kapolei park. Everyone returned to the ELC content that they had found the perfect pumpkin. Thank you to our wonderful moms and dads who joined us and chaperoned our excursion. You are great!



## Happy Pickin' from the Dolphins!

Within the past 2 weeks, the Dolphins have been learning about the Life Cycle of a pumpkin, and the importance of farmers and their role in our communities through stories, songs, and fun activities. They were able to experience first hand a lot of what they learned on their recent excursion to Aloun Farms Pumpkin Patch. Here they saw many pumpkins in their final stage of development. Time spent here at Aloun Farms is something they look forward to each year so they can pick their pumpkin to take home and share with their families. Thank you to our chaperones who were awesome! You made our excursion perfect!!



## Kinder Loves the Pumpkin Patch!



On Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, the Kindergarten Class made its annual visit to Aloun Farms in Kunia. The pumpkin fields

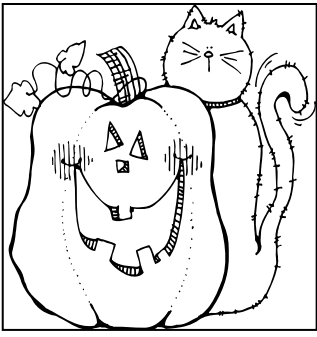
were ready, stocked with pumpkins of various sizes and shapes awaiting the children's discriminating eyes and preferences. The weather was typical – hot, dry, and dusty, but with a wonderful breeze. Each Bear gazed over the pumpkin patches, banana patches, and onion fields as we passed them on the hayride. By 10:30, the children had made their choices and a myriad of photos were taken by our parent chaperones. After a respite of juice and cookies, we boarded the bus and headed home. Our visit to the Aloun Farms Pumpkin Patch in 2010 was a success!! Thank you to all of our chaperones! You truly made our excursion wonderful!



## Fr. Benny Visits the ELC to Bless our Furry Friends

On Monday October 4, 2010, we celebrated the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. Mrs. Navarro read a story about St. Francis and how he took care of the animals. The children were able to see an actual statue of St. Francis and Fr. Benny blessed all of our stuffed animal friends and our classrooms. Every class ended the celebration in prayer to St. Francis. Special guests included Fr. Herman, Mrs. Barbara Honda and Mrs. Louise Barr.

# October Bookshelf



The air is turning a little bit cooler; we've all visited the pumpkin patch...now it's almost time for Halloween! The children are getting so excited! What a perfect opportunity to add to the autumn brisk fun with some seasonal, not-so-spooky stories from your public library! Young children love the novelty of choosing their own books to borrow! Stop in for a real treat soon - no tricks!

Here are just a few selections for you to check out:

## I Know It's Autumn

by Eileen Spinelli

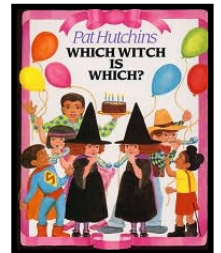
A sweet, rhyming book about the wonderful pleasures of fall. We may not know everything there is to know about the autumn season because we live in Hawaii where the change is not so obvious. Everyone can relate to anticipating Halloween, Thanksgiving and the excitement these holidays bring to all.



## Which Witch Is Which?

by Pat Hutchins

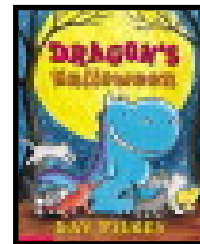
Identical twins, Ella & Emily, arrive at a costume party dressed exactly alike as cut little witches. But which witch is witch? See if you can tell the two apart from the clues given as the party unfolds.



## Dragon's Halloween

By Dav Pilkey

This is a cute junior chapter book that's perfect to read aloud to early learners (older children will like to read it on their own.) Dragon just *loves* Halloween! Follow him through jack-o-lantern making, a costume party and the deep, dark woods for some not-too scary fun.



## The Halloween Play

by Felicia Bond

An adorable classroom full of mice is putting on a Halloween play and *you're* invited! They practice and practice getting their songs and dances just right. Roger Mouse has a small, but very important role. What will he do? You just have to find out!



## The Perky Little Pumpkin

*A Halloween Story*

by Margaret Friskey

A very special Halloween story about a feisty little pumpkin who was determined to scare somebody, *anybody*, on Halloween night. No one took him seriously at all and no one seemed even a little bit frightened by him until an unforeseen turn of events

