



## November 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

The Sun Light fast is dwindling, my little lamp needs  
Kindling, its beams shine bright in darkest night,  
Dear Lantern guard me with your light.

The month of October brought much hustle and bustle to the Kindergarten with carving our Jack-o Lantern for Halloween and preparing our paper lanterns for our Lantern Walk Festival. We have settled into a wonderful rhythm with a good breathing between indoors and outdoors. We have been enjoying our snacks outside in our magical space. The Elderberries, our older children, have been enjoying a special time with Mr. Lee, our Director and experienced class teacher, three days a week for an hour working on first grade readiness activities. This gives time for the younger children to play and get to know each other better.

We have been hearing a story about a little boy who wished to be a knight and in morning circle we were knights and visited the gnomes who gave us iron to bring to the blacksmith to forge us a sword of light, that is always used for the right. The Elderberries started to make wooden swords.

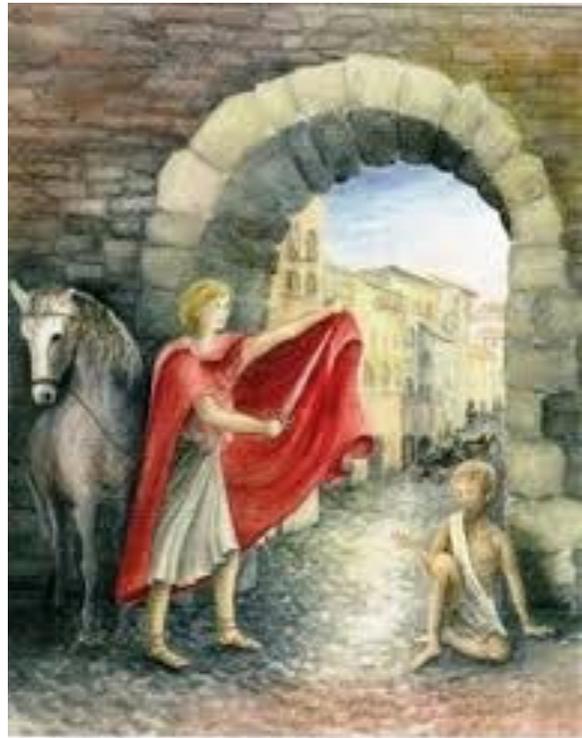
We are also enjoying traditional circle games in the morning as well. For Halloween the farmer had neither wheat nor hay in his wagon but something that shines like a golden ray, it was round, and it glowed when you put a candle inside, everyone jumped into the wagon to go for a ride. We passed our big pumpkin around and each child carried it around the circle. Oh, we have very strong muscles from eating our good soup and rice and millet porridge. We heard the stories of a tiny witch called Witchamaroo and a naughty little Hobgoblin. Pumpkin pie was served the day after Halloween to end the week.

It was so wonderful to have most of the parents at our parent evening and the children enjoyed all the beautiful windows on their Lanterns, which they were busy covering with tissue paper. And how beautiful they all came out. A little home for Father sun's spark from his last Autumn rays. This little light will guide us to the bright light of midwinter when the days grow longer again. We trust that the Lanterns



will find a home on your dining room table and/or on your child's bedside when they go to sleep at night. Perhaps you will go on some walks at night and enjoy your little lights in the dark. We are also singing songs about St. Martin who cut his cloak in half with his sword to warm a poor beggar man.

The Holy St. Martin  
The Patron Saint of France.



Looking ahead we will hear more Autumn Stories and will be singing Native American songs in our Morning Circle time and string corn.

It is such a joy watching the children play so beautifully each day. As it gets colder it is important that they wear rain pants each day as they love to play in the mud kitchen with water and we love that and also want them to stay warm. We are so very grateful for your trust as we are guiding your precious children each day.

With warm wishes,

Ms. Sigrid and Ms. Katie



**The Fourth Annual Lantern Walk Festival  
Saturday, November 9, 4:00 pm  
Meggitt, SC**

Our Lantern walk is this Saturday, don't miss it! Once again, we will be the guests of Ms. Renee and Eric Meyer on their spacious farm. There will be horses and hayrides, songs and a lantern walk through the woods. The lanterns look beautiful as the children and the parents applied their creativity in a team effort.

The address is 4277 Hwy 165, Yonges Island, SC.

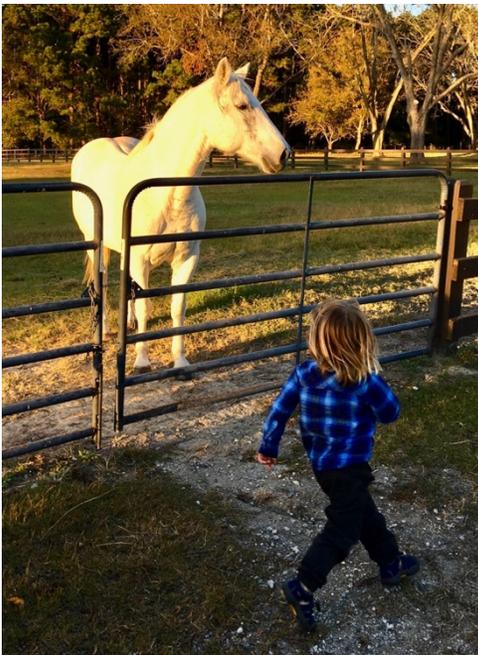
Take 17 South (20 miles) to 162 (7 miles) to the 162 and 165 intersection.  
Left on 165 at the only full stoplight in Hollywood.

Go straight for about a mile, and you will see the detour signs. You will curve slightly to the right followed by a left turn onto Wilson Road. Take Wilson road for about 2 miles, then turn left at the stop sign (a fire station is on your right) onto Ethel Post Office Road. About 2 miles the road ends, turn right onto 165.

Another 2 miles and we are on the right- a sturdy brown wooden fence. There will be a sign greeting you.

If you get lost, please call Emily 843-693-0422.

For those who missed it, here are some photos from past Lantern Walks.





**Advent Garden Ceremony**  
**Sunday, December 8, 2019**  
**5:30 to 6:30 PM**

Please join us for the most beautiful festival in the Waldorf tradition. Be sure to invite the grandparents and family friends. Please arrive by 5:15 so that the children may use the bathroom before the festival begins. Ms. Lydia Chernikoff, a former Waldorf student of Ms. Christi's, and member of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra, will be providing the violin music for the evening. It promises to be a lovely experience for all who attend.

Upon arrival to the Advent Garden Ceremony, families gather together in the parlor to the left at the end of the hall. Please make sure your children use the bathroom. Then, at 5:30, Mr. Lee will greet you and lead everyone into the dining hall where the ceremony will begin. Please invite grandparents as they too will enjoy the beauty of the event. We look forward to seeing you there.



**First Acorn School Open House Event December 7, 9:30 to 11:30**

Please help us spread the word on our first open house event of the year. We will celebrate 100 years of Waldorf Education and offer experiential workshops which will help participants understand what we do and why we do it. This will also be the launch of our "First Grade in 2020" initiative. Please help us reach out to the community and invite everyone you know who has a potential first grader to the event. While the adults are in the workshops there will be activities planned for the children. Please RSVP by December 1 to [info@acornschoocharleston.org](mailto:info@acornschoocharleston.org) or call 843.501.2780.



FIRST GRADE & MIXED-AGE KINDERGARDEN

# OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7  
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM



## INFORMATION SESSION & WALDORF WORKSHOP

*(Parents only)*

Waldorf Education Discussion & First Grade Workshop:

Presented by Dr. Lee Stevens, Ph.D.

Kindergarten Experiential Workshop:

Presented by Sigrid D' Aleo, Lead Teacher

## CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

*(Ages 4+ welcome)*

Nature Scavenger Hunt & Candle Making Activity

**SPACE IS LIMITED  
RSVP BY 12/1**

[Info@AcornSchoolCharleston.org](mailto:Info@AcornSchoolCharleston.org)

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### **Upcoming Holiday Schedule**

- The Acorn School will be closed November 25-29 for the Thanksgiving holiday. School will resume on Monday, December 2.
- The Acorn School will be closed December 23-January 3 for the winter holidays. School will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020.