

# WARD'S CHAPEL PRESCHOOL

# CHATTERBOX



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FEBRUARY 2019

## FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb.	2	Pick-up Super Bowl Subs 10-12
	4	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Conference Day by appointment
	5	"Kids to Kids" Valentines Due
	8	Deliver Valentines to Chapel Hill - 11:45
	12	Valentine Party – M/T 2's, M/T 3's AM/PM
	13	Valentine Party – Wed 2's, 4's PM
	14	Valentine Party – Th/F 2's, WTF 3's, 4's AM
	15	<b>Book Orders Due</b> - order online
	18	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - President's Day
	27	<b>FIELD TRIP</b> – Walter's Art Museum 4's AM & 4's PM – 9:00 – 12:00

## MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

March	6	"Kids to Kids" Lent Project Begins
	7	<b>FIELD TRIP</b> – Goucher – MT3's AM/PM, WTF 3's
	7	<b>NO Lunch Bunch</b>
	8	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Staff Planning Day
	15	Speech, Language & Audiology Assessments – WTF 3's
	18	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Staff Professional Day
	19	Speech, Language & Audiology Assessments – M/T 3's, AM 4's, PM 4's
	22	<b>QUARTER AUCTION – 6-9</b>
	27	<b>FIELD TRIP</b> – Science Center – 4's AM & 4's PM – 9:00 – 2:00

## APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER

April	17-23	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Easter Break
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## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb.	3	Chizaram N.	5
	4	Luke H.	3
	7	Kristina H.	5
	7	Lucas J.	5
	11	Cooper D.	3
	16	Wyatt A.	3
	17	Kaitlin G.	5
	18	Camden R.	3

23	Marvin T.	5
24	Brendan W.	4
28	JP C.	3

## JULY UNBIRTHDAYS

July	3	Kaylee G.	4½
	6	Lydia L.	3½
	14	Greyson B.	4½
	18	Mikhael N.	2½
	25	Daniel D.	4½
	26	Logan D.	3½
	27	Michael C.	2½

## FEBRUARY PRAYER

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let this food to us be blessed. Amen.

## SUPER BOWL SUB SALE

Thanks to everyone who participated in the sub sale, 197 subs were sold. Pick up day is Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 am until noon. Don't forget to pick up your subs!

## "KIDS TO KIDS" OUTREACH

February's outreach - the children will decorate paper hearts at home with their families. We will deliver the Valentines to Chapel Hill Nursing Center on Friday, February 8 at 11:45. If you would like to go, please see Bridget or Donna.

For Lent, we will be collecting money in the classroom jars for the Heifer project. We will purchase sheep at a cost of \$120.00 each. Let's see how many we can send to a third world country. Lent begins March 6<sup>th</sup>.

## THANK YOU...

- ◆ To the parents who helped to make "Stone Soup"
- ◆ To all who contribute to the "Kids to Kids" projects
- ◆ To those who participated in the Super Bowl Sub Sale.
- ◆ To those who helped make subs.
- ◆ To Mo's Café for providing the sub supplies

## CONGRATULATIONS...

To the Skutt family on the births of Andrew and James, born on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Lillian in WTF 3's is the big sister.

## PARENT CONFERENCES

We encourage you to meet with your child's teacher about his/her progress. Each teacher will provide a sign-up sheet for conferences. They will be held on Monday, February 4, for all classes. School will not be in session, but the children may come with you to the classroom and be supervised by the teaching assistants. Each conference will be scheduled for 15 minutes. Please keep this in mind and have your questions and comments ready so that the teacher may allot the same time for each parent.

## FROM THE OFFICE...

- **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION 2019-2020-**

Registration is in progress. If you have not returned papers or money, please do so as soon as possible. *The security deposit for your child was due at registration, needs to be paid by May 2019.* Registration is now open to the public.

- **PLEASE SAVE** - Please save your used ink jet cartridges. We have a program for recycling that gives the school opportunity to purchase new cartridges or other equipment from the proceeds.
- **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY** - We will follow the Baltimore County or Carroll County Public School closings. If either or both Baltimore or Carroll Counties are closed, we will be closed. If they go one or two hours late, we will implement our alternative schedule. The 2's will meet 10:00–11:45. The morning classes will meet 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon. The afternoon classes will meet 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Please listen to your radio or TV for the Counties' schedules. There will be a message on the school answering machine by 7:00 a.m. Please alert sitters or grandparents to this policy, especially if they have your children in the a.m.

## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH - PATIENCE

The virtue of the month is Patience. Young children develop patience gradually. Perhaps waiting in line at the grocery store triggers crying and complaining. Use this time to tell your child a story, count the groceries in the cart, or sing a song. Tell your child that sometimes we have to wait for things and that we can do other things while we are waiting. When a parent exhibits patience with their children, the children then adopt those traits.

## THE WRITE STUFF

Long before a child learns to form letters with a pencil or marker, she has taken many steps toward learning to write. Children must have many opportunities to use their hands to do various things before they can successfully print letters.

Molding with clay, using large and small Legos, picking up beads, and playing with knobbed puzzles all prepare the fingers and hands for writing. Scribbling with markers and crayons, controlling a pencil for use with a stencil, using chalk on the sidewalk, and painting with fingers and large brushes are a few of the ways children practice for later writing.

We stock our room with plenty of paper, paper clips, staplers, pencils, markers, and crayons, and we make sure that these materials are available for children to use whenever they choose. Children may want to "write" notes to their friends or messages to their teacher or parents. They use writing materials in their dramatic play-making signs for a store, tickets for a show, menus for a restaurant, and so on.

As children experiment, developmental stages of writing become evident. Children move from random scribbling to controlled scribbles, to random alphabet letters, to consonants that represent words. Only with lots of opportunities to practice can children move through these stages.

If your child does not have a proper pencil grip, cannot purposefully manipulate a crayon, or simply shows no interest in learning to write, he or she probably is not ready to do so. Take care not to push. Children enjoy learning a new skill only when they are really ready for it. Getting ready is just as important as mastering the skill.

...from Family-Friendly Communication for Early Childhood Programs

