



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb.	4	Vision Screening – MTW 3s & AM 4s and eligible 2s
	7	Sub Sale Pick-Up – 10 am-12 pm
	10	Bring Valentines – MT 2s
	11	Bring Valentines – MTW 3s & AM 4s
	16	NO SCHOOL - President's Day
	20	Book Orders Due – order online
	23	Irvine Nature Center Visits – All classes
	26	FIELD TRIP – American Visionary Arts Museum – 4s AM

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb.	21	Charlotte P.	4
	25	Finn B.	5

JULY UNBIRTHDAYS

July	5	Annabelle F.	5½
	19	Benjamin L.	3½
	19	Eliana B.	3½
	21	Jaxson S.	4½
	27	Mairéad P.	3½
	27	Mackenna T.	4½

FEBRUARY PRAYER

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

SUPER BOWL SUB SALE

Pick-up day for subs is Saturday, February 7th, from 10:00 am til 12:00 pm., in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser. Supporting fundraisers helps us to keep tuitions reasonable.

"KIDS TO KIDS" OUTREACH

February's outreach - the children will decorate paper hearts in the classroom. We will deliver the Valentines to Chapel Hill Nursing Center before Valentine's Day.

For Lent, we will be collecting money in the preschool hall for the Heifer project. Lent begins February 18th.

For more information about Heifer International, go to www.heifer.org.

THANK YOU...

- ◆ To all who contribute to the "Kids to Kids" projects

WCPS PRIZE PALOOZA

We are making plans for the 5th Annual Preschool Prize Palooza. This fundraiser is a calendar drawing, full of great prizes each day!

This is how it works...

We are asking families to sell tickets, \$20.00 each to family and friends. You will receive a calendar, with prizes on each day of April. A ticket will be drawn each day and someone will win one of the great prizes that have been donated to the school, by local business, the staff and classes. You will be notified when you win!

More information to come in the March Newsletter, be on the lookout!!!

FROM THE OFFICE...

- **2026-2027 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION**
Registration is in progress. If you have not returned papers or money, please do so as soon as possible. Registration is now open to the public.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

We follow the Baltimore County and/or Carroll County Public School closings.

- If either, or both, Baltimore or Carroll Counties are closed, we will be closed.
- If they are two hours late, we will implement our alternative schedule. The 2s will meet 10:00–11:45. The 3s and 4s morning classes will meet 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon. If it is a Lunch Bunch Day, pick up remains at 1:30 pm. You will receive a Remind text from the school.
- Check www.bcps.org or www.carrollk12.org for closing information.
- Please alert your child's other caregivers to this policy, especially if they have your children in the morning.



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.

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