

WARD'S CHAPEL PRESCHOOL



CHATTERBOX



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JANUARY 2026

JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan.	5	School Reopens
	5	Sub Sale Fundraiser Begins
	13	Re-enrollment Day – 11:15 a.m.
	16	Book Orders Due
	19	NO SCHOOL - MLK, Jr. Birthday
	23	NO SCHOOL – Staff Planning Day
	22	Sub Sale Orders Due
	27	Irvine Visits – MT 2s, MTW 3s, AM 4s

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan.	01	Camden S.	4
	07	Rose T.	3
	12	Mallory M.	3
	14	Phoebe S.	3
	17	Samantha W.	3
	29	Bennett C.	5
	29	Wyatt T.	5

JUNE UNBIRTHDAYS

June	2	Dominic S.	2½
	4	Taraji S.	4½
	23	Sophia W.	3½

JANUARY PRAYER

Thank you for the world so sweet.
 Thank you for the food we eat.
 Thank you for the birds that sing.
 Thank you God, for everything. Amen.

2026-2027 REGISTRATION

You have received reenrollment packets for children attending preschool this year and enrollment packets for siblings attending next year.

Re-enrollment Day and Registration for siblings is Tuesday, January 13, 2026, doors will open at 11:15 p.m. outside the Main PS entrance

Bring with you the completed re-enrollment form or application and the \$95.00 registration fee and security deposit for each child. Return in the envelope included in the registration packet.

Check the reenrollment letter for next year's fees. Please contact the office if you would like to schedule a visit in a classroom for next year.

SUB SALE FUNDRAISER

The Tenth Annual Sub Sale begins now, for Super Bowl Weekend delivery. The 8" Italian Subs sell for \$10.00 each, *orders are due January 22nd. Pick-up day is February 8th from 10 am – 12 pm.* Please tell your friends and family. A great way to throw a Super Bowl party and help the school! See the flier.

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU...

The Staff sincerely thanks everyone for all the wonderful gifts received for Christmas. We appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness. May your New Year be filled with good health, happiness and love.

FROM THE OFFICE...

- **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 late, we will implement our alternative schedule. The 2's will meet 10:00–11:45. The other morning classes will meet 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon. Please check local TV or internet for the Baltimore and Carroll Counties closings and delays. If you are signed up for "Remind", you will receive a text on your phone. Please alert sitters or grandparents to this policy, especially if they have your children in the mornings.
- **Updates** - Please let us know if you have had a recent change of address, phone number, or emergency information.
- **Reminder** - Please make all checks payable to **WARD'S CHAPEL PRESCHOOL**.
- **Child Care Reimbursement Statements** – If you currently claim child care pre-tax reimbursement, with both parents working, you may request a statement by January 20th.

Virtue of the Month - EMPATHY

Empathy is the capacity for experiencing as one's own the feeling of another, walking a mile in someone else's shoes. It's very closely related to compassion. Children learn about empathy as they relate to the feelings of others. We can foster the feeling of empathy by asking a child how he or she would feel about things that they see happen to their friends, if that same thing happened to him or her.

Some children's books about empathy are:

Faces by Barbara Brenner

Feelings by Aliki

On Monday When It Rained by Kachnmeister

The Brown Bear that Wasn't by Carole Kaplan

THE READING AREA

Our reading area is full of wonderful books that children love and learn from. We have a good collection ourselves, and we are always bringing in fresh books from the library.

Children have the opportunity to slowly leaf through good books that have been read to them, look at the pictures, examine the print on the page, and "read" to someone else. These experiences create a love of books that helps children become eager, and eventually proficient, readers.

The quiet, comfy atmosphere of the reading area gives children a pleasant place to escape from the noisy, vibrant classroom. This is a place for kids to rest, to have some time alone.

We continually look for quality books to add to our reading area. Let us know if you have any suggestions of books to add or if you would like to donate a book or help get good books from the library.

To instill a love of reading and to expand your child's vocabulary, read to your child at home! Be a partner with us in instilling a love of books in your children.

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

