

WARD'S CHAPEL PRESCHOOL



CHATTERBOX



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MARCH 2022

MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1 Carroll County Kindergarten Registration begins
- 2 Kids to Kids Heifer Project begins
- 8 Hearing/Speech/Language Screening – AM MTW 3s, AM & PM 4s
- 10 Hearing/Speech/Language Screening – ThF 3s
- 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 14 Pi Day (for you nerds)
- 18 **NO SCHOOL** – Staff Planning Day
- 21 **NO SCHOOL** – Staff Professional Day
- 25 Book Orders Due
- 25 WCPS Prize Palooza tickets due

APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER

- 13-19 **NO SCHOOL** – Easter Break
- 26 **FIELD TRIP** – Farm – 10-11 - MT 2s
- 26 Last Tuesday Lunch Bunch
- 27 **FIELD TRIP** – Farm
- 28 **FIELD TRIP** – Spring Meadow Farm – All 4s
- 28 Last Thursday Lunch Bunch
- 29 **FIELD TRIP** – Farm – 10-11 - ThF 2s

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

15	Benjamin B.	3
19	Landon T.	5
22	Chimamanda	4
22	Nathaniel	4
23	Fleury K.	4
24	Liorah A.	4

AUGUST UNBIRTHDAYS

2	Adenike A.	2½
3	Charlotte P.	4½
15	Sage N.	3½
16	Rhett F.	3½
21	Bennett S.	4½
24	Molly G.	3½



MARCH PRAYER

For food to eat to make us grow, thank you God, who planned it so. Amen

"KIDS TO KIDS"

Our "Kids to Kids" Lenten project is Heifer International. *It begins March 2nd and ends with Easter.*

When children donate to the feed bucket, they will add an animal sticker to the farm. The children are encouraged to do jobs at home to earn the money they donate. Our goal this year is to purchase the Promise Gift Basket, which contains ducks, chickens, geese, and rabbits. The cost of one basket is \$85.00. How many baskets can we donate to Heifer International? If you would like more information, visit the website, www.heifer.org.

SUPER BOWL SUB SALE

Our seventh Sub Sale was successful! Thanks to all who participated - the subs were delicious. Thanks to those who came to assemble the subs on Saturday morning, only took a little over an hour to complete 240 subs. Special thanks to Mo Ahmed of Mo's Café for preparing the fixings for us.

WARD'S CHAPEL PRESCHOOL PRIZE PALOOZA

Our Spring 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!

Tickets will be available to you to sell on March 7th, and will be due back to school by Friday, March 25th.

We know this has been a difficult year for everyone, including the school. We are encouraging you to support the school with this fundraiser.

Please help make this a successful fundraiser for the school!

THANK YOU...

- ◆ To all for the many Valentine cards and gifts you showered upon us.
- ◆ To the children who made Valentines at school for the nursing home.
- ◆ To the preschool families participating in the Super Bowl Sub Sale.
- ◆ To the parents that helped to prepare the subs on Saturday morning – Krista Remmers, Marty Henneberry, Courtney Ackerman, Nikki Geld, Jessica Stroup and staff, Bridget and husband Dan, Penny and husband Eric, Caroline and Donna.

FROM THE OFFICE...

• KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

In Carroll County, registration packets are available beginning March 1. Please call the individual schools for their specific times. In Baltimore County, please call the individual schools for dates and times.

You must bring with you a copy of your child's birth certificate (not birth registration card), proof of residence (utility bill or tax bill), immunization records and social security number. Children must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2022 to enroll in kindergarten.

RESPONSIBILITY

The value for this month is responsibility. Learning about responsibility can begin at an early age, giving a child simple choices and allowing him to make a decision, giving a child a small task to work to completion, etc... It has to do with paying attention to others, responding to obligations, and following through with commitments. It means being dependable and not letting others down.

Encourage your child to do things on his own from an early age; putting on his coat, placing napkins on the table, hanging up his backpack, cleaning up his toys. As a child matures, allow him or her to care for a pet to learn about taking care of something.

A child can learn self-control when he is taught to be responsible for his own actions. Students can show responsibility by doing homework on time, attending practices and events as scheduled, and by budgeting their time, money and effort wisely.

READ ME A STORY - AGAIN!

As they finish reading a storybook to a child, grown-ups often groan when they hear the words, "Read it again!" Many of us grown-ups tire of reading the same books over and over, but repeated reading is actually very good for young children.

Children learn important things from hearing a book again and again. They learn basic grammar and story structure. They also learn new vocabulary words and learn to associate the words with the illustrations on the page. In time, they will be able to tell the story themselves, using the visual clues of the illustrations. Children who hear and retell stories refine their retellings until their memory of the words they have heard is so close to the text that they correct themselves as they "read" the story. Although their "reading" is primarily recitation rather than word identification, they gradually associate the text with the words they are saying.

As children incorporate stories into their memories, familiar words and phrases appear in their vocabulary. A child inspired by Bill Martin Jr's *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* (Holt, Rinehart & Winston 1983) may ask a friend, "Tiffany, Tiffany, what do you see?" Or, having just read Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* (Collins 1979) a child may say, "On Monday, I ate through one sandwich, but I was still hungry."

To develop into lifelong readers, children need opportunities to learn to love books. What better way than snuggling up as Mom, Dad, or another family member reads a favorite book-again?

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

