

WARD'S CHAPEL PRESCHOOL

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NOVEMBER 2018

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- Nov. 1 Grandparent's Day – WTF 3's
 5 Grandparent's Day – M/T 3's AM & PM
 4's AM & PM
 8 **Book Orders Due**
 9 **NO SCHOOL** - Staff Planning Day
 13 Native American visits - 4's AM & PM
 14 Thanksgiving Feast – Wed 2's
 16 Thanksgiving Program/Feast – Th/F 2's,
 WTF 3's
 20 Thanksgiving Program/Feast – M/T 2's,
 M/T 3's AM & PM, 4's AM & PM
 20 **NO LUNCH BUNCH**
 21-23 **NO SCHOOL** -Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec. 7 **FIELD TRIP** - B & O Museum – 4's AM &
 4's PM
 11 Christmas Program - M/T 2's, M/T 3's
 AM & PM
 11 **NO LUNCH BUNCH**
 12 Christmas Program – Wed 2's, 4's PM
 13 Christmas Program – WTF 3's
 13 **NO LUNCH BUNCH**
 14 Christmas Program – Th/F 2's, 4's AM
 17- **NO SCHOOL** - Christmas Holiday
 Jan. 1 **NO SCHOOL** - Christmas Holiday

JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan. 2 School reopens
 8 Preschool Registration for 2019-2020

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3	Finnegan S.	3
6	Corrine W.	4
6	Mackenzie C.	5
10	Kendrick S.	4
11	Charlotte L.	3
14	Aubrey D.	4
22	Miguel P.	5
26	Blake D.	4
27	Micah M.	5
29	Phoebe W.	3

NOVEMBER PRAYER

Thank you, God, for home and food.
 Thank you, God, for all things good. Amen

GRANDPARENT'S DAY

Invitations are being sent home by the 3's & 4's for grandparents to visit the classrooms the beginning of November. Check the calendar for your child's class time. If grandparents are unable to attend, children may bring a picture of them, send an MP file to the preschool or they may "adopt" a grandparent for the day. At this point in the school year, the 2's are still adjusting to their new environment. We feel it is not beneficial to the children to alter their routine.

THANKSGIVING PROGRAMS

The programs will be held for each class during regular class time according to the schedule listed under the November calendar. Families are invited to attend the Chapel Service or classroom program. The children will enjoy the feast at snack. A separate letter will follow.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

The programs will be held for each class during regular class time according to the schedule listed under the December calendar. Families are invited to attend. The children are asked to bring an unwrapped "Golden Book" to be given to Carroll Hospital Center. A separate letter will follow.

THANK YOU...

- To the Gamber Volunteer Fire Department for having the 4's visit the Fire House.
- To Liberty Road Volunteer Fire Department for visiting
- To the Klingelhofer's for providing the 2's and 3's with the hayride to the pumpkin field.
- To those who volunteered during the month in the classrooms and on field trips.
- To the parent representatives and staff who are serving on the Preschool Board.

SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures should arrive in late November. The packet for your child's pictures, including the class picture is \$20.00. Sibling packets are \$17.00. Checks are made payable to Dorothy Cobb Studios. Additional pictures can be ordered, those orders should be sent directly to the photographer, please make the office aware if you send the payment directly.

OCTOBER COUPON FUND RAISER

It's not too late.....you can still send your October Fund Raiser Donation to school. Since we are not sending home traditional fund raisers, the school depends on your donations.

"KIDS TO KIDS"

Thank you for all the gently used outerwear you donated in October. As the weather gets colder, we will be able to distribute the coats, gloves, boots, etc. to Baltimore County school families. You and your children should be proud of a job well done with a good feeling of helping others.

The November project is collecting canned goods and non-perishables for a local food bank.

FROM THE OFFICE...

- ✓ Through FundingFactory.com we can recycle your ink cartridges to receive credit towards equipment and supplies for the school. We can accept inkjet and laser cartridges. Simply drop the item off at the preschool office. We will do the rest!
- ✓ **STAY HEALTHY...**The cold and flu season is upon us. Following is a checklist to get your whole family involved in being Germ Busters. Start with this important checklist.
 - Wash hands with soap and water – especially before snacks and meals
 - Sing the Happy Birthday song twice every time you wash your hands
 - Do the elbow sneeze or cough (bent elbow)
 - Throw used tissues away
 - Keep scrapes and cuts clean
 - Clean and disinfect commonly touched surfacesPlease notify the office any time your child is absent from school, especially if they have influenza-like illness.
- ✓ *Parent Tips* is a monthly series designed especially for parents of young children. *ParentTips* provides you with information and fun tips for building your child's skills and abilities. Just a few minutes every day will help your child be ready to succeed in school! Please check the website periodically – www.readyatfive.org.



VALUE OF THE MONTH - HONESTY

Our value for November is honesty. Being honest with your child helps him/her to develop a sense of fairness and straightforwardness. It also helps to develop trust. The dictionary definition includes integrity, truthfulness, sincerity, being free of fraud and deception.

Children rely on what parents tell them to be the truth. They place confidence and dependability in everything that parents do and say.

In the book **I Refuse to Raise A Brat** (Henner, Sharon 1999), Dr. Ruth Sharon states that "...the unconscious mind knows everything, and that is never more apparent than in small children... A Child can absolutely distinguish between honesty and lying, reality and fantasy. Parents need to give him credit for this and set a good example for him to follow as he grows up."

LEARNING LANGUAGE

Children begin very early in life to acquire language skills. Language helps children gain independence, interact with others, and participate in the surrounding culture. It plays a role in social interaction and expression of emotions, as well as learning.

Most children follow a sequence of language development: crying and cooing, babbling, first words, and first sentences. By the age of 5 most children have developed in proficiency in oral language and use it effectively to accomplish their purposes and meet their needs.

Even very young children are soothed by the mere voices of loved ones. Sing, chant, and carry on casual conversations with children-whether or not they answer or even before they are able to understand. Children tune in more than we sometimes realize. The language they hear is the raw material from which their own language develops-and through which much of their learning about the world takes place.

Kids learn a lot when adults simply talk to them in the course of daily activities such as cooking, bathing, and doing chores. Riding in the car or on a bus-or even pushing the shopping cart-parents can comment on what they see along the way. And there is a fringe benefit of keeping up running conversation: the child is less likely to get bored and to misbehave.

When you plan a family outing or special event, talk about it with your child beforehand and afterward. Anticipating and recalling experiences not only promote children's language development but also increase their knowledge and understanding.

Songs, fingerplays, and nursery rhymes are especially good for introducing children to the patterns and rhythms of language. And being read to is a real joy. When we take the time to read aloud and converse with our children, they learn to value language-as well as our company.

– Family-Friendly Communication for Early Childhood Programs, Deborah Diffily and Kathy Morrison, ed., NAEYC