



### NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Nov.	2	Grandparent's Day for MTW 3s
	3	Grandparent's Day for ThF 3s
	8	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Election Day
	11	<b>Scholastic Book orders due</b>
	15	Thanksgiving Feast – MT 2s
	16	Thanksgiving Feast & Chapel – MTW 3s (11:00), PM 4s (12:30)
	18	Thanksgiving Feast – ThF 2s
	18	Thanksgiving Feast & Chapel – ThF 3s (11:00), AM 4s (9:00)
	21	<b>NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN</b> – Parent-Teacher Conferences
	22	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Staff Planning Day
	23-25	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> -Thanksgiving Holiday

### DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec.	1	<b>FIELD TRIP</b> – BSO – <i>A Spirit for the Holidays</i> – AM & PM 4s
	13	Christmas Sing-Along – MT 2s (10:45)
	13	Christmas Program – MTW 3s (9:00) <b>No Lunch Bunch for 3s</b>
	14	Christmas Program – PM 4s (12:30)
	15	Christmas Program – ThF 3s (9:00) <b>No Lunch Bunch for 3s</b>
	16	Christmas Sing-Along – ThF 2s (10:45)
	16	Christmas Program – AM 4s (9:00)
	19 -	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Christmas Holiday
Jan.	2	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Christmas Holiday

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Colton H.	4
3	Payton Y.	5
8	Phoenix D.	3
10	Jack J.	3
21	Hunter M.	5
25	Christian L.	5

### NOVEMBER PRAYER

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

### GRANDPARENT'S DAY

Grandparents are invited to join the three's classes to participate in their day at preschool. The MTW 3s will host their grandparent's on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, and ThF 3s on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A separate letter will be sent home.

### 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. The children will enjoy the feast at snack time.

A separate letter will follow.

### "KIDS TO KIDS" - OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Thank you for all the gently used outerwear you donated in October. As the weather gets colder, we will be able donate the coats, gloves, boots, etc. to families in need. 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 the Ward's Chapel UMC Food Pantry.

### "KIDS TO KIDS" - DECEMBER

For the Christmas Season, we will be collecting books for our "Kids to Kids project". The children are asked to bring an unwrapped "Golden Book" to be given to Carroll Hospital Center.

### THANK YOU...

- To families for donating school supplies. The staff at Hernwood Elementary were grateful.
- To the Gamber Volunteer Fire Department and Patrick Livesay for having the 4s visit the Fire House.
- To Patrick Livesay for visiting all the 3s classes, dressing in his fireman's gear.
- To the Klingelhofer's for providing the 2s and 3s with the hayride to the pumpkin field.
- To the parent representatives and staff who are serving on the Preschool Board.
- To families for donating outer ware.

## FROM THE OFFICE...

**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 surfaces

Please notify the office any time your child is absent from school, especially if they have COVID or influenza-like illness. *REMINDER...to return to school your child must have 2 negative home COVID tests, 48 hours apart or doctor's note stating it is safe for them to return.*

## PARENT TIPS

*Parent Tips* is a monthly series designed especially for parents of young children. *Parent Tips* 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](http://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.

...from-[Family-Friendly Communication for Early Childhood Programs](#)

