

WARD'S CHAPEL PRESCHOOL

CHATTERBOX



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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Nov.	3	Grandparent's Day for ThF 3s
	6	Grandparent's Day for MTW 3
	8	Scholastic Book orders due
	14	Thanksgiving Feast – MT 2s
	15	Thanksgiving Feast & Chapel – MTW 3s (11:00)
	15	NO LUNCH BUNCH
	17	Thanksgiving Feast – ThF 3s (10:45)
	17	Thanksgiving Feast & Chapel – AM 4s (9:00)
	20	NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN – Parent-Teacher Conferences
	21	NO SCHOOL – Staff Planning Day
	22-24	NO SCHOOL -Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec.	6	FIELD TRIP – BSO – <i>The Nutcracker</i> – AM 4s
	12	Christmas Sing-Along – MT 2s (10:45)
	13	Christmas Program – MTW 3s (10:30)
	13	NO LUNCH BUNCH
	15	Christmas Program – ThF 3s (10:30)
	15	Christmas Program – AM 4s (9:00)
	18 -	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Holiday
Jan.	2	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Holiday
	3	Return to school

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

8	Phoenix D.	4
10	Jack J.	4

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 ThF 3s will host their grandparent's on Friday, November 3, and MTW 3s on Monday, November 6.

A separate letter has been 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 to 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 supplies were distributed by our Food Pantry.
- To families for donating outerwear.
- To the Sykesville/Freedom Volunteer Fire Department for having the 4s visit the Fire House.
- 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.

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.

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."

WRITE BEFORE YOUR CHILD'S EYES

Children learn about writing by observing people who already know how and by participating with those people in simple writing experiences. Parents and older siblings serve as models for children, showing them what writers do.

Kids are more likely to want to communicate in writing if they grow up in a home where they often see people writing. The more they see you writing, the more inclined they are to want to write.

As children begin "writing," they may use drawing, scribbling, or invented letters and spellings to express themselves. These are legitimate forms of early writing and to be encouraged!

Share your writing tasks with children. For example, include your child when you write out the weekly grocery list or jot down a reminder to yourself or another family member. And get the child to help with writing party invitations, thank-you notes, and cards or letters to relatives and friends.

When you have writing tasks to do—even something as humdrum as your to-do list—try to get in the habit of doing them when your child is around. Before you know it, you'll have an eager writer on your hands.

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

