



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- Nov. 4 Grandparent's Day for MTW 3s
- 5 **NO SCHOOL** – Election Day
- 8 Grandparent's Day for Th/F 3s
- 15 **Scholastic Book orders due**
- 19 Thanksgiving Snack – MT 2s
- 20 Thanksgiving Snack - Wed 2s
- 20 Thanksgiving Chapel & Feast – MTW 3s (10:30)
- 20 **NO LUNCH BUNCH**
- 22 Thanksgiving Chapel & Feast – AM 4s (9:00)
- 22 Thanksgiving Chapel & Feast – ThF 3s (10:30)
- 25 **NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN** – Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 26 **NO SCHOOL** – Staff Planning Day
- 27-29 **NO SCHOOL** -Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec. 10 **FIELD TRIP** – Arts on Stage – AM 4s
- 17 Christmas Sing-Along – MT 2s (11:00)
- 18 Christmas Sing-Along – Wed 2s (11:00)
- 18 Christmas Program – MTW 3s (10:30)
- 18 **NO LUNCH BUNCH**
- 20 Christmas Program – AM 4s (9:00)
- 20 Christmas Program – Th/F 3s (10:30)
- 23 - **NO SCHOOL** - Christmas Holiday
- Jan. 3 **NO SCHOOL** - Christmas Holiday
- 6 Return to school

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Roger K. 3

NOVEMBER PRAYER

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

The 2s will continue with
"Our Hands We Fold"

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 Monday, November 4, and the ThF 3s on Friday, November 8.

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 supplies were distributed by our Food Pantry.
- To families for donating outerwear.
- To Liberty Road Volunteer Fire Department for bringing the fire truck and visiting the 3s.
- 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.

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."

ASKING OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

A question like "What color is that block?" evokes a one-word answer. But an open-ended question, "Tell me about the blocks you are using," encourages a child to describe the blocks or explain what she is doing. There is no right or wrong answer here.

An answer to an open-ended question gives us a window into what the child is thinking and feeling. And the response is sometimes wonderfully creative. In explaining or describing, children also use language more fully.

In our program, we try to think of good questions to ask children. You might hear one of us say to a child,

- Tell me about your picture.
- What else can you do with the playdough?
- What could you use to make the tower stand up?
- What do you think would happen if ----?
- Is there another way to ----?

It is difficult to change the closed-end question habit.

But when we ask open-ended questions, children reap great benefits as they think through their responses to express what they want to say. And with their answers, we find out more about what they think and feel.

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

