

# WARD'S CHAPEL PRESCHOOL



## CHATTERBOX



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### OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct. 7	<b>Field Trip</b> –AM & PM 4s – Gamber Volunteer Fire Dept – <b>9:45-11:00</b>
11	<b>Book Orders Due</b>
15	School Pictures - MT 2s, AM MT 3s, PM MTW 3s, PM 4s
16	School Pictures - W 2s, WTF 3s
17	School Pictures – TF 2s, AM 4s
18	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – State Professional Day
21	<b>Field Trip</b> – AM & PM 4s – Irvine Nature Center 9:45-11:30
22	<b>Field Trip</b> – MT AM 3s & PM MTW 3s - Pumpkin Patch (at school – during regular class time)
	<b>Hayride</b> - 10:45 - MT 2s
24	<b>Field Trip</b> – WTF 3s - Pumpkin Patch (at school – during regular class time)
	<b>Hayride</b> - 10:45 – W 2s & TF 2s
29	<b>Costume Parades</b> – AM MT 3s @ 9:00; MT 2s @ 11:00
30	<b>Costume Parades</b> – W 2s @ 11:00; PM MTW 3s & PM 4s @ 12:30
31	<b>Costume Parades</b> – WTF 3s, AM 4s @ 9:00; TF 2s @ 11:00

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Elaina L.	5
5	Sheenabright K.	4
6	Benjamin K.	5
16	Brinkley B.	4
16	Chisom N.	4
19	Declan E.	3
19	Elowen E.	3
25	Grace L.	5
27	Piper A.	3
27	Joelle S.	3

### OCTOBER PRAYER

God is great, God is good. Let us thank Him for our food.  
By His hands, we all are fed. Give us, Lord, our daily bread.  
Amen.

*The two's will continue with "Our Hands We Fold"*

### KIDS TO KIDS

During this month's "Kids to Kids" campaign, we will collect *Gently Used Outerwear* for children attending a Baltimore County school. Please bring gently used adult and/or youth mittens, gloves, coats, boots, snow gear, and new children's

underwear and socks. Collection boxes are outside of each classroom. The children can again place a sticker on the chart.

### SCHOOL PICTURES

Pictures will be taken by Dorothy Cobb Studios on October 15, 16, and 17. A reminder of picture day for your child's class will be sent home. Individual and class pictures will be taken. Siblings not in school may also have pictures taken at the beginning of each class time. Packets will be returned to the school by late November. *The cost of the packet is \$20.00. All checks for pictures including reorders are made payable to Dorothy Cobb Studios and returned to the school.* (This is the one exception to the WCPS check rule.) If you send it directly to Dorothy Cobb, please let the office know.

**ALL ORDERS OR MONEY MUST BE TURNED IN BY DECEMBER 13.**

### OCTOBER COSTUME PARTY

Costume party information is found in your parent handbook. Just to remind parents – no scary costumes, no weapons (i.e., witches, ghosts, etc.) Some fun ideas are princesses, animals, or even a bible character. If your child does not want to wear a costume, feel free to send it along in a bag. Sometimes seeing other children dressed up will cause them to join in the fun! A parade and party will be held for each class. Parents are invited to stay for the parade. Look information soon.

### THANK YOU...

- To all who participated in the orchard trip and made applesauce in the classrooms.
- To the chaperones that went with us to Port Discovery.
- For the school supply donations to "Kids to Kids"

### PARENT/STAFF BOARD

The Parent-Staff Board will be meeting on October 1 for the first time this year. Thank you to those parents who volunteered to be representatives for their child's class. More information on what was discussed at the meeting will follow in next month's newsletter.

### CONGRATULATIONS...

To the Thurston family on the birth of Miles Avery born September 5. Cameron in the PM MTW 3s is the big brother.

To the Hayes family on the birth of Abel born September 24. Remington in the TF 2s is the big brother.

## MARTIN'S SUPERMARKETS

Shop at Martin's, sign up to earn points and help our school. Registration is online or in the store. From October 1, 2019 – March 30, 2020. Every time you shop at a participating store with your BONUSCARD, you'll be helping Ward's Chapel earn cash. Results will be posted monthly at: [MartinsAplus.com](http://MartinsAplus.com).

## VALUE FOR OCTOBER

The value for October is **Respect**. The dictionary definition is "to consider worthy of high regard or esteem." Children can show respect in many ways, for example, to themselves (self-respect), to their peers, and to authority. Some ways to foster respect are teaching your children to listen while others are talking. In modeling respect, children will see us really listen to them, give them the time they need to accomplish a task and reinforce those good manners. Remember, *please and thank you* when dealing with your children. Children become what they live and see.

## MATH MOMENTS

In every classroom, at any time during the day, the potential for a "math moment" exists. The room is one big learning center where strands of mathematical discovery are continually being woven. Children learn to make sense of their world through everyday experiences.

To stimulate a math moment, teachers use a variety of materials and ideas to create an environment in which children explore math concepts. In the math center are board games, puzzles, matching and guessing games, dominoes, cards, pattern blocks, and collections of objects that give children opportunities to recognize numbers and build math skills.

But math moments do not occur only in the math center. Look around our room. In block play, children construct cities (by sorting and organizing) and use words like *long*, *short*, *small*, and *tall*. At snacktime a child passes out one napkin per child and the same number of crackers for each person. We take attendance and keep track of how many days we've been in school. When the class takes a vote on what stories to read or for some other decision, children compare quantities.

Parents can accept the challenge to find math moments at home and about town. With your child, identify numbers and shapes in your junk mail. As you cook or do errands together, you can make comments or ask questions that encourage meaningful math understandings. For instance, "We need a bottle of juice for each person in the family and your friend Sally, too. How many shall I get?" Children love to be consulted on such issues. Just keep it all in fun!



## SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Social skills in young children are more closely associated with school readiness and success in kindergarten and first grade than cognitive and academic skills (Raver & Knitzer, 2002; Smith, 2004). This is information from the Center on the Social and Emotional Foundation for Early Learning, [www.vanderbilt.edu/csefel/index.html](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/csefel/index.html). Go to their site to learn more.

Social/emotional development during the preschool years is about socialization - the process by which children learn the values and behaviors accepted by society. It is also about becoming a competent and confident person.

**There are three goals for social/emotional development.**

**Achieving a sense of self:** knowing oneself and relating to other people-both children and adults.

**Taking responsibility for self and others:** following rules and routines, respecting others, and taking initiative.

**Behaving in a prosocial way:** showing empathy and getting along in the world, for example, by sharing and taking turns. Social and emotional competence are essential to children's well being and success, in school and in life. With the current focus on readiness, accountability, and high standards, there is always a danger that programs will focus only on academic content and ignore aspects of development that are equally important for achieving long lasting and positive results.

Social and emotional readiness can be taught and nurtured most effectively when children are young. Because preschool is a prime setting for gaining social and emotional competence, social/emotional development is an important focus for teachers.

## CHAPEL TIME

We incorporate a chapel time and prayer time in each classroom. The teachers will be using books, CDs, puppets, and other props to get The Message of God's love to the children. Pastor Steven will be meeting with the 3s, and 4s, classes on a monthly basis to visit and share with the children. The main emphasis will be how much they are loved and how special they are.

## WARD'S CHAPEL CHURCH NEWS...

### Standing Invitation

If you do not have a church family, we invite you to attend Sunday Services and/or Sunday School. There are 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services with a Nursery for children, infants through five, at the 11:00 service. From 9:45 – 10:45, there are Sunday School classes for all ages, for infants through the oldest senior adult. All are welcome.

### Annual Roast Beef Supper

The 54<sup>th</sup> annual Roast Beef Supper is Saturday, October 5 from 4 pm – 7pm. The cost of an Adult meal is \$15.00, children 6-12, \$5.00 and children under 6 are free. Carry-out is \$16.00.

Pie is available for purchase and there is a country bake table. Please join us!