

WARD'S CHAPEL PRESCHOOL



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OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct. 6	Field Trip – AM 4s – Sykesville/Freedom Volunteer Fire Dept – 9:45-11:00
7	Lunch Bunch – begins for Tuesday
8	Lunch Bunch – begins for Wednesday
14	School Pictures – MT 2s, Wed 2s, MTW 3s, AM 4s
17	Scholastic <i>Book Orders Due</i>
17	NO SCHOOL – State Professional Day
21	Field Trip – MTW AM 3s - Pumpkin Patch (at school – during regular class time)
21	Hayride - MT 2s, Wed 2s @ 10:45
24	Field Trip – AM 4s – Buppert's Farm 9:30-11:00
28	Costume Parade – MT 2s & W2s@ 11:00
29	Costume Parade – MTW 3s @ 9:00
31	Costume Parade – AM 4s @ 9:00

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

19	KJ E.	4
26	David S.	4
28	Elena W.	5
31	Sydney K.	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.

CONGRATULATIONS...

To the Kamau family on the birth of Neriah, born July 7, 2025. Azariah is the big brother, in Ms. Julie's MTW 2s.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Pictures will be taken by Irvin Simon Photographers on October 14. 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 scheduled class time. Packets will be available to purchase at their online website, shortly after pictures are taken.

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 for information soon.

THANK YOU...

- For a smooth start to a new school year, the kids are doing great!
- For the school supply donations to "Kids to Kids"
- To all who participated in the *Paper Pie Book Fair*. The teachers were able to choose books for the classroom, because of your purchases

PARENT/STAFF BOARD

The Parent-Staff Board met on September 23, for the first time this year. Thank you to those parents who volunteered to be representatives for their child's class. Your class representatives will be introducing themselves and keeping you updated on activities to come.

Giulia Lynch and Courtney Ackerman – MT & Wed 2s
Kelly Litz and Christina McSweeney – MTW 3s
Kim Koropecjy and Meagan Salyers – AM 4s



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.

LET'S GO OUTSIDE

Kids love to play outside! And teachers love outdoor time, too. It's a relaxing, stress-reducing, tension-relieving part of the day, and a time when much development and learning take place.

Physical development is evident outdoors as children learn about their bodies in space, practice important physical skills, and exercise and strengthen muscles. Children also learn social skills--cooperation, turn taking, being on a team. And kids learn about the world around them: they observe changes in plants and the differences in the seasons; they watch living things such as worms and crickets; they learn about the earth by collecting rocks and leaves.

The outdoor environment is an extension of the classroom. We plan for this part of the day just as we do the other parts of the daily routine.

The environment includes equipment that helps encourage learning. For example, climbing equipment helps children develop their motor skills and judgment about what they can safely do. Trikes and other riding toys develop balance and coordination. The sand area is used for creating cities and harbors and for exploring the properties of dry and wet sand.

Classroom equipment can be brought outside to enrich the outdoor environment. Children can paint at the easels and bathe their babies and take them for a ride in a wagon. The time spent outside is a valuable part of our daily schedule.

From: Family-Friendly Communication for Early Childhood Programs, pg. 25.

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 is a 10:00 a.m. worship service with a Nursery (if needed) for children, preschoolers through five. There are Sunday School classes for all ages from 8:45 – 9:45. All are welcome.

