



## \* WELCOME TO WARD'S CHAPEL PRESCHOOL \*

## CALENDAR

Sept.	2	School Opens
	19	Online Book Orders Due
	22	<b>FIELD TRIP</b> – Apple Orchard <b>All 3s, 9:00-11:30</b>
	23	Parent/Staff Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
	26	Kids to Kids School Supplies End
	30	Paper Pie Book Fair

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

07	Madelyn B.	4
07	Jack B.	4
09	Natalie C.	4
11	Evelyn B.	5
13	Theo M.	4
24	Olivia B.	5
25	Luna S.	3

## WELCOME FROM THE STAFF

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year. We are looking forward to the new year with excitement and anticipation. We expect there will be some separation anxiety. The teachers will deal with this on an individual basis. From past experience, we have learned that the sooner the parent leaves, the sooner the child calms down. Also, once the child is familiar with the routine, he/she becomes much more comfortable. If you are uneasy about leaving your child, please call us when you get home (410-922-6595). We will help you both to work through the separation.

## SEPTEMBER GRACES

Our hands we fold, our heads we bow.  
For food and drink we thank you now. Amen.  
(The two's will use this one all year)

*Johnny Appleseed*

Oh, the Lord's been good to me, and so I thank the Lord, for giving me the things I need, the sun and the rain and the apple seed. Oh, the Lord's been good to me. Amen.

## REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

- All forms, both newly completed or updated, are due immediately. This includes all medical forms and forms on the right side of the folder. When your child receives a shot, please get an updated record from your doctor.
- Activity fees for 3's (\$240.00) and 4's (\$200.00) are due by October 15. There is a tear-off page in your tuition coupon booklet.
- Please make all checks payable to **Ward's Chapel Preschool**. Tuition payments can be cash, check or Zelle (scan the QR code in your orientation folder).
- Please make sure ALL children playing on the playground before or after school hours are supervised at all times and follow the same rules as during Preschool. Also, if the grass is being mowed, you are asked to vacate the playground for obvious safety reasons.
- *Please – No parking on the Handicapped Lot, without Handicapped tags* (Ward's Chapel Road side). Thanks for your cooperation.
- Police and Child Protective Services will be notified if children are left in cars unattended.

## KIDS TO KIDS

Throughout the school year, our students participate in several community outreach programs sponsored by the Preschool Parent/Staff Board. By donating various items, the children learn to share their blessings with those less fortunate.

This year's first opportunity for our kids to help other kids in need will begin the week of September 2 and continue through September 26. We will be donating school supplies to Baltimore County schools and the Church Food Pantry. Your children may contribute to the school bus and put a sticker on the book bag chart. A more detailed flyer will follow.

### CONGRATULATIONS...

To the Crawford Family on the birth of Sean, born August 27. Natalie in MTW 3s is his big sister.

### PARENT / STAFF BOARD

Our Parent/Teacher Board meets several times during the year to discuss issues, fund raisers, and outreach projects. They will also be supporting the teachers and staff in their endeavors. There are staff members and parent representatives from each class serving on the board. Our first meeting is Wed., Sept. 23, at 7:00. Parents who are serving this year are:

M/T/W 2s Giulia Lynch, Courtney Ackerman

MTW 3's Kelly Litz, Christina McSweeney

4's AM Kim Koropecyk, Meagan Salyers

Staff Representatives: Donna Gill, and Bridget Wetzell, Karen Jaeger and Sarah Sproul

Your class representatives welcome your input.

### FUNDRAISING FOR 2025-2026

The Parent/Staff Board will be planning two "fun" fundraisers this year; Super Bowl Sub Sale in February and the Prize Palooza in March/April.

Details on these activities will follow later.

We feel as busy parents you would prefer not to be selling and buying things that you really don't want. In lieu of having numerous fundraisers during the year, the school's primary source of fundraising is through donations that can be made two times during the year; October and February. You will receive a letter with details in those months.

### VALUES EDUCATION

Each month in the classroom, we will be stressing a value to be practiced. For September, the value is **Cooperation**. The dictionary definition of cooperation is "to act, work, or associate with others for a mutual benefit."

### COOPERATION

Cooperation is a skill that means the child is becoming less egocentric, so that she gives something of herself and becomes less concerned about herself and more about the welfare of the group. Guidance and support are necessary as children balance the task of developing a strong sense of self with learning to become a member of the group. Reinforcement, lessening competition and planning group activities all work to foster the behaviors associated with cooperation.

### DO BIRDS HAVE EARS?

Young children are naturally curious and enjoy exploring the world around them; they find countless things to observe, investigate, and wonder about.

*Why does a spider spin a web? Do birds have ears? How do fish breathe?*

Parents and teachers can foster children's natural curiosity in many ways. When a child expresses an interest in a subject or poses a question about a natural phenomenon, a trip to the library can reveal answers and open up other doors to learning. Family outings, even simple, short, inexpensive excursions, pique children's interest in the natural world. Parents and children encounter many wonders on walks through the park, along a pond, even in a neighbor's vegetable garden. Other visits can be planned to nature centers, science museums, zoos, fossil-laden hills, beaver dams-the choices are endless.

From time to time, pack a picnic lunch and make a day of it. Be sure to take along a couple of containers (at least one with air holes in it) so that you and your child can collect specimens. An inexpensive magnifying glass is also a valuable field accessory.

And don't forget paper and pencils.

Talk about what you see. Your child might like to draw some observations. Encourage her questions by writing them down in a notebook for further investigation. Most of us find that we don't know the answers to all of kids' questions, and it's fun to research them together. The child's curiosity and spirit of investigation thrive when you are her fellow scientist, wondering about things and checking them out together.

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