

Stargazer

November 2023



Parent-Teacher conferences will be held over the next several weeks. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, Nov. 6th - M/W/F Butterflies
Wednesday, Nov. 8th - AM/PM Dragonflies
Thursday, Nov. 9th - Bumblebees
T/TH Butterflies
Friday, November 10th - W/F Caterpillars
Tuesday, November 14th - T/TH Caterpillars
Fireflies

Please be sure to give your child's teacher the parent questionnaire which you received several weeks ago if you haven't already.

We hope you will take this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. Conferencing with families is one of a teacher's most important responsibilities. Effective parent-teacher conferences help support young children's learning and development by fostering vital home-school linkages.



Do not forget that daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 5th. Fall back one hour.



Celebration Preschool will be closed on Tuesday, November 7th for a Loudoun County student holiday (Election Day).

We will also be closed Wednesday, November 22nd through Friday, November 24th for Thanksgiving.

The staff at Celebration would like to wish all our preschoolers and their families a Happy Thanksgiving! Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's early years. We want to thank you for all you do to support us!

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good."
Psalm 136:1



Chapel will be held on Wednesday, November 8th for the W/F Caterpillars, Bumblebees, M/W/F Butterflies and AM/PM Dragonflies and on Thursday, November 9th for the T/TH Caterpillars, T/TH Butterflies and Fireflies. The children will hear the story about the Good Samaritan from our special book, the Bible.

In the spirit of giving, we are asking each child to bring a non-perishable food item to our chapel service. We will be donating the food to one of our local food banks. Thanks!

Practicing Patience

Learning to wait patiently can be a challenge for little ones. Consider the following strategies to boost your child's patience in different situations.

Long waits

If you know in advance that your child will need to be patient, give her a heads-up (Lots of people are sick, so we'll have to wait awhile to see the doctor"). Then, help her prepare. For instance, she might take along a doll, books, or a coloring book and crayons.

Short waits

Helping your child develop a sense of time can make short waits more bearable. Before you make a phone call, give her paper, a pencil, and a watch with a second hand. Have her draw a heart each time the second hand completes a minute. When you hang up, count the hearts together to find out how long the call lasted. ("You were patient for six minutes!")

Unexpected waits

A long line at the grocery store, a traffic jam, or a playmate who's late can try your child's patience. Head off a meltdown by giving her something interesting to think about. For instance, you might make up a "What if?" story together. ("What if all these cars could fly?")

Turkey Place Cards



Let your little artist create a flock of turkey place cards for your Thanksgiving table. She'll take pride in playing a role in your family's holiday preparations, and she'll also practice writing and making patterns.

Materilas: *construction paper, scissors, small paper plates, glue sticks, crayons*

For each turkey, help your child cut out feathers from different colors of construction paper. Then, she can glue the feathers into patterns along one side of each paper plate. Next, ask her to cut out a head

and neck for each turkey and glue them to the opposite edge of the plate.

With crayons, she could decorate her turkeys and write a guest's name on each one. When the time for your feast comes have her help you set the table by putting a turkey at each person's place.



Thank you to all of you who attended our annual Fall Festival! It looked like everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks to those of you who baked goodies for our bake sale.

Thanks also for supporting us through the Scholastic Book Fair. The preschool will be able to purchase books and learning resources for our classrooms.

We also appreciate the support you provided by attending our second annual Storybook Character/Bible Hero Parade and for our fall parties!

Thanksgiving Feasts

In several weeks, we will be having our annual Thanksgiving Feasts. Here is the schedule:

Wednesday, November 15th - W/F Caterpillars, Bumblebees, & M/W/F Butterflies @ 11:00 AM

Thursday, Nov. 16th - T/TH Caterpillars & T/TH Butterflies @ 11:00 AM

Fireflies & AM Dragonflies @ 10:45 AM (Play) 11:00 AM (Feast)

PM Dragonflies @ 2:30 PM (Play) 2:45 PM Feast

We will need your assistance in providing food items for our feasts. The sign-up is posted by your child's attendance book. Thank you for your help!

Please watch for your personal invitation in your child's bag this week.





Just a reminder that for most of you December's tuition is now due. Some of you will be paying November's tuition. You may pay by cash, check (made payable to Celebration Preschool) or Zelle (sent to bshapbell@ashburnpresbyterian.org).

If your child attends lunch bunch on Tuesdays please add \$60.00 (11/14, 11/21, 11/28), on Wednesdays add \$80.00 (11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/29) and if they attend both days add \$140.00.



Some of you have asked what the wooden structure is next to the playground. It is called a *Gaga Pit* which was built as an Eagle Scout project by a youth that attends APC. *Gaga* is a kinder gentler version of dodge ball. It is played with a soft foam ball, and combines the skills of dodging, striking, running, and jumping, while trying to hit opponents with a ball below the knees.

We know that the *Gaga Pit* is very intriguing for the children but it is important that the "surface" area of the pit remains as smooth as possible. With that in mind please don't allow the children to play in the pit but please feel free to use the playground after school.



Ashburn Presbyterian Church would like to invite all of our preschool families to One Starry Night. OSN will be held on December 1st and 2nd from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

Imagine walking through Bethlehem and smelling fresh baked bread, working in a wood shop, eating from the marketplace . . . then suddenly, shepherds appear to tell you the great news . . . a Savior has been born! You then meet Mary and Joseph and see the Baby Jesus with your own eyes!

More information will be going home soon. Please visit the church's website at www.ashburnpres.org and click on the One Starry Night link at the top of the page for more information.