

Stargazer

October 2021

Our first chapel service will be held on Wednesday, October 13th for the W/F Caterpillars, M/W/F Butterflies and AM/PM Dragonflies. The AM classes will attend chapel at 9:15 AM and the PM class will attend at 1:00 PM. The T/TH Caterpillars, T/TH Butterflies and Fireflies will attend chapel on Thursday, October 14th at 9:15 AM.



Our Bible story will be "The Ten Commandments." The children will learn that God has given us a set of rules to live our lives by and they are in a special book called the Bible.



Parent teacher conferences will be held in early November. This is a great opportunity to learn how your child has transitioned over the past several months.

The schedule is as follows:

Friday, 11/5 - M/W/F Butterflies
Monday, 11/8 - Fireflies
Tuesday, 11/9 - T/TH Butterflies
Wednesday, 11/10 - Bumblebees
Thursday, 11/11 - Dragonflies
Friday, 11/12 - W/F Caterpillars
Tuesday, 11/16 - T/TH Caterpillars

You will be able to schedule a conference via "SignUpGenius" starting on Monday, October 18th. Please check your email. Each conference is 10 minutes.



Monday, October 11th
Columbus Day
No School



Thanks to all the moms who volunteered to be a room parent for the 2021-2022 school year. Our room moms are as follows:

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| T/TH Caterpillars | Wendy Keeling |
| W/F Caterpillars | Joanna Tidwell |
| M/W/F Butterflies | Jennifer McDonough |
| T/TH Butterflies | Cheyenne Aronhalt |
| Bumblebees | Amanda Povsner |
| Fireflies | Denise Oriti & Nicole Gibney |
| AM Dragonflies | Kristina Patrick & Jennie Bray |
| PM Dragonflies | Leigh Shivers & Elizabeth Ooi |

FALL FESTIVAL

Our annual fall festival will be held on Saturday, October 23rd from 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM. This is a fun event for the entire family. There will be carnival games, face painting, home-based businesses, a bake sale, the Scholastic Book Fair, food, and lots more! Lots of information went home last week to include a pre-order form for food and tickets. We haven't been able to fundraise for about a year and a half so we would love your support. All funds earned will go directly back to the children as we expand our learning resources and hopefully provide some special events this year. If you know of anyone who has a home-based business and would like to rent a table please tell them to give me a call! Your friends, family, and neighbors are invited.



The Children's Ministry at APC would like to invite your whole family to two fun events. On Sunday, October 17th at 11:30 AM we will be holding our annual pumpkin carving and decorating event. We will be serving chili, salad, chicken nuggets, chips, and dessert for lunch. Each family should bring a pumpkin(s) to carve along with carving tools or a pumpkin(s) to decorate. Craft supplies for decorating will be furnished. On Sunday, October 31st the children will go "trunk or treating." The children can dress up in their costume, but nothing scary please. You can email Miss Brenda to RSVP to either of these events. Let Miss Brenda know if you have any questions.

The Firefighters from Station 6 will visit Celebration Preschool on Thursday, October 7th at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM. If your child does not attend preschool on this day he/she may attend either presentation. Weather permitting we will be outside. The children will learn that Firefighters are community helpers, they will learn about STOP, DROP & ROLL, what an emergency is and when to call 911. Here are some fire safety tips for your family.



Fire Drill - Make a plan for getting out of your home in case of fire. Talk about the importance of getting out and staying out of the house. Many preschoolers believe that they can hide from a fire. Tell your child that people cannot hide from a fire, but they can **escape** from one. Help your child find two ways out of his or her bedroom. Practice both ways. Talk about how to choose which way to go (away from the fire). Establish a safe place outside for everyone in your family to meet. Practice your drill once a month.

Stop, Drop, and Roll - Talk with your child about what to do if his or her clothes catch on fire - **stop, drop, and roll**. Practice doing this together. Stop immediately, drop to the ground while covering your face, and roll over and over to smother the flames.

Role Playing - Take some time to role-play different fire scenarios with your child. You and your child could act out what to do if he or she

- found a lighter,
- heard the smoke alarm in the middle of the night,
- needed to crawl low to the ground to escape from a smoke-filled room,
- had a shirt sleeve catch on fire,
- needed to call 911 to report a fire

We had our first fire drill last week. The children did a great job! We will practice fire drills every month.



The first field trip for the Fireflies and Dragonflies has been scheduled. The children will be going to Temple Hall Farm in Leesburg on Tuesday,

October 19th. The AM classes will meet at the farm at 9:15 AM and the PM class will meet at 12:30 PM. **The Dragonflies will not return to school. The Fireflies will return to school.** While at the farm the children will visit with the farmer and animals, go on a wagon ride, pick a pumpkin, and eat their snack in the picnic area. The preschool will pay for our preschoolers but there is a charge of \$10.00 per adult. Children under 2 are free. Parents may pay their entrance fee at the farm.



School portraits will be taken on Tuesday, October 5th and Wednesday, October 6th.

The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, October 5th T/TH Caterpillars
 Bumblebees
 T/TH Butterflies
 Fireflies

Wednesday, October 6th W/F Caterpillars
 M/W/F Butterflies
 AM/PM Dragonflies

A portrait day sign-up form went home last week. The form needs to be filled out in order for your child's picture to be taken. The photographer will wear a mask and her temperature will be taken each day. You will receive a link to view your child's photo and ordering will be online.



Daylight savings time ends on November 7th. Be sure to "fall back" one hour before you go to bed on November 6th!



Asking "How was school today?" might not get you far. Instead, ask questions like these for a better picture of your child's day:

- "What was the best part of your day?"
- "What make you laugh?"
- "Who did you play with today? What did you play?"
- "How were you kind or helpful today? How was someone nice or helpful to you?"
- "What was the book about that your teacher read?"
- "What made you happy?"
- "What did you have for snack? Who was the snack helper?"
- "What did you learn about today?"

Fall is a great time for families to get outside and enjoy the fresh air. Use these fun autumn activities to build your child's math and science skills.



Pick Apples

Head to a local orchard to pick your own vegetables and fruits. Have your child count apples as she places them in a basket.

Sort Leaves

Together, gather fallen leaves. Let your child sort them by color, shapes, or size.