

Stargazer

November 2022



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

Wednesday, Nov. 2nd - Bumblebees
Fireflies
Thursday, Nov. 3rd - T/TH Butterflies
Wednesday, Nov. 9th - AM/PM Dragonflies
Thursday, Nov. 10th - Caterpillars
Friday, November 11th - M/W/F Butterflies

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 end on Sunday, November 6th. Fall back one hour.



Celebration Preschool will be closed on Tuesday, November 8th for a Loudoun County student holiday (Election Day).

We will also be closed on Wednesday, November 23rd through Friday, November 25th for Thanksgiving.

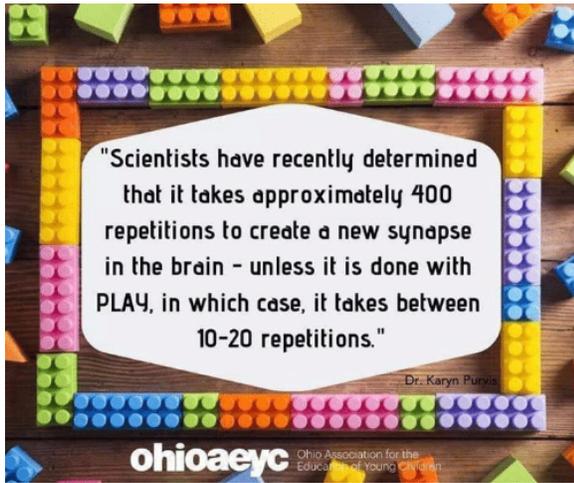
The staff at Celebration would like to wish all our preschoolers and their families an incredibly Happy Thanksgiving! Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's early years. We want to thank you for all you do to support us!

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



Chapel will be held on Wednesday, November 9th for the Bumblebees, M/W/F Butterflies and AM/PM Dragonflies and on Thursday, November 10th for the 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!



That's the power of play 🧡

Albert Einstein once said, "Play is the highest form of research." This is especially true for young children, who learn a lot during hands-on play.

For example, when your child is playing house with his/her classmates they are building fine-motor skills by dressing dolls or pretending to cook. They are working on cooperation as they decide who will do which tasks. When they play at the sand and water tables, they might draw letters in sand or explore math by measuring water.

You will be surprised at all the "playful" learning opportunities your children are engaged in!



As most of you know the Bumblebees, M/W/F Butterflies and AM/PM Dragonflies did not get their school pictures taken. The photographer had a personal matter that she had to deal with and was unable to return on Wednesday, October 12th.

The company is trying to reschedule but since it has to be on a Wednesday (because of the class schedule) it's proving to be difficult. I have asked the rep to process the pictures that were taken on Tuesday, October 11th. You should be getting a link to view your child's pictures this week.

We are sorry about the inconvenience. Hopefully we can get this scheduled soon!



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 volunteered and/or 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 first annual Storybook Character Parade and for our fall parties!

Thanksgiving Feasts

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

Tuesday, November 15th - Caterpillars & T/TH Butterflies @ 11:00 AM

Wednesday, Nov. 16th - Bumblebees & M/W/F Butterflies @ 11:00 AM

Thursday, Nov. 17th - Fireflies & AM/PM Dragonflies

The Fireflies and Dragonflies will perform a Thanksgiving play prior to their feasts.

AM Dragonflies & Fireflies - 10:30 AM

PM Dragonflies - 2:30 PM

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

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



What We Are Thankful For

Noticing small things to be grateful for each day helps everyone in your family have a brighter outlook. Here's how to start a daily thankfulness routine.

- Set aside time every day to share what you're grateful for. Perhaps you'll chat at bedtime or during dinner.
- Have each family member name three things she's thankful for that day - big and little. Your child might say she's grateful for you and takeout pizza, for instance.
- Let your child make a gratitude notebook. Help her write down what everyone is thankful for each day and illustrate it. *Tip:* Read over past entries together as a reminder of all of the positives in your lives.

Praise that Builds Confidence

Everyone wants to hear that they're doing well, and your child is no different. While there's nothing wrong with saying "good job," a more specific compliment tells your child exactly what he/she did well.

If your child shows you his/her completed jigsaw puzzle you might say, "That puzzle has a lot of pieces - you really stuck with it." Or when he/she shares a toy with a sibling, you could say, "I noticed you were generous by letting your brother play with your favorite train."

Your child will feel good about him/herself - and be likely to find more ways to solve problems on his/her own or get along with others.



Ashburn Presbyterian Church would like to invite all of our preschool families to One Starry Night. This event will be held on December 2nd and 3rd from 6:00 PM - 8:30 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.