



Stargazer

October 2026



Our first chapel service will be held on Wednesday, October 14th at 9:15 AM for the Bumblebees, M/W/F Butterflies, and Dragonflies. The Caterpillars, T/TH Butterflies, and Fireflies will attend chapel on Thursday, October 15th 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 that 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. We are holding conferences a little different from the way we have done them in the past. All conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 10th. The children **do not** attend preschool on this day. We certainly understand if you have to bring them with you to the conference. We will have a few activities in the room for them to do while you visit with your child's teacher.

You will be able to sign up via "SignUpGenius" starting the week of October 19th. Please check your email. Each conference is 10 minutes.



Monday, October 12th
Columbus Day
No School



Thanks to all the moms who volunteered to be a room mom for the 2026-2027 school year. Our room moms are as follows:

Caterpillars - Jordan Montgomery
Unya Wilson

Bumblebees - Nicole DeMoss
Columbia Wajsgas

M/W/F Butterflies - Melissa Gonzalez
Jackie Koebe

T/TH Butterflies - Cheyanne Aronhalt
Shelby Kloosterboer

AM Dragonflies - Kiersten Bayly
Terry Duis

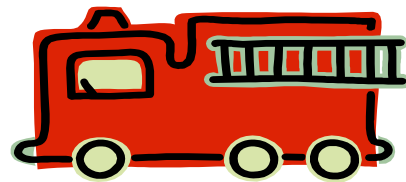
Fireflies - Cecilia Du
Areej McCollum
Brianna Phelps



Our annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 17th from 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM. The event includes carnival games, face painting, food, a bake sale, Scholastic Book Fair, and home-based vendors. Information went home last week regarding ticket and food sales. We are looking for parents to bake for our bake sale. If you or if you know of someone who has a home-based business and would like to rent a table, please let me know. We know that October is a busy month. We hope that you will be able to attend this fun event.



If you are looking for some fun fall activities to attend the Children's Ministry at APC would like to invite your whole family to their annual Pumpkin Carving/Decorating and Trunk or Treat events. Pumpkin Carving/Decorating will be held on Sunday, October 18th at 11:45 AM. 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 provided. We will be serving BBQ & hotdogs for lunch. Sunday, October 25th at 11:45 AM, is our annual "trunk or treat" event. The children can dress up in their costume, but nothing scary please. Weather permitting "trunk or treat" will be held outside in the north part of the parking lot (near the dumpster and basket hoop). If it rains, we will hold the event in Pickell Hall. You can sign up in the welcome center for both events when you drop off or pick up your child. Let Miss Brenda know if you have any questions.



Every October the Firefighters from Station 6 visit Celebration Preschool. They are scheduled to visit on Thursday, October 8th at 10:00 AM. Hopefully they will not be on a call! If your child does not attend preschool on this day, feel free to bring him/her to the presentation. 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

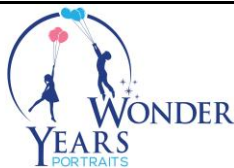


Our annual storybook/Bible character parade will be held on Wednesday, October 14th and Thursday, October 15th.

The children will have the opportunity to dress up as a favorite character from a storybook or from the Bible and share in a fun celebration of books, imagination, and reading.

Please choose a favorite character for your child to dress as. Nothing scary please and no weapons. It can be something simple - there's no need to purchase an elaborate costume. A homemade costume or something you already have at home is perfectly fine.

You'll receive more information in a few days. We can't wait to see all of our favorite storybook characters come to life.



Wonder Years Portraits will be at Celebration on Tuesday, October 27th and Wednesday, October 28th. Sorry about the change in dates. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, October 27th

Caterpillars
T/TH Butterflies
Dragonflies

Wednesday, October 28th

Bumblebees
M/W/F Butterflies
Fireflies

Pre-payment for photographs is not required! You will receive a sign-up form which you will need to complete and return it to your child's teachers. You will receive an on-line access code via email/text within 72 hours to view your child's portraits



Daylight savings time ends on November 1st. Be sure to "fall back" one hour before you go to bed on October 31st!

Keys to Self-Control

How can you teach your little one to manage big emotions like anger, frustration, and disappointment? Work on increasing his self-control with these ideas to help him think before he acts.

Talk it out.

Give your child words to use when upset. For example, if you can't find your glasses, you might say, "I feel so frustrated! Where did I last have them?" Then when he's aggravated (say, he misplaced his favorite book), encourage him to use similar words. ("I feel mad because I want my book. I was looking at it in my bed - maybe it's in my room.") He'll learn to talk through his problems and be less likely to yell or whine.

Think ahead.

Help your youngster prepare for situations where self-control might come in handy. "We're going to your cousin's house. Let's think about what you can do if she's playing with a toy you want." He might ask to join her or to play with another toy until she's finished. Having a plan can help him avoid grabbing the toy or yelling at his cousin.

Calm down.

When your child begins to get upset, help him find ways to keep his cool. For example, he might take a deep breath, count to five, or draw a picture of how he is feeling. The distraction may be enough to settle him down. And once he's used these techniques, he'll be able to do them without a reminder from you.

