Stargazer

November 2026



Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 10th. There is no preschool on this day. We do understand that perhaps you may have to bring your child with you. We will have a few activities available that he/she can engage in.

Please be sure to give your child's teacher the parent questionnaire which you received a week or so ago if you have not 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. As a parent, staying informed about your child's progress and behavior is instrumental in ensuring they are able to thrive during their preschool experience.



Celebration Preschool will be closed on Wednesday, November 25th through Friday, November 27th 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 and thanks 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 11th for the Bumblebees, M/W/F Butterflies and AM Dragonflies and on Thursday, November 12th 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!



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 annual Storybook Character/Bible Hero Parade and fall parties!

Thanksgiving Feasts

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

Wednesday, November 18th – Bumblebees & M/W/F Butterflies @ 11:00 AM
Thursday, November 19th – Caterpillars & T/TH Butterflies @ 11:00 AM
Fireflies & Dragonflies @ 10:45 AM (Play)
11:00 AM (Feast)

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 help!





Good Behavior Habits Start Early

Encourage your child to behave well by letting him know what you expect – and following through if he doesn't meet your expectations. Here's how.

Be clear and positive. Tell your youngster how you want him to behave – and that you know he can do it. Before you go into a movie theater, you might say, "We want everyone to be able to hear the movie, so I know you'll whisper quietly if you need something." Or at bedtime, maybe you'll say, "You've been doing better at staying in bed and not asking for things. I bet you'll do great tonight."

Be consistent. Set consequences that you child can count on. If he talks loudly in the theater, you might take him into the lobby and explain you'll need to leave if he does it again. Or if he gets out of bed to ask for another snack, perhaps you will have him go to bed earlier the next night. It may not be easy to follow through, but when he sees you mean what you say, he'll be more likely to meet your expectations in the future.



Loudoun County Sheriff's Office & Cole's Closet December Toy Drive

Celebration Preschool's December mission project will be collecting toys for Cole's Closet. We will be collecting toys from November 23rd to December 9th. Cole's Closet is a nonprofit organization that provides toys for children while they are in the hospital. Toys need to be new and unwrapped. More information will be coming home soon.



Thanksgiving Traditions: Making Memories

Thanksgiving is a special time to slow down, spend time with people we love, and celebrate all the little things that make us thankful! From favorite family recipes and festive meals to watching the Thanksgiving parade and enjoying time together, every family has traditions that make this holiday special.

Even young children can begin to understand what it means to be thankful. This is a wonderful time to talk with your little ones about the people, places, and things they are grateful for. You might be surprised by the sweet answers they share!

Looking for a simple way to make Thanksgiving memories with your preschooler? Try making a handprint turkey, baking cookies together, reading a favorite Thanksgiving story, or taking turns sharing one thing you are thankful for around the dinner table. These little moments can become traditions your family treasures for years to come.

As we celebrate this season of gratitude, let's remember that it's not about having the biggest celebration or the fanciest meal. It's about spending time together, showing kindness, and appreciating the blessings around us.

Thanksgiving Books to Read

Turkey Trouble by Wendi Silvano – A turkey tries all kinds of disguises to avoid becoming Thanksgiving dinner. Children love guessing what disguise he will try next!

How to Catch a Turkey by Adam Wallace – A turkey escapes just before the school's Thanksgiving play. Everyone tries to catch him in this silly, action-packed story.

Five Silly Turkeys by Salina Yoon – A fun counting rhyming book. Children can count along and act out the turkeys.

Bear Says Thanks by Karma Wilson – Bear's friends bring food to share, and he discovers that friendship and being together are wonderful things to be thankful for.

Thanks for Thanksgiving by Julie Markes – A sweet rhyming story about all the little things children can appreciate in their everyday lives





Fun December Events

December 4th & 5th – One Starry Night in Bethlehem (6:00 PM – 8:00 PM)
December 9th & 10th – Chapel
December 11th – Parents Night Out (more info soon)
December 13th – Gingerbread House Decorating & Lunch
December 15th & 16th – Christmas Parties
December 17th – Christmas Program (Dragonflies & Fireflies)
December 21st – January 1st – Christmas Break
January 4th – Back to School!



Friday, December 4th &
Saturday, December 5th
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

You and your family are invited to attend One Starry Night in Bethlehem.

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!

From the moment you arrive at Ashburn Presbyterian Church you are immersed in what it would be like to be visiting Bethlehem in the days surrounding the birth of Jesus. Take a walk through the market and try your hand at traditional trades and crafts while hearing the Christmas story. Visit with animals in the barnyard and take your place in line to visit with Mary, Joseph and the Baby in our live nativity.

This event is for the young and old! It's very child friendly and interactive. The doors will open at 6:00 PM. You can stay for as long as you want. It does take 30 to 45 minutes to walk through and visit all the shops so allow yourself enough time to experience everything. Doors will close at 8:00 PM.

Visit ashburnpres.org for more information. Click on the events tab and then click on One Starry Night. We hope to see you there. Please be sure to invite you friends and family.