

# ECP School Family Weekly Newsletter

Ms. Dorothy's AM and PM Classes



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Week of October 14-18, 2019

## What's coming up this week:

Themes: Letter T, Featured Book Freight Train by Donald Crews

Our plans and scheduled activities for the week: Please know that unexpected/unanticipated changes could shift what we have scheduled.

**Monday 10/14:** Kick off the week by learning about the letter T; the sound it makes T...t..t (tongue behind the teeth) and how to form the uppercase T letter "Big line down, jump up, little line across the top." Our weekly T words are: tools, truck, turtle, Texas, tomato, T-Rex. Mondays are Ms. Maribeth Saylor's (our Occupational Therapist/OT) day to do our fine motor skills group with all students. AM Class-we'll use the Sensory Motor Room in the morning, PM Class-We'll plan on outside recess if the weather permits (Monday Afternoon's forecast looks good!) and if everyone has the proper outerwear for outside play. Please remember to wear a coat/jacket for the cooler temperatures! PM-Ms. Dorothy will be attending a meeting in the afternoon, so Ms. Blanche Kaminski will be the guest teacher.

**Tuesday 10/15:** AM and PM Music Classes with Ms. Christine, The AM attends Music along with one of the GPPSS PreK classes. We'll continue with letter T themed activities, singing and learning about Transportation.

**Wednesday 10/16:** Ms. TJ's Yoga Classes AM and PM. Continue with Letter T, read Freight Train by Donald Crews. Mr. Peter volunteers in the afternoon.

**Thursday 10/17:** GYM, ART day with Ms. Vicki: Painting with trucks, trains, and other transportation vehicles! **Please be advised and have your child wear old clothes if you are concerned about mishaps with clothing.** While we teach about cleanliness with hands and clothes, please understand that the very nature of art painting projects can be messy. Also, we want your child to focus on developing his/her fine motor skills without the worry of minor mishaps with clothes.

**Friday 10/18:** Scheduled Outside recess for both AM and PM, providing that everyone has the proper outerwear and that the weather cooperates (must be at least 40 degrees with no precipitation). If you have concerns about weather conditions and/or temperature as it relates to your child's health, please notify Ms. Dorothy immediately. At the writing of this newsletter, Friday 10/18's forecast is chilly, with a low of 39/high 57 & partly cloudy skies. Please wear a warm coat, good idea to have hat and gloves in your child's backpack!

Other Upcoming Dates:



Tuesday October 22-Thursday October 24: Don't miss out on our annual Pumpkin Auction! Decorated pumpkins from all of the classrooms will be up for bidding. Take one home just in time for all of your fall festivities! Auction will close on Thursday October 24 and Pumpkins go home on Friday October 25, 2019!

Tuesday 10/29: Parents are invited to send in favors for our Trick or Treating Bags and these favors are due by this day. Non-edibles are preferred. Please know that Trick or Treat Bags are sealed at school and sent home for parent inspection. There are 6 students in the AM class and 9 students in the PM.

Wednesday 10/30: Costume and Parade Day followed by School Wide Trick or Treating: On this day children are invited to wear their costume to school for the annual parade at 9am and 1pm. Parents/caregivers are invited to this annual event. Guidelines for costumes: No masks, weapons, or swords. Please leave costume accessories at home as they may get lost at school and then missed on Halloween night! Wear sweats and tennis shoes under costumes as we take costumes off after Trick or Treating. Please remember to bring your child's coat to school as he/she will need it at dismissal.

Thursday 10/31: No School Barnes Staff PLC/PD

Tuesday 11/5: No School District Wide Professional Development and Election Day

#### Last week's News:

It was great meeting with all of the parents who were scheduled for last week's for parent-teacher conferences! It was wonderful seeing everyone on last Friday's Field Trip to Westview Orchards! The weather was beautiful. Hope everyone enjoyed the tour and the orchards! Last week was also our week to have Monthly Library Story Hour with Ms. Kathleen Gallagher. The children enjoyed the stories about Pumpkins and the Big Green Monster Felt Board Activity. We also had loads of fun moving to the Wiggle Worm and Freeze songs in Music with Ms. Christine. In our classroom, we learned about the Letter H, read Here Are My Hands by Bill Martin Jr. and made a Handprint Picture with Ms. Vicki. We also enjoyed seeing all of the fun places Buddy went on the weekend! When Buddy returns to school, he watches us make our good choices! Also, Thanks to the parents who sent in our Healthy Snacks!

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#### October 2019 Star Schedule

\*Full Calendar was distributed. **Please notify Ms. Dorothy if there is an error on this schedule.** If you know in advance that your child will be absent on his/her Star Day, you can ask another parent to switch with you or please notify Ms. Dorothy. Please keep your child's show and tell item in his/her backpack. Your child brings his/her backpack into the classroom on his/her Star day. Please ask for the backpack at the end of class. The Star does special classroom jobs throughout the school day.

Monday 10/14: Sawyer and Walter

Tuesday 10/15: Isaac and Margo

Wednesday 10/16: Benjamin and Emily

Thursday 10/17: Luca and William G.

Friday 10/18: Andrew and Tripp

Monday 10/21: Lilian and Campbell

Tuesday 10/22: Sawyer and Will J.

Wednesday 10/23: Isaac and Greyson

Thursday 10/24: Benjamin and Cassidy

Friday 10/25: Luca and Walter

Monday 10/28: Andrew and Margo

Tuesday 10/29: Lilian and Emily

Wednesday 10/30: Sawyer and Will J. (Birthday)

Thursday 10/31: NO SCHOOL Barnes Staff PLC/PD

Friday 11/1: Isaac and William G.