

ECP School Family Weekly Newsletter

Ms. Dorothy's AM and PM Classes



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Week of October 21-25, 2019

What's coming up this week:

Themes and featured books: Letter U, Featured Book There's An Alligator Under My Bed, by Mercer Mayer, Annual Pumpkin Contest Decorating, Special Spooky Snack Science, A Ghost Story by Bill Martin, Jr.

Wednesday 10/23 and Thursday 10/24: Parents can bid on Pumpkins and take them home on Friday, 10/25. Pumpkins will be displayed in the main hallway.

Needed: Graham Crackers, please notify Ms. Dorothy if you can donate. Thank you!

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

Monday 10/21: Kick off the week by learning about the letter U; the sound it makes "Uh" (tongue in a neutral position) as in "under" and how to form the uppercase U letter "Big line down, turn and go across the bottom, big line up." See Weekly Words sheet. 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 and if everyone has the proper outerwear for outside play. Please remember to wear a coat/jacket for the cooler temperatures! **Both Classes-we'll begin decorating our pumpkins for the Barnes Annual Pumpkin Auction.**

Tuesday 10/22: 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 of the week and themed activities.

Wednesday 10/23: Ms. TJ's Yoga Classes AM and PM. Continue with weekly themed activities. Mr. Peter volunteers in the afternoon. Pumpkins available for bidding

Thursday 10/24: GYM Day, ART day with Ms. Vicki: Make a spooky picture! 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. Pumpkins Available for Bidding in the main hallway.

Friday 10/25: Special Spooky Snack. Scheduled Outside recess for both AM and PM, providing that everyone has the proper outerwear and that the weather permits (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. Please wear a warm coat, good idea to have hat and gloves in your child's backpack!

Other Upcoming Dates:



Monday 10/28: Kick off Barnes Spirit Week! Wear Favorite Sports Shirt! Ms. Dorothy out in the PM for a meeting; Guest Teacher TBA. Scholastic Book orders are due.

Tuesday 10/29: Tacky Tuesday: Wear Mismatched clothes. 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. Ms. Dorothy out in the AM for a meeting; Guest teacher is TBA.

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

Friday 11/1: Pajama Day

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

Friday 11/8: Picture Retake Day 1-3pm; Ms. Dorothy out in the PM for a Meeting; Guest Teacher is Diann Ohman.

Last week's News:

Congratulations to the PM class for earning 10 Classroom Big Buddy Bucks! Classroom Buddy Bucks are earned when everybody in the class is making a good choice at the same time! The PM Class earned special Celebration Treat, which was a Popsicle Party (Actually, Fruit Bars :) Great Job PM Class! (But the AM class is not far behind!) Last week's book was Freight Train by Donald Crews. We not only read the story, but watched an animated version of it on the Smart Board. Parents can also get this animated version by visiting Ms. Dorothy's website at gpschools.org, select Barnes, go to Staff Websites and find Ms. Dorothy's name. It is under "Links for Songs..." Last week's art project with Ms. Vicki was a big hit as the children painted with trucks and trains!

Book Share: Freight Train is being circulated. When it is your turn, please enjoy the book with your child, cross your name off the list and return to school.

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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 10/21: 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.

