

ECP School Family Weekly Newsletter

Ms. Dorothy's AM and PM Classes



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Week of October 28-November 1, 2019

NOTE: NO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 31, 2019!

What's coming up this week:

Themes and featured books: Barnes Spirit Week, Letter I i as in "inch" or "itch," It Looked Like Spilt Milk by Charles G. Shaw, Go Away Big Green Monster by Ed Emberely. See "Five Pumpkins."

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

New Healthy Snack Sign Up for November will be out this week.

Needed: We will be doing a special Bulletin Board to honor all those who have served our Country for Veterans Day in November. If you or any family member currently serve or have served (even grandparents, etc.), please email or bring a photo to Ms. Dorothy (heitjad@gpschools.org) by Friday November 8, 2019.

Monday 10/28 Sports Shirt Day: Kick off the week by learning about the letter Ii Sound: "i" as in "inch," "itch" "it." See Weekly Words Sheet. Formation: "Big line down, jump up, little line across the top, little across the bottom." Scholastic Book Orders are due. 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! AM: Ms. Vicki is out, Ms. Diann Ohman is the Guest Paraprofessional, PM: Ms. Dorothy will be out for part of the afternoon due to an IEP Meeting, Ms. Diann Ohman is the Guest Teacher. Ms. Sheilagh will be out all week due to a family leave. Guest Paraprofessional is TBA.

Tuesday 10/29 Tacky Tuesday Wear Mismatched Clothes: Parents are welcome 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.) 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. **AM: Ms. Dorothy is out for an IEP meeting; Ms. Diann Ohman is the Guest Teacher.**

Wednesday 10/30: Costume and Parade Day followed by School Wide Trick or Treating: On this day children are invited to wear their costumes 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 and Professional Development Activities

Friday 11/1 Pajama Day: Wrap up a busy week, No outside recess due to Pajama Day.

Upcoming Dates....

Monday 11/4: Barnes Annual Election, Candidates To Be Announced

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 IEP Meetings; ; Guest Teacher is Ms. Diann Ohman.
Picture Retake Policy: *The Lifetouch Satisfaction Guarantee means they will retake your child's portrait or give you a full refund if you are not satisfied with your child's picture. If you want your child's photo retaken, you will need to return your original package to the photographer on the retake day. A new package will be produced from the new image and will be delivered in 3-4 weeks.*

Wednesday 11/13: Ms. Dorothy out AM and PM for Jury Duty: Guest Teacher is Ms. Blanchy Kaminski

Monday 11/25: Barnes Annual Turkey Trot Race, One of the most beloved events of the year, the children get to chase a Turkey around the school! A fun way to kick off Thanksgiving Week, **NO School Tuesday 11/26-Friday 11/29, School resumes on Monday December 2, 2019.**

Highlights from last week:

Both classes enjoyed decorating pumpkins for the Barnes Annual Pumpkin Contest! After decorating, the children had the opportunity to vote on their favorite pumpkin. The winner of the Barnes School Contest was the Ice Cream Sundae Pumpkin by the Toddler 2 Class! Both Classes are getting practice walking up and down the stairs as we are using the Cozy Corner, otherwise know as the "Upstairs Sensory Motor Room." We are learning tht we have a left and a right hand. When we walk upstairs, we hold the railing with our left hand and when we walk downstairs we use our right hand. Hands are stamped to help teach this concept. We get a blue pawprint stamp on our left hand and a red pawprint stamp on our right hand. We had fun making a special Ghost Cracker snack based upon the book, A Ghost Story by Bill Martin, Jr. We spread Vegan-Non Dairy topping on a rectangle chocolate graham cracker and added a triangle chocolate cracker to make the roof. We learned that we could make the white topping a dark color with natural black/blue berry juice. We even tasted some black and blue berries. Lastly, we topped our cracker with a fun marshmallow ghost!

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. The Brown Bear book pack is still making the rounds with the PM class.

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October 2019 Star Schedule *New Calendar coming soon. **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 is invited to do special classroom jobs throughout the school day.

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.

Monday 11/4: Benjamin and Tripp

Tuesday 11/5: NO SCHOOL Election Day and District Wide Professional Development

