

# ECP School Family Weekly Newsletter

Ms. Dorothy's AM and PM Classes



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Week of November 11-15, 2019

## What's coming up this week:

Themes and featured books: Letter "O," Spot Goes to the Beach by Eric Hill, What lives in the Ocean?, Can a Hippopotamus Float? Science Experiment

PM Class: Ms. Hannah Hicks is our High School helper for the month of November.

As of the writing of this newsletter, the weather forecast is predicting snow and low temperatures for the week so we will not be to do outside recess.

Veterans Day Board: It's not too late to send in a picture for our Veterans Day Board. We will be doing a special Bulletin Board (next to Room 102, thank you to Ms. Karen Krausmann for graciously lending her 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 (extended family, grandparents, etc.), please email or bring a photo to Ms. Dorothy ([heitjad@gpschools.org](mailto:heitjad@gpschools.org)).

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

**Monday 11/11: Introduce Letter O, sound and Weekly Words. See Weekly Words Sheet.**  
**O Formation:** "Start at the top and make a big curve and keep going." Mondays are Ms. Maribeth Saylor's (our Occupational Therapist/OT) day to do our Letter of the Week fine motor skills group with all students. **PM: Ms. Sheilagh is out, Guest Paraprofessional is Ms. Dee.**

**Tuesday 11/12: Montly Library with Ms. Kathleen Gallagher and weekly Tuesday Music with Ms. Christine. Continue with weekly themed activites.**

**Wednesday 11/13: NO Yoga classes this week, we'll use the Sensory Motor Room instead. Continue with weekly themed activities. Ms. Blanche Kaminski is the Guest Teacher in for Ms. Dorothy (out for Jury Duty).**

**Thursday 11/14: GYM, ART Day: Turkey Project. Please be advised and best bet is to wear old clothes since art projects can involve paints and glue. Continue with weekly themed activities. There is a possibility that we may have student observers from one of the local Colleges.**

**Friday 11/15: Continue with weekly themed Activities.**



## Upcoming Dates

**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 (Staff PLC/Teacher Records Day) -Friday 11/29 (Thanksgiving Recess), School resumes on Monday December 2, 2019.**

**Monday 12/2:** Ms. Dorothy out for an all day Training Workshop at WCCC. Guest Teacher is TBA.

Highlights from last week: The AM class welcomed two new students, Felix and TeeShawna.! "Peppa Pig" prevailed over "Pete the Cat" in the Barnes Elections with 74 votes to Pete's 53. The children learned about all of the steps in the process of voting; making a decision, marking the ballot and putting it in the voting box. We reviewed the results and talked about how 74 was a larger number than 53. The AM class did a great job with the fire drill on Wednesday morning; lining up and walking out in an orderly fashion. We enjoyed a week of learning about the letter C sound, Clifford the Big Red Dog, and we practiced cutting skills. Key skills for holding scissors are "thumb goes in the little hole, fingers go in the big hole, point scissors up." We did a cutting project with Ms. Vicki at the Art Table. The PM class enjoyed Click, Click Moo by Doreen Cronin. Book is featured at our reading center and the Animated Version of the story is posted on Ms. Dorothy's Website under "Links for Songs,Rhymes and Fingerplays." <https://mi01000971.schoolwires.net/Page/6646> Check it out!

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.

Did you know? Daily Coloring Sheets are generally coordinated with the letter/sound of the week. Just talking about the picture your child brings home daily naturally reinforces our weekly sound! Easy!

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**November 2019 Star Schedule.** The November Star 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 is invited to do special classroom jobs throughout the school day.

**Monday 11/11: Sawyer and Cassidy**

**Tuesday 11/12: Isaac and Walter**

**Wednesday 11/13: Benjamin and Margo**

**Thursday 11/14: Luca and Emily**

**Friday 11/15: TeeShawna and William G.**

**Monday 11/18 Felix and Tripp**

**Tuesday 11/19: Andrew and Campbell**

**Wednesday 11/20: Lilian and Will J.**

**Thursday 11/21: Sawyer and Greyson**

**Friday 11/22 Isaac and Cassidy**

**Monday 11/25: Benjamin and Walter**



**\*No school 11/26-Friday 11/29 Tuesday 11/26 PLC/Records, 11/27-11/29 Happy Thanksgiving!**

