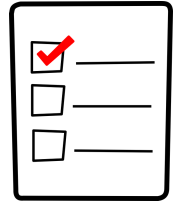


ECP School Family Weekly Newsletter

Ms. Dorothy's AM and PM Classes

Week of November 4-8, 2019



NOTE: NO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2019

What's coming up this week:

Themes and featured books: Annual Barnes Election on Monday November 4, 2019. This year's choices are "Peppa Pig" and "Pete the Cat." Don't forget to cast your vote! Voting will take place across from the main offices. Letter/Sound of the Week. "C" as in "cow," "car", and "cat." Featured Books: Clifford's First Autumn, Clifford's Thanksgiving by Norman Bridwell, Nursery Rhyme: "Hey Diddle Diddle the Cat and the Fiddle," Click Clack Moo by Doreen Cronin.

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

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

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.

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

Monday 11/4: Introduce Letter C, sound and Weekly Words. See Weekly Words Sheet. Formation: "Start at the top and make a big curve" We'll vote on our way to the Sensory Motor Room. 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. AM: We are welcoming a new student, Felix Avery to our class. We are excited for Felix to join us, bringing us to 7 students! Also, Ms. Vicki will be out, Ms. Dee is the Guest Paraprofessional, PM: Ms. Sheilagh is out, Guest Paraprofessional is Ms. Dee.

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

Wednesday 11/6: Yoga AM and PM. AM Class: We welcome TeeShawna Bell-Smith to our class. We are happy to have her join us! We now have 8 students in our morning class. (There are 9 students in the PM class.) AM: Fire Drill at 10:30am. Continue with weekly themed activities.

Thursday 11/7: GYM, ART Day: Veteran's Star and 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.



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. Please let Ms. Dorothy know if your child will be retaking his/her picture. It recommended that if parents be present at the Picture Retake if they have specific concerns about the picture quality and would like to speak to the photographer.*

Upcoming Dates

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

Highlights from last week: The children enjoyed Costume and Parade Day and did a great job with the parades! We had fun with letter I activities and books. We listened for the "i" sound in It Looked Like Spilt Milk (AM and PM). Additionally, the PM class read Inch by Inch by Leo Lionni. We talked about how we can use a ruler to measure things in "inches." Other highlights included reading Go Away Big Green Monster by Ed Emberley and using the Green Monster Puppet (AM Class). We always talk about how we "pinch" like a "Grinch" using our two strongest fingers (thumb and first finger) when we pick up our crayons to encourage development of the proper "Tripod Grasp." We also talk about how we pick up our food with our two strongest fingers as well. (During snack, we continually talk about taking small bites, then chewing and swallowing safely!)

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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November 2019 Star Schedule. The November Star Calendar was distributed on Friday. 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 11/4: Benjamin and Tripp

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

Wednesday 11/6: Luca and Campbell

Thursday 11/7: Andrew and Will J.

Friday 11/8: Lilian and Greyson

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!

