

Westminster Family Connection



November 2024



Just like that it is November already!! November is a natural time for classes to discuss turkeys and discuss the concepts of being thankful and giving thanks. Please know that we are thankful for the opportunity to teach and guide your children. Their smiles and laughter are contagious. Additionally, I am personally so grateful for the teachers and helpers who so cheerfully and lovingly make Westminster the warm and nurturing place it is.

Thanksgiving

In the spirit of giving and sharing, each class will be creating their own fresh fruit salad the Monday or Tuesday before Thanksgiving. On that day, each child will be asked to bring one cut up piece of fruit in a baggie and, at snack time, each child will add their fruit to a big bowl for all to enjoy. The act of bringing something from home and adding it to the communal bowl becomes a hands-on learning experience in sharing and giving. Stay tuned for more information from your child's teacher.

Parents Night Out This Friday!

What a wonderful event organized by our parents!!! Look for updates in our December newsletter!

Flu Vaccine

The State of New Jersey mandates that all children enrolled in pre-school, and have not turned 5 by December 31st, must receive a flu vaccine by December 31st. The office must receive documentation of the vaccine before the winter break (December 20) for your child to return to school in the new year, January 2nd. If your child will not be receiving the vaccine for any reason, please provide the office with documentation.

Westminster School Spirit

Show your school spirit with Westminster t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, and car magnets with our Westminster Nursery School logo! Your support of this annual fundraiser is greatly appreciated! Flyers are going home at the end of the week. Please note the deadline for ordering is Friday, November 22nd. Orders are expected to arrive in time for the holidays - a cozy new sweatshirt and sweatpants may be just the thing for the holidays!

Early Drop Off and Extended Day Availability

Early drop off is available at 8:30am every morning for \$7. Early arrivals have extra time in the playroom each morning to play with other early arrivals!

Lunch and Learn 11:30am-2:30pm for 3's - is available each day for \$40. Children bring their own peanut and nut free lunch to eat together with Mrs. Marsh, do puzzles, play together, act out stories, sing, play outside whenever possible and do a project. There is so much social/emotional learning going on as they learn to positively interact with each other. Please reach out if you'd like your child to join us.

4's Enrichment 11:30pm - 2:30pm - Currently there is limited availability on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays with sporadic availability on the other days for \$40/day. Please reach out if you are interested.

Pajama Program

This year in the spirit of giving to those less fortunate than us, we are participating in Scholastic's Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive! Each pair of new, unused donated pajamas in sizes 0-12 will be matched by Scholastic with a new book! We have collected pajamas for the Pajama Program for years and are especially excited that this year they have paired with Scholastic! The pajamas and books are given to local nonprofit organizations working with children and families facing uncertainty. More information will follow.

Generator

Thanks to a federal grant, a generator is being installed this week! Maintaining power will allow our security systems to function, and enable us to provide shelter, food and security for the community, and in the event of a power outage.

Upcoming Dates of Note

November 22nd - Last day to order Westminster spirit wear!

November 27th, 28th, 29th - School Closed for Thanksgiving

December 6th - Final tuition payment is due

December 20th - School closed for the winter break

Flu vaccine documentation due

January 2nd - School reopens