



November 2024



Directors Corner

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe November is already here! This month, we're excited to celebrate literacy. Reading with children at home offers so many benefits. As schedules grow busier, it's easy for reading time to fall to the side, but it's truly important! I hope you can find a few moments each day to enjoy a story together. And remember, reading doesn't have to be saved just for bedtime, starting your day with a breakfast story could be the perfect way to begin!

Reading to young children is crucial for their development and has a wide range of benefits. Here are some key statistics that highlight its importance:

1. Cognitive

Development: Children who are read to regularly have larger vocabularies and better language skills. Studies show that they may hear around 30 million more words by age 3 than children who are not read to.

2. Early Literacy Skills:

According to the National Institute for

Literacy, reading to children can help them develop essential early literacy skills, such as phonemic awareness, which is crucial for reading.

3. Academic Success:

Research indicates that children who are read to frequently are more likely to perform better in school. A study found that children who are read to at least three times a week are 10 times more likely to read at a proficient level by third grade.

4. Social and Emotional

Development: Reading together fosters bonding and can help children develop empathy and emotional understanding. A survey from the American Academy of Pediatrics highlights that shared reading experiences positively influence children's social skills.

5. Long-term Impact:

A study published in the journal Pediatrics found that children who are read to daily from a young age have a greater chance of enjoying reading as they grow older, leading to lifelong learning habits.

6. Reduced Behavioral

Issues: Engaging in reading activities can help reduce behavioral issues

in children. The act of reading can provide a calming routine and structure.

I hope that you can take a few moments each day to snuggle up and read to your child! It's a gift that keeps on giving!

Warmly, Katrina



Fall Festival

Thank you to all who attended, donated and volunteered at our Fall Festival! We are happy to report that the event raised a little over \$500! A BIG thank you to Katherine Legare for organizing this wonderful event!

The Book Grams that you purchased will be delivered to the classrooms during the week of November 4th. Book Grams help us kick off our literacy month events!

Full Speed Ahead: Literacy Month Reading Race

November is Literacy Month at Jack and Jill! We will be busy with many different literacy projects! Starting on November 1st, each child



will receive weekly reading logs to track the books you read together. For every book read, your child can color in one turkey on their log. Reading logs should be returned each Monday, don't forget to add your child's name! We'll track each class's progress on a racetrack bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs. In the past 5 years our students have read and recorded an average of 800 books during the month of November! Let's try to surpass this number!

Please join us on **Tuesday, November 19th** as we celebrate literacy month with our PJ Story Time at 6:30 PM. This will take place in Fellowship Hall. Mrs. T will be our storyteller this year, and children are invited to come in their pajamas with sleeping bags and stuffed animals! We'll end the night with cookies before sending everyone home to bed. Be on the lookout for RSVP forms which will be due by 11/14/24.

Outdoor Play

A reminder that we do go out to play every day! Please send your children with a coat, hats and mittens daily.

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Please place all mittens into the hat and the hat should be placed into the sleeve of the coat. This makes it easier for your child to find their outdoor gear.

Literacy Month Spirit Days

Each November we have optional spirit days to celebrate literacy. Below is the list of spirit days for this school year.

Friday, 11/1 – Sports Jersey Day
Wednesday, 11/6 – Wacky Wednesday
Thursday, 11/14 – Tie-Dye Day
Tuesday, 11/19 – Pajama Day

Progress Reports & Conferences

Progress Reports for all classes will be sent home the week of 11/25. Your child's teacher will discuss the progress report with you during family-teacher conferences.

School will be closed on Monday, December 2 for Family-Teacher conferences.

Evening conferences will also be held. Childcare will be available for daytime conferences ONLY.

Please make other childcare arrangements for evening conferences. During daytime conferences, childcare will be held in the early drop-off room. Mrs. Haynes will be here to care for your children during your conference.

Please check your email on 11/15 for the Sign-Up Genius link to sign up for a conference time with your child's teacher; this is the only way to sign up.



Health and Wellness

As the cold weather approaches, increases in illnesses come along for the ride! Please consult your family handbook for a full description of our health policy. It is imperative that you keep your child home if they have an elevated temperature (over 100 degrees), cough, body aches, discharge from eyes or nose, or body rash or 1 or more episodes of vomiting or diarrhea. Your child must be kept home until they are symptom-free for a MINIMUM of 24 hours. Your child must be fever free without the aids of fever reducing



medications for at least 24 hours before returning to school. If your child can't fully participate in the school day due to feeling ill, they should not be in school. Your full support and cooperation is appreciated! We do not have a large substitute list and need our teachers healthy! Please remember to call or email us if your child is going to be out.



Inclement

Weather

In the event of inclement weather Jack and Jill will be CLOSED if the Attleboro Public Schools are closed.

If Attleboro Public Schools are delayed Jack and Jill will open at our REGULAR time.

We will utilize Procure and Facebook to communicate any closing information.



Giving Thanks

November is the perfect time to celebrate friendship! Thanksgiving is a holiday for reflection, and we want to give our

November 2024 youngest community members a chance to honor the friendships they've made at school. On Monday, November 25th, all classes will come together in Fellowship Hall for a Friendship Feast. Each class will prepare a special snack to share with their friends, learn a song, and make a festive hat to wear. The children will entertain each other with their songs and enjoy each other's company at this joyful event. This celebration is for students and staff only. Teachers may ask for your help in providing ingredients for their special snack, so keep an eye out for an email with more details as the date approaches.

Thanksgiving Break

Jack and Jill will be closed Wednesday, November 27th – Friday, November 29th! We hope that you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday.



Label, Label, Label

Please make sure all of your child's belongings are labeled. We have many unlabeled water bottles, lunch containers, lunch boxes, and clothing, and several children have

identical items. A Sharpie works well, or you might consider using Mabel's Labels.



Food Drive

Starting on Monday, November 4th – Friday, December 6th we will be hosting a Food Drive to benefit the Second Congregational Food Pantry. Each class will have a box outside of their classroom for donations. We will also have a community donation box near the family mailboxes. Each class will have their own category of donations. The class or classes with the most donations will have a "Polar Express PJ Day" in December. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Please note that Jack and Jill is OPEN on Tuesday 11/5/2024.

11/10 Tuition Due
11/11 School Closed
11/15 Conference Sign Up Genius Emailed
11/18 Board Meeting
11/19 PJ Storytime 6:30
11/25 Friendship Celebration
11/27 – 11/29 School Closed Thanksgiving Break