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Directors Corner

Dear Families,

I can't believe that it is November already! We celebrate literacy this month. Reading with children at home has proven benefits. It seems like our schedules get busier and busier and reading to children gets put on the back burner. But this is something that is so important! I hope that you are able to carve out some time each day to read with your child. Reading doesn't have to be a bedtime activity; a breakfast story might be the perfect way to start your day.

According to Reach Out and Read "More than 80% of a child's brain is formed during their first three years, and what they experience during this window can irreversibly affect how their brain develops. Attention and nurturing from a loving parent or caregiver supports healthy brain development—and one of the best ways to engage young children is to read books together."

Reading to children has a lasting impact:

- Helps grow curiosity and memory
 - Better recognition of sounds and letters
- These statistics were found on www.reachoutandread.org and support our belief in early literacy education for children! So 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 our Fall Festival! We are happy to report that the event raised a little over \$1, 00.00! A BIG thank you to Kelsey Wietecha for organizing this wonderful event! Thank you to Katherine Legare for running around and picking up the pizzas as well. ☺

The book grams that you purchased will be delivered to the classrooms during the week of November 6th. The book grams help us kick off our literacy month events!

Literacy Month Reading is Out of This World!

November is Literacy Month at Jack and Jill! We will be busy with many different literacy projects! Children will be sent home with construction paper "stars" to record the books you read with them at home. Please feel free to squeeze a few titles on each star! As the children read and turn in their stars, our bulletin board will get filled up! In the past 10 years our students have read and recorded an average of 900 books during the month of November! Let's try to surpass this number!

Please join us on Wednesday, November 15th as we celebrate literacy month with our PJ Story Time at 6:30 PM. This is a virtual event and a Zoom link will be emailed on Tuesday, November 14th!

Outdoor Play

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



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Please label all items so that it is easy for us to figure out what belongs to whom!

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, 11/3 – Space Day

Tuesday, 11/7 – 80's Day

Thursday, 11/16 –

Pajama Day

Wednesday, 11/29 –

Jersey or College Shirt

Progress Reports & Conferences

Progress Reports for all Pre-K, Mixed Age and Enrichment students will be sent home on 11/21. Your child's teacher will discuss the progress report with you during family-teacher conferences.

The 3's class will receive progress reports and have conferences in December.

School will be closed on Monday, November 27th for Family-Teacher conferences.

Evening conferences will also be held. Child care will be available for day time conferences ONLY.

Please make other child care arrangements for evening conferences. During day time conferences, child care will be held in the middle. You will just need to follow the signs when you get to the bottom of the stairs! Mrs. Derbyshire and Ms. Rounseville will be here to care for your children while you conference.

Please check your email on 11/9 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 sub 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.

Extra Clothes

We are running low on extra clothes that we keep on hand for students. If you have any clothes you are no longer using we would love a donation.



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This includes shoes like Crocs, shoes often get wet with accidents. ☺



Giving Thanks

November is the perfect time to celebrate friendship! Thanksgiving is a reflective holiday and we want to give even our youngest citizens an opportunity to celebrate the relationships they have made at school! On Monday, November 20th, the Enrichment, Mixed Age and Pre-K classes will join together for a friendship feast in fellowship hall. Each class will make a special snack to share with their peers at the feast! Each class learns a song and makes a decorative hat to wear. The children entertain each other with their songs and enjoy each other's company at this special event. This event is for students and staff only. The teachers may ask for your help in supplying ingredients for their special snack. Keep an eye out for an email with more information as we near the feast.

Thanksgiving Break

Jack and Jill will be closed Wednesday, November 22nd – Friday, November 24th! We hope that you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday.

Classroom Volunteers

We will begin welcoming volunteers into classrooms this month. I only had 2 families ask for the orientation paperwork. If you plan to volunteer please reach out for this information.

I wanted to take a moment to remind all about confidentiality in our classrooms. We are a tight knit community and therefore sometimes the confidentiality line can be blurred. It is very important to the success of our children that we do take confidentiality seriously. Please note that what you hear or observe about students or staff while volunteering at Jack and Jill is confidential. Even a seemingly harmless comment repeated to another can be misunderstood and cause distress to a parent.

Additionally, because children at this age develop at different rates we have different goals and expectations for each child. Please allow the teachers to handle all discipline issues in the classroom.

In order for our building to be a safe, secure place for our students to learn and grow, we ask that parents working within our school show respect for students and teachers alike by honoring our request for keeping information regarding students and teachers confidential.

Morning Drop Off

Please have your child use the bathroom before they enter their classroom each morning. There have been MANY emergency bathroom trips during circle time this Fall!

Pick Up Line Reminders

- When you are the first car in line please pull all the way up to the dumpster.
- 3 car loads at a time please. If you are 4th in line please wait until the first 3 cars leave and then



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pull up to the dumpster. This allows teachers to communicate news of the day and does not hold up traffic on the other end of the line.



Family

Coffee

Please join your fellow Jack and Jill families for coffee, treats, and conversation on Friday, November 17th in the middle room, immediately following drop off. This month's family coffee is hosted by Christine Hopkins!

We look forward to seeing you there!



PIZZERIA Restaurant

Night

On Monday, November 6th 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM Briggs Corner Pizzeria will be hosting a fundraiser for our school! This is a dine-in only event. All families who attend will receive a raffle ticket to be entered into a raffle for a gift basket.



Giving Back

For the past few years we have adopted families through Christmas Is for Kids. We will be doing this again this holiday season. We feel that is important to give back to the community and we are excited to be able to help some families in need! Each classroom will have one family and we will post the needs on the bulletin board outside the door. More information will be shared soon!

IMPORTANT DATES:

11/6 Briggs Corner Pizzeria Restaurant Night

11/9 Conference Sign Up Genius Emailed

11/10 School Closed & Tuition Due

11/13 Board Meeting

11/15 Pajama Story Time 6:30 PM on Zoom

11/17 Family Coffee

11/20 Friendship Celebration

11/22 – 11/24 School Closed Thanksgiving Break

11/27 School Closed – Day and Evening Family Teacher Conferences