



Directors Corner

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe November is already here! This month, we are 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 bottom of the list, 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.

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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!

Reading is Sweet: **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 one piece of candy 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 The Candyland bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs. In the past 5 years our students have read and recorded an average of 700 books during the month of November! Let's try to surpass this number!

Join us for PJ Story Time on **Tuesday, November 18th at 6:30 PM** in Fellowship Hall. Each teacher will share a special story with a small group of families, and everyone will rotate through the different story stations before we say goodnight. This is a family event, and parents are asked to stay with their child for the duration of the evening. Don't forget to bring a cozy blanket to sit on! Be on the lookout for RSVP forms which will be due by 11/13/25.

Outdoor Play

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

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child to find their outdoor gear.

Important Reminder

A reminder: the school doors are locked each day around 9:10 AM. If you are coming to school for any reason, you must call the office at 508-222-1149 and Ms. Lay will come to the rear glass doors. Please do not use the doorbell as it does not ring in the school.

Classroom Volunteers

We are excited to welcome volunteers into our classrooms. Many families have already signed up on the sheets outside each classroom.

Please keep in mind that each person must complete a volunteer orientation before volunteering. If you have signed up to volunteer and have not contacted me about orientation, please reach out as soon as possible.



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 vomiting and/or diarrhea. Your child must be kept home until they are symptom-free for a MINIMUM of 24 hours for all illnesses except for vomiting/diarrhea which requires children to be symptom free for 48 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 only have one substitute teacher 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 youngest community members a chance to honor the friendships they've made at school.

On Tuesday, November 25th, all classes will come together for a Friendship Celebration. 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

November 2025 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 26th – Friday, November 28th! 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

We are so excited to host another November Food Drive! Starting on Monday, November 3rd – Tuesday, November 25th 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. Each class will have a specific theme for food donations. We will all

celebrate a job well done helping our community with a PJ Day on Monday, December 1st!



Scholastic

Book Orders

Thank you to all who placed orders through our Scholastic Reading Club. The due date for November family orders is November 21st, and the books should arrive within a week or so. This will be the last book order for 2025. We will pick back up in January.

IMPORTANT DATES: **Please note that Jack and Jill is OPEN on Tuesday 11/4/2025!**

11/10 Tuition Due
11/11 School Closed
11/17 Board Meeting
11/18 PJ Storytime 6:30
11/25 Friendship Celebration
11/26 – 11/28 School Closed Thanksgiving Break