



Jack and Jill Pre-School
Attleboro, MA

November 2022

Jack and Jill Pre-School Monthly Newsletter

Mrs. Lay's Corner

Dear Families,

I can't believe that it is November! We celebrate literacy this month. Reading with children at home has proven benefits. I know that reading to my kids at home is my favorite way to end the 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 ☺

PJ Storytime

Please join us on **Wednesday, November 16th** at 6:30 as we celebrate literacy month with our PJ Story Time on Zoom! Our story readers this year will be the Jack and Jill teachers and Mrs. Lay! Each teacher will read a short story. Log on in your jammies, with sleeping bags, and stuffed friends! Feel free to have a little snack while you listen to the stories! Links will be emailed on 11/15.

Reading Donuts

Children will be sent home with construction paper "balloons" to record the books you read with them at home. Please include as many titles as possible on each donut! As our children read and turn in their donuts, our donut box will get filled up! In the past 14 years our students have read and recorded an average of 900 books during the month of November!

Progress Reports

Progress Reports for all Pre-K, Mixed Age and Enrichment students will be sent home on 11/22. Your child's teacher will discuss the report card with you during family-teacher conferences.

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

Conferences

School will be closed on Monday, November 28th 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.

On conference day... child care will be held in one of the church classrooms during day time conferences. You will just need to follow the signs when you get to the bottom of the stairs! Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Fyrberg will be here to care for your children while you conference.

Please check your email on 11/10 for the Sign-Up Genius link to sign up for a conference time with your child's teacher.

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 sick!

Outdoor Play

A reminder that we do go out to play every day! Please send your children with a coat, hats and mittens. When it snows please send snow pants, and boots as well! Please label all items so that it is easy for us to figure out what belongs to whom!



Classroom Volunteers

We are excited to welcome volunteers into the classrooms again. Please be sure to sign in and out of the building in Mrs. Lay's office when you volunteer. If you are in need of the volunteer orientation handout please let me know.

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.

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 the Remind App to communicate any closing information as well as Facebook. Please reach out if you need the information about signing up for the app.

Community Helpers

We were very fortunate to have so many wonderful Community Helpers come to visit our school in October. The children learned so much and they were excited each week to see who was coming to visit.

I want to thank everyone who volunteered their time. Here is a list of our Community Helpers.

Attleboro Pediatric Dentistry
Officer Daday from The Attleboro Police Department
Tim Goodwin a Firefighter from Seekonk
Amanda Andrews a registered nurse
Cathy Giannetti a retired music teacher
Tom Andrews a Firefighter from Needham
and
Goldfish Swim School.

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, 11/4 – Crazy Hair Day
Tuesday, 11/8 – Team Spirit Day
Thursday, 11/17 – Favorite Vacation Day
Wednesday, 11/30 – Shirts with Words

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 Tuesday, November 22nd, the Enrichment 4's, 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 23rd – Friday, November 25th!

Giving Back

Jack and Jill Preschool will be adopting families through *Christmas Is for Kids* 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!

Scholastic Books

Be on the lookout for a November - December book order coming soon! This will be the last book order for 2022. Please be aware that any books ordered should arrive early in December. If you would like to have your books bagged and kept secret just write "GIFT" on your paper order or let Katrina know if you place an online order. Orders are due by Wednesday, November 30th.

Important Dates

Friday, November 4th

Crazy Hair Day

Tuesday, November 8th

Team Spirit Day

Thursday, November 10th

Tuition Due

Conference Sign Up Genius Opens

Wednesday, November 10th

Tuition Due

Friday, November 11th

School Closed

Wednesday, November 16th

PJ Story Time – 6:30 PM Zoom

Thursday, November 17th

Favorite Vacation Spirit Day

Tuesday, November 22nd

Friendship Feast – Progress Reports Go Home

Wednesday 11/23 – Friday 11/25

School Closed

Monday, November 28th

School Closed – Family-Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, November 30th

Shirts with Words Spirt Day

RaiseRight Fundraiser

Coming soon our...RaiseRight (gift card) fundraiser!

This fundraiser allows families to shop from the comfort of their home and benefits the school at the same time! Be on the lookout for the gift card order form and information about placing orders online. This will save you time and energy and benefit the school at the same time!

