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Directors Corner

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe November is already here! At Jack and Jill Preschool, November is all about literacy and developing a love of reading!

As our schedules get busier, finding time to sit down and read with our children can sometimes be a challenge. However, research continues to show that reading together is one of the simplest and most valuable things families can do to support their child's development.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, reading aloud with young children supports language development, strengthens relationships, and promotes social and emotional growth. Research also shows that children who are read to regularly tend to develop stronger vocabularies, better listening skills, and important early literacy skills that help prepare them for future learning.

Reading together doesn't have to be complicated or take a lot of time! Just 10–15 minutes a day can create meaningful opportunities for learning and connection. Read a story at breakfast, enjoy a book while waiting for an appointment, or snuggle up with a favorite story before bed. And don't forget that children love hearing the same books over and over again!

This November, I encourage every family to make reading together part of their daily routine.

Remember, you are not just reading a book; you are building vocabulary, strengthening your bond, and helping create a lifelong love of learning!

Happy Reading!
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 just about $2,000.00!

Little Readers, Big Race: 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 a weekly reading log to track the books you read together. For every book read, your child can color one square on the racetrack on their log. Reading logs should be returned each Monday, don't forget to add your child's name! We will track each class's progress on racetrack bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs. The class with the most books read will enjoy a special party!

Join us for PJ Story Time on **Tuesday, November 17th at 6:30 PM** in the classrooms. Each class will share a special story with a small group of families, and everyone will rotate through the different classrooms 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 11/12/25.

Outdoor Play

A reminder that we do go out to play every day! Please send your children

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with warm coats, hats and mittens every day. When you arrive at school, mittens are placed in your child's hat and the hat is placed in the sleeve of their coat. Please do not leave hats and mittens in backpacks. Please label all items so that it is easy for us to figure out what belongs to whom! Also, keep in mind that mittens are MUCH easier for our friends to put on and take off.

Screen Time

This November, our mental health and wellness focus at Jack and Jill Preschool is screen time and its impact on young children's social, emotional, and mental well-being.

While technology certainly has its place, establishing healthy screen time habits at an early age is important. Children benefit from opportunities to engage in conversation, practice patience, interact with others, and develop important social and emotional skills.

As part of this month's focus, we are asking families to please keep phones and tablets put away while waiting in the hallway before school. Morning arrival is an important transition into the school day, and we want children to begin their mornings connecting with those around them rather than focusing on a screen.

To help make this transition easier, we have book baskets on each bench in the hallway! We encourage families to enjoy a book together while waiting or allow their child to explore a book independently. This is also a wonderful opportunity to talk about the day ahead, practice patience, and enjoy a few moments together before the school day begins.

We know mornings can be busy, and we appreciate your support in making our hallways a screen-free space.

For additional information and helpful tips on managing screen time at home, please see the attached flyer from our community partner, Riverfront Counseling.

Classroom Volunteers

We are excited to begin welcoming volunteers into our classrooms starting the second week of November! Volunteer opportunities will vary from classroom to classroom and week to week, depending on each class's activities and needs. Each volunteer session will be one hour long.

Please remember that attending a volunteer orientation is mandatory before volunteering in any classroom. So far, only six people have attended one of the orientation sessions. I will be offering one additional volunteer orientation on Monday, November 16, at 5:45 PM.

If you plan on volunteering at any point during this school year, you must attend a volunteer orientation before participating.



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

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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 have a limited substitute teacher pool 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 Procare 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 24th, 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 will ask for your help in providing ingredients for their special snack, so keep an eye out for a sign up outside the classroom door 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.



Food Drive

We so excited to announce that Jack and Jill Preschool will once again be hosting our November Food Drive to benefit the Second Congregational Church Food Pantry!

From November 3 through November 25, families are invited to donate items to help support those in need in our community. This year, each classroom has been assigned a special donation theme:
5 Day Pre-K: Breakfast Items
Older Preschool: Lunch Items
4 Day Pre-K: Dinner Items
Older Preschool 2 / Younger Preschool: Personal Care Items

Donation boxes will be located outside each classroom, making it easy to drop off items during arrival or dismissal.

To celebrate kindness and generosity, we will have a special PJs & Picnic Celebration on Monday, December 7th! Children

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are invited to wear their favorite pajamas to school and enjoy a fun indoor picnic with their classmates as we celebrate making a difference in our community.

This is a wonderful opportunity to teach our children about kindness, generosity, and the importance of helping others. Every donation, big or small, makes a difference!

Thank you for helping our Jack and Jill community give back this November!



Scholastic Book Orders

Thank you to all who placed orders through our Scholastic Reading Club. The due date for November family orders is November 20th, and the books should arrive within a week or so. This will be the last book order for 2026. We will pick back up in January 2027.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Please note that Jack and Jill is OPEN on Tuesday 11/3/2026!

11/10 Tuition Due
11/11 School Closed
11/16 Volunteer Orientation 5:45 PM
11/17 PJ Storytime 6:30
11/24 Friendship Celebration
11/25 – 11/27 School Closed Thanksgiving Break