



## **Directors Corner**

Dear Families,  
It is hard to believe that we are in the final month of 2023! Holiday traditions and activities are fun for all, but keep in mind that young children handle life best when they stay in their usual routine! It can be tempting to watch that 8:00 holiday special but you and your child will both benefit from the DVR! Stay on track with routines to help your child learn to self-regulate, an important skill for us all.

During family teacher conferences we have been talking a lot about fine motor development. Here are some gift ideas to help our friends build those small muscles in their hands.

- Silly putty, play dough, modeling clay and slime
- small writing utensils
- small hand held water games
- small hand held magna doodles
- tweezers and small objects to pick up and sort
- beads and string

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- small chalkboards and chalk
- small dry erase board and markers
- coloring books
- stress balls
- small stickers to peel and stick

As we approach the end of this year and look forward to a new year I want to thank each family, staff member and community member for their continued support. Jack and Jill is a special community filled with people from many different backgrounds and it is wonderful to see us all come together.

Be well, Katrina



## **Literacy**

### **Month Wrap Up**

Thank you for your efforts in reading during our literacy program this November. In total our families recorded 1,408 books! Reading is so important! I am including some tips for reading at home in this newsletter. If you need any book suggestions for at home please reach out.

Our class totals were: 5 Pre-K 94; 4 Day Pre-K 554, Mixed Age 271; Enrichment 300; 3's 189! Our 4 Day Pre-K class wins the special reward party!

### **Our top readers were:**

5 Day Pre-K: Aria MacMillan

4 Day Pre-K: James Monson

Mixed Age: Emma Jones

Enrichment: Ryan Wietecha

3's: Johanna Monson

### **3's Class Family Teacher Conferences**

Our family teacher conferences will be held on TH 12/7 in the morning. There will be no school for the 3's class only on this day. Child care will be provided if needed. A sign up genius has gone out via email; please let us know if you did not receive it.





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### **Holiday Break**

Jack and Jill will be CLOSED for our holiday break from Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> through Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>! See you on Tuesday, January 2, 2024!

We know that the holiday break is long for our little friends. Here are some ideas to do at home to pass the time, until we are back together again!

**Ice Block** – freeze a bunch of small items in a block of ice and give the kids some salt water and an eye dropper to melt the ice and retrieve the goodies.

**Puzzles** – great for concentration and small motor development. Playdoh play – this will keep their small muscles moving.

**ABC scavenger hunt** – this can be done as you are waiting in a check-out line or while driving in the car. Give your child a letter of the alphabet and ask them to point to as many as they can find. Eye Spy activities – books, puzzles, games that require children to find specific items.



### **Cupcake Charlies**

We are excited to once again fundraise with Cupcake Charlie's! Information and order forms will be sent home next week. Cupcakes are sold in 6 packs and cost \$20, Jack and Jill gets \$1 per cupcake sold! You are able to mix and match cupcake flavors. Please reach out with any questions. All order forms are due back on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Cold Weather Outdoor Play**

A reminder that we do go out to play every day! Please be sure to send your children with warm coats, hats and mittens every day. When you arrive at school; mittens should be placed in your child's hat and the hat should be 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!

### **Substitute Teachers**

We are looking to add teachers to our substitute teacher list! If you or someone you know has a background in early childhood education please reach out to Mrs. Lay.



### **Family Cookie**

#### **Swap**

Please join us for a family coffee and cookie swap on TH 12/14, right after drop off. Bring 2 dozen cookies and take 2 dozen assorted cookies home with you! Children are welcome to attend. Participation in the swap is optional! If you have the time and desire, bake! If not, please still join us! This month's family coffee is hosted by Ali Corndell.

We look forward to seeing you there!



### **Five Below**

#### **Fundraiser**

We are trying a new fundraiser with 5 Below in North Attleboro this month! Starting on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>-Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> shoppers who check



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out and turn in our flyer will help us earn 10% of purchases. Flyers are available in print as well as via email.

**Looking Ahead to 2024**  
***DO NOT LET THIS SCARE YOU!***

Take the time to enjoy your family this holiday season! But, do keep in mind that our registration for the 2024-2025 school year begins in mid-January. I will host a parent informational session on the differences between our 3, 4/5 year old programs to assist families in making plans for the next school.

If your child will be graduating from Jack and Jill, and heading to Kindergarten, we will inform you of everything you need to know! We will share all information we get from the public schools.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**12/1 -12/6** Five Below Fundraiser

**12/7** No School 3's class only – Family Teacher Conferences

**12/10** Tuition Due

**12/11** Board Meeting & Cupcake Charlie's Fundraiser Begins

**12/14** Family Cookie Swap and Coffee

**12/18** Holiday Sweater Day

**12/21** Holiday Sweater Day

**12/22 – 1/1/2024**  
School Closed

**1/2** School reopens & Cupcake Charlie's order due