



OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct. 1	Lunch Bunch – begins for Tuesday
2	Lunch Bunch – begins for Wednesday
3	Lunch Bunch – begins for Thursday
7	Field Trip –AM 4s – Sykesville/Freedom Volunteer Fire Dept – 9:45-11:00
15	School Pictures – MT 2s, MTW 3s
17	School Pictures – ThF 3s, AM 4s
18	Scholastic <i>Book Orders Due</i>
18	NO SCHOOL – State Professional Day
21	Field Trip – AM 4s – Buppert's Farm 9:30-11:00
22	Field Trip – MTW AM 3s - Pumpkin Patch (at school – during regular class time)
22	Hayride - MT 2s, Wed 2s @ 10:45
24	Field Trip – ThF 3s - Pumpkin Patch (at school – during regular class time)
29	Costume Parade – MT 2s @ 11:00
30	Costume Parade – MTW 3s @ 9:00
31	Costume Parade – ThF 3s, AM 4s @ 9:00

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

8	Jayden S.	4
19	KJ E.	3
28	Elena W.	4
30	Elliott M.	4

OCTOBER PRAYER

God is great, God is good. Let us thank Him for our food.

By His hands, we all are fed. Give us, Lord, our daily bread. Amen.

The two's will continue with "Our Hands We Fold"

KIDS TO KIDS

During this month's "Kids to Kids" campaign, we will collect *Gently Used Outerwear* for children attending a Baltimore County school. Please bring gently used adult and/or youth mittens, gloves, coats, boots, snow gear, and new children's underwear and socks. Collection boxes are outside of each classroom. The children can again place a sticker on the chart.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Pictures will be taken by Irvin Simon Photographers on October 15 and 17. A reminder of picture day for your child's class will be sent home. Individual and class pictures will be taken. Siblings not in school may also have pictures taken at the beginning of each scheduled class time. Packets will be available to purchase at their online website, shortly after pictures are taken.

OCTOBER COSTUME PARTY

Costume party information is found in your parent handbook. Just to remind parents – no scary costumes, no weapons (i.e., witches, ghosts, etc.) Some fun ideas are princesses, animals, or even a bible character. If your child does not want to wear a costume, feel free to send it along in a bag. Sometimes seeing other children dressed up will cause them to join in the fun! A parade and party will be held for each class. Parents are invited to stay for the parade. Look information soon.

THANK YOU...

- For a smooth start to a new school year, the kids are doing great!
- For the school supply donations to "Kids to Kids"
- To all who participated in the *Paper Pie Book Fair*. The teachers were able to choose books for the classroom, because of your purchases

PARENT/STAFF BOARD

The Parent-Staff Board met on September 24, for the first time this year. Thank you to those parents who volunteered to be representatives for their child's class. Your class representatives will be introducing themselves and keeping you updated on activities to come.

Lu Brudis and Kelly Litz – MT 2s
Heather Gotsch and Kelly Grosskopf – MTW 3s
Kristin Freedman and Chaquane Sylver – ThF 3s
Giulia Lynch and Sarah Bollard – AM 4s

CHAPEL TIME

We incorporate a chapel time and prayer time in each classroom. The teachers will be using books, CDs, puppets, and other props to get The Message of God's love to the children. Pastor Steven will be meeting with the 3s, and 4s, classes on a monthly basis to visit and share with the children. The main emphasis will be how much they are loved and how special they are.

VALUE FOR OCTOBER

The value for October is **Respect**. The dictionary definition is "to consider worthy of high regard or esteem." Children can show respect in many ways, for example, to themselves (self-respect), to their peers, and to authority. Some ways to foster respect are teaching your children to listen while others are talking. In modeling respect, children will see us really listen to them, give them the time they need to accomplish a task and reinforce those good manners. Remember, *please and thank you* when dealing with your children. Children become what they live and see.

WHAT DID YOU DO AT SCHOOL TODAY?

It is difficult for young children to recall and describe what they did during the program day. Children are active and busy for the entire time, but they sometimes lack the words to tell others about their activities – or by the time you pick them up, they have moved on to other things.

Parents, of course, want to know about their child's day. Here are a few ideas to keep in mind when asking your child about his or her activities.

- Keep informed of the class's planned events so you can ask specific questions. For example, "Did you get to go on the nature walk today, or was it too rainy?"
- With most children, avoid general questions like "What happened at school today?"
- Avoid questions that produce one-word answers.
- Ask specific questions such as
 - "Who shared at circle time today? Tell me about what she/he shared."
 - "What was in the art center today?"
 - "Tell me about this drawing in your tote bag."

Sometimes telling the child a little something about your own day starts the ball rolling. The child may get the idea of sharing news and feelings about his or her day.

From: [Family-Friendly Communication for Early Childhood Programs](#) by Deborah Diffily and Kathy Morrison, ed. NAEYC

LET OUTDOORS INTO YOUR KIDS' LIVES

Have your children spent quality time outside lately? With video and computer games, cell phones and TV competing for their attention, it's not surprising that kids spend a lot of their free time indoors. But children must "unplug" and embrace nature early on so they'll become future protectors of the environment, says Todd Christopher, author of *The Green Hour: A Daily Dose of Nature for Happier, Healthier, smarter Kids*.

"Kids being outside is good for the natural world," Christopher says. Encourage children to explore nature with his tips:

Schedule outdoor time. Set aside time in your family's daily routine to explore the outdoors. You don't have to travel far: Your backyard or local park has plenty to discover-bugs, birds, trees, leaves.

Set an example. The best way to motivate children to step away from the computer and go outside is for parents to do so, too. Time spent together outdoors helps families connect, Christopher says.

Keep it simple. A child's scale and pace are naturally smaller and slower than an adult's, so take the time to explore with your children using their "fresh perspective" and all of your senses. - Vicki Kriz

WARD'S CHAPEL CHURCH NEWS...

Standing Invitation

If you do not have a church family, we invite you to attend Sunday Services and/or Sunday School. There are 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services with a Nursery for children, infants through five, at the 11:00 service. From 9:45 – 10:45, there are Sunday School classes for all ages, for infants through the oldest senior adult. All are welcome.

