## ECP School Family Weekly Newsletter

Ms. Dorothy's AM and PM Classes



November 25, 2019 and Week of Dec. 2-6, 2019

## What's coming up this week:

Themes: Monday November 25, 2019 is the Barnes Annual Turkey Trot. Today, Monday November 25, is the only day of classes for this week, Tomorrow Tuesday November 26, 2019, is a Barnes Staff PLC/Teacher Records Day and the rest of the Week, Wednesday 11/27 through Friday 11/29 is Thanksgiving Recess. Wishing Everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving Holiday!

Ms. Dorothy will be out today Monday November 25, 2019, due to the passing of her mom. Ms. Diann Ohmann will be the guest teacher. Ms. Dorothy will also be out on Monday December 2, 2019 for a Conference at Wayne County Community College. Ms. Diann Ohmann will be the guest teacher on that day as well.

Red Folders: Please turn in your child's red folder if you have not done so already. Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, Red Folders will not go home this week. Red Folders will go home again on Monday December 9, 2019.

PM Class: Ms. Hannah Hicks is our High School helper for the month of November. In December, Hannah will move onto to another classroom and we will welcome Delaney Jackson as our December High School Helper.

Needed: Goldfish crackers, Graham Crackers, 3 oz. Cups\*, 5 oz. Cups. \* \*Cups that are all the same or uniform in color/style that are made of plastic or paper with a wax coating work best for the children. fyi-- Costco offers these types of cupes in large quantities. A great big thank you to everyone who donates items to our classroom. Please ask if you have any questions.

Our plans and scheduled activities for the week: Please know that unexpected/unanticipated changes could shift what we have scheduled.

Monday 11/25: Theme: Thanksgiving and the Turkey Trot Race! The children get to chase a "Turkey" (Adult Staff member in a "Turkey" costume:-) around the school! Featured Book: Clifford's Thanksgiving by Norman Bridwell. Mondays are Ms. Maribeth Saylor's (our Occupational Therapist/OT) day to work with students. Today her plan is to focus on dressing skills (putting on and taking off coats). \*Scholastic Book Orders are due.

Monday 12/2: Introduce the Letter G; letter formation and G sound. Start at the top, big curve, little line up, little line across. Mondays are Ms. Maribeth Saylor's day to work on letter formation and fine motor skills with both the AM and PM classes. Featured books/themes for the week: <u>Good Night Gorilla</u>, <u>Happy Birthday Little Gorilla</u>

Tuesday 12/3: Weekly Tuesday Music with Ms. Christine. Continue with weekly themed activites.

Wednesday 12/4: Yoga Classes with Ms. TJ. Continue with weekly themed Activities. Ms. Brandy Rokicki, will do a Social Skills lesson with our PM class.

Thursday 12/5: GYM, ART Day with Ms. Vicki: Pine Tree Prints. Please be advised. Best bet is to wear old clothes since art projects can involve paints and glue. Continue with weekly themed activities.



Friday 12/6: Use Upstairs Cozy Corner, Continue with Weekly Themed Activities.

## <u>Upcoming Dates</u>

<u>Friday December 20:</u> Barnes Annual Holiday Gathering in the AM. All students with an accompanying parent and/or caregiver are invited to join us for this fun filled annual event. This event is our day of school. The RSVP form for this event is coming soon. There are no classes in the PM on this day. Winter Break begins after the Holiday gathering is over.

Thursday January 2, 2020: School Resumes.

Highlights from last week: We enjoyed learning about the letter Q. This letter spells the "kw" sound as in "Queen." We talked about our letter Qu qu weekly magic words, such as "Quilt," "Quail" and "quick." The children also had the opportunity to use a stencil at Ms. Vicki's art table to make a picture square for our "Class Quilt." Then all of the squares were glued on a large piece of paper to make the quilt. Our classroom quilt is displayed on our Large Bulletin board by our "Magic" carpet (group time carpet). We enjoyed music with Ms. Christine as we did creative movement with scarves. We sang and moved to a fun "Turkey" song with Ms. TJ in Yoga!

Did you know? Daily Coloring Sheets are generally coordinated with the letter/sound of the week. Just talking about the picture your child brings home daily naturally reinforces our weekly sound! Easy!

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November 2019 Star Schedule. The November Star Calendar was distributed. Please notify Ms. Dorothy if there is an error on this schedule. If you know in advance that your child will be absent on his/her Star Day, you can ask another parent to switch with you or please notify Ms. Dorothy. Please keep your child's show and tell item in his/her backpack. Your child brings his/her backpack into the classroom on his/her Star day. Please ask for the backpack at the end of class. The Star is invited to do special classroom jobs throughout the school day.

Monday 11/25: Benjamin and Walter

Monday 12/2: Luca and Margo

Tuesday 12/3: TeeShawna and Emily

Wednesday 12/4: Felix and William G.

Thursday 12/5: Andrew and Tripp

Friday 12/6: Lilian and Campbell

<sup>\*\*</sup>New Star Calendar will be passed out during the week of December 2, 2019.