

# First Presbyterian Weekday School

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# Hooray, Hooray for Grandparents' Day!!!!

In the month of November, we will celebrate our extended family by hosting Grandparents' Day on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. We also host our annual Book Fair during these days!

#### **How it works:**

Grandparents are invited to sign in and receive a name tag in the hallway outside of Loudoun Hall where they can continue on to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments, which will be available until 1:00 pm. This is a great time to meet and connect with other grandparents in the Weekday School family! Grandparents are invited to visit their grandchildren's classrooms afterwards as well!

Dismissal on both days will be at 1:00 pm; however, the Book Fair will continue until 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Winchester Book Gallery provides the books, and provides titles for readers of ALL ages!



### November 2014

#### **School Calendar**

#### November

Weds. Nov 5th: NOON Dismissal

Thurs. Nov 6<sup>th</sup> and Fri., Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Picture Day

Thurs. Nov 13<sup>th</sup> and Fri Nov 14<sup>th</sup> – Grandparents' Day & Book Fair 9:00-1:30 in Fellowship Hall

Nov 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK

#### **December**

Weds. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>: NOON Dismissal

Tues, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> and Weds, Dec 17<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Reception in Fellowship Hall and Christmas Program in the Sanctuary 11:30 – 1:00 (Specific details regarding performances to follow).

#### **Let's Chat About Conferences!**

On Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, the Weekday School will be closed for students, but open for parent conferences. At this time, teachers will be sharing information that they have observed about your child. This is a time to celebrate successes and plan for continued growth. You may want to consider asking your child's teacher...

- How does my child initiate play with others?
- How does my child problem solve when he plays with others?
- How does my child offer help to others?
- How does my child take responsibility for his space and materials?
- Is my child interested in group activities or independent activities?
- Is my child responsive to assistance from other children or the teacher?
- What activities does my child most often engage in?
- Are there any skills that seem to frustrate my child? How can I help him/her?
- For those children who are writing in journals: What letters are my child using? Is he/she connecting any sounds to letters?

Conferences are scheduled with your child's teacher. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide childcare during conferences.

If you would like more information about development, free to stop by the Weekday School office.



#### Time is of the Essence.....

We've noticed that not all of our children are being picked up by 1:00 pm. Our drop off time is 9:00 am, and our Dismissal is at 1:00 pm.

#### A Safe Pair of Hands

The use of hand sanitizer is not a substitute for washing hands before entering the classrooms. Some of our students have life threatening allergies, and cross contamination of allergens poses a safety hazard. If you need assistance locating bathrooms within the building, please ask your child's teacher, Ms. Lara, or Ms. Tricia.

# What's Happening Around Town?

Handley Library is hosting an infant, toddler, and preschool story time during weekdays, as well as Family Picnic and Movie time on Saturdays. For more information, please visit their website at <a href="http://www.handleyregional.org/handley/calendar.asp">http://www.handleyregional.org/handley/calendar.asp</a>

Saturday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am - 4:00 pm: Bakery Festival at Marker Miller Orchards. For more information, visit their site at http://www.markermillerorchards.com/events/festivals/

# Lunch Time is Also a Time of Safety!

Per NAEYC guidelines, foods for Toddlers must be cut into quarter-inch pieces, and foods for Two's must be cut into half-inch pieces. When eating lunch with a table full of small children, safety is paramount! NAEYC Standard 5.B.14.a. mandates that no hard pretzels, whole grapes, popcorn, or raw carrots be sent from home for children under the age of four. This is essentially important when seated at a table full of young children!

More information can be obtained from our Parent Manual on pages 9 and 10.