



First Presbyterian Weekday School

Grandparents' Day

At the Weekday School, we cherish our school family members as well as their extended families! Grandparents' Day is a venue in which our children can share their school experience with their grandparents or other special people in their lives! This Weekday School ritual is a magical time in which multiple generations connect and share time together. All grandparents are encouraged to participate in class activities.

What can you expect from Grandparents' Day?

Who? Grandparents and surrogate grandparents are welcome to join us.

When? Thursday, November 12th and Friday, November 13th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. *The individual teachers may let you know a helpful time to visit the classroom.*

Where? Fellowship Hall and Classrooms

What Can You Do?

- Stop by for refreshments (you may come alone or bring your grandchildren).
- Meet other grandparents
- Participate in class activities

If you have any questions, please let us know. We look forward to connecting with the grandparents on the 12th and 13th!

Book Fair!

November 12th and 13th are also the days of the Book Fair, which is hosted in the Fellowship Hall by Winchester Book Gallery. Families are invited to browse the Book Gallery's displays and purchase books for themselves, their grandchildren, or their grandchildren's class. If you do choose to purchase a book for your grandchild's class, there will be teacher wish lists located in Fellowship Hall. A book plate will be placed in all donated books recognizing your gift to our school.

November 2015

School Calendar

November

Tues., Nov 3rd - NO SCHOOL
Conference Day

Weds, Nov 4th -NOON
Dismissal

Thurs, Nov 12th & Fri, Nov
13th - Grandparent's Day &
Book Fair 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tues, Nov 17th & Weds, Nov
18th at 9:15: Conscious
Discipline Talk:
Assertiveness

Mon., Nov 23rd - Fri., Nov
27th: NO SCHOOL -
Thanksgiving Break

December

Weds, Dec 2nd - NOON
Dismissal

Thurs, Dec 3rd & Fri, Dec 4th
at 9:15 in Room 208: Parent
Liaison Meeting

Thurs, Dec 10th & Fri, Dec
11th - at 9:15 in Room 208
Conscious Discipline Talk

Thursday Dec 17th & Fri, Dec
18th - Christmas Fellowship in
Fellowship Hall

Mon, Dec 21st - Fri, Jan 1st -
NO SCHOOL - Christmas
Break

Thank you, Thank you!

Many, many thanks to the volunteers who helped to make Dessert with Dad a smooth event. We noticed many smiling faces, a lot of wonderful conversation among volunteers and parents, as well as happy children! We had many volunteers who signed up to help with the event, and we were so grateful that we also had volunteers who offered to help the evening of the event.

We would also like to thank the families who have volunteered their time shopping for the Weekday School, helping with clerical tasks, and those who have stepped forward to take on the role of Room Parent.

It takes all of us to make our school family events work. From our hearts to yours, we thank you and wish you well!

On Tuesday, November 3rd, 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 early childhood development or developmentally appropriate curriculum, free to stop by the Weekday School office.

An Opportunity to Chat About Conscious Discipline: Assertiveness -How to Say No to Your Children!

Please join us on November 17th and 18th at 9:15 in Room 208 with Ms. Lara. We will discuss the skill of using our assertive voice so that children know exactly what to do, and how this promotes emotional safety. Please feel free to bring a bagged breakfast and any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you there!

Changes in the Parent Manual

The Weekday School Parent Manual has been updated to include some policy changes, which have been approved by the Session of the Church. New families will be receiving a paper copy of the Parent Manual, and veteran families will receive an amendment sheet. An updated manual will also be posted on the website at www.fpwds.com

We Need Your Details!

It is so important that our families sign children in and out every day. In addition to signing your child in, it is also equally important to leave a number where you, or the person picking up your child, can be reached in the event of an emergency or question.

Although the space on the Sign In sheet is small, there is a section where you can leave your phone number. Doing so will help us to keep everyone safe!

School Pictures

In years past, we have scheduled school pictures in November. This year, we have decided to offer pictures in the spring when the children have had a chance to become more acclimated and comfortable in their school families. We will be offering individual and class pictures at that time.

We will keep you updated regarding the spring picture date. Thank you for your comments regarding this matter.

Family Friendly Community Events

- The Gathering Native American Festival: Kidz Harvest Fest at Clarke County Fairgrounds in Berryville, Virginia on Friday October 30th - Sunday November 1st. Children of all ages are invited to experience traditional dance, gourd washing, hand drum and flute playing, as well as traditional story tellers and paper making. For more information, please visit: <http://harvestgathering.org/4-kidz.html>
- Handley Library will be hosting Preschool Story Time on Mondays from 10:30 - 11:00, and Toddler Story Time on Thursdays from 10:30 - 11:00 on the 2nd Floor Children's Room. For more information, please visit: <http://www2.youseemore.com/handley/calendar.asp?cal=35>