



Dear Parents,

We hope your children enjoyed their fall lessons, pumpkin themed activities and classroom celebrations last month. Seeing our students enjoy their book character costumes and fall attire is one of the highlights of the year for us. Thank you for allowing us to be part of these special occasions!

This month we are focusing on gratitude and connecting with others. Though we cannot hold our normal Thanksgiving celebrations this year we have many special activities planned for our students and are looking forward to sharing photos with you on Links 2 Home.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,
J.B. Arbelo-Bean, Principal

Please consider spreading the word about our school. Leave a review on Facebook, Google or Yelp!

Staff Highlight

Our November Staff Highlight is Ms. Ja'Mice Richardson from our VPK program. Ms. Ja'Mice is a native Floridian and has many hobbies; some include building puzzles, playing billiards, bowling with friends and she LOVES Marvel Super Hero movies!

Ms. Ja'Mice has been teaching for 9 years and always knew she wanted to be a teacher; she actually comes from a family of teachers. Ms. Ja'Mice holds an Associates Degree and a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. When asked why she enjoys teaching so much, Ms. Ja'Mice said, "Not only do I teach the children but they teach me."

We are so thankful to have such a dedicated and caring teacher on Team Chesterbrook!





New Thanksgiving Traditions To Start with Your Family This Year



Thanksgiving is one of the few times each year when families all get together to celebrate. Over the years, your family has probably developed traditions like going to a parade, hosting dinner for your extended family, or watching your favorite football team play.

The holiday may look different this year, but that shouldn't stop you from starting special, new traditions. Below are some ideas to try.

Explore a Thanksgiving-themed sensory bin

Sensory bins are great for preschoolers of all ages to explore the colors, scents and textures of the season. Grab an empty bin and fill with festive items, such as leaves, water, mini pumpkins, pinecones and dried corn cobs. Don't forget to add cups, tongs and spoons for filling and dumping.

Create a gratitude board

Provide your child with a large poster board, family photos, magazines, markers, glue stick, and child-safe scissors, if age appropriate. Encourage him to search for photos of the people and things he is most thankful for this year. Help him write the phrase "Gratitude Board" at the top of the board, cut out the pictures and glue them down.

Make a new dish

Find a new recipe to try this year, maybe it's a twist on the classic mashed potatoes or a yummy new fruit pie. Get your child involved by asking him to follow multi-step directions, such as scooping, mixing and pouring ingredients. While the food is cooking, show him how you set the table and encourage him to replicate.

Connect with family far away

You've probably had your fair share of video calls this year, but make an exception on Thanksgiving. You might not be able to see all your extended family members in person for the holiday. Set up a video call to make everyone feel included in your holiday festivities.

Dates to Remember

No VPK—Camp Day for Full-Timers
Tuesday, Nov. 3

Progress Reports Go Home
Friday, Nov. 6

**No School—
Professional Development Day**
Wednesday, Nov. 11

Pet Day
Friday, Nov. 13

Wacky Wednesday—Mis-Match Day
Wednesday, Nov. 18

Thanksgiving Celebrations
Friday, Nov. 20

No VPK—Camp Days for Full-Timers
Monday, Nov. 23—Friday, Nov. 27

No School—Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, Nov. 26

LTL Parent Folders Go Home
Monday, Nov. 30

Sickness



Our parents are vital partners in helping us to maintain a safe and healthy environment for the students in our school. The most important thing you can do to assist us in creating a healthy environment is to keep your child home if they are ill.