

The Chesterbrook Connection

February 2021 Newsletter



Building Roads to Success in our Beginner Room



Skittle Science with our Club Connect



Creative Mind at Work

Greetings CBA-Brambleton II Families and Happy February!

Winter is well underway bringing frigid temps and snowflakes to our area, but the fun and learning continues on for your students.

I would like to start by saying that I have really enjoyed getting to know the staff, students and parents here at the academy over the past month. I know that a change in principals, restarting meal programs and licensing compliance demands during a pandemic can be hard to embrace, but I certainly appreciate your patience, diligence and kindness as our team gets settled into the new routine together.

This new month is sure to be a fun one and I look forward to seeing all that you child is learning as we focus on new literary material, skill development and seasonal activities related to Groundhog's Day, Valentine's Day and President's Day.

Please read on for reminders and information on our upcoming events:

- ***Daily Meal Schedule***

As a reminder, breakfast is served from 8:30 am-9:00 am, hot lunch is served from 11:30 am-12:00 pm, and PM Snack is served from 2:30 pm-3:00 pm.

If your child is arriving after these schedule times, please plan to feed them prior to drop-off, if possible. If for some reason, they arrive after the mealtime and have not eaten, please let the front office staff know so that a snack can be arranged to hold your student over until the next meal is offered.

- ***Valentine's Story/Song & Craft Presentation via Zoom. Parents Attendance Encouraged!***

February 10 - Infants (10:30 am) and Toddlers (3:30 pm)

February 11 - Beginners (10:30 am) and Intermediates (3:30 pm)

February 12 - Pre-Kindergarteners (10:30 am) and Club Connect (3:30 pm)

**Keep an eye on your email. Zoom links will be provided prior to each scheduled event.

- ***Chesterbrook Academy CLOSED on President's Day***

February 15th for Professional Development Training for our Teaching Team

- ***Parent Appreciation Breakfast (to go)...***

February 24 - Pick-up breakfast on us. Muffins, fresh fruit, coffee and water will be available from 7:00 am -9:30 am during Drop-Off.

- ***Virtual Game Night with the Brambleton Community Association sponsored by Chesterbrook Academy***

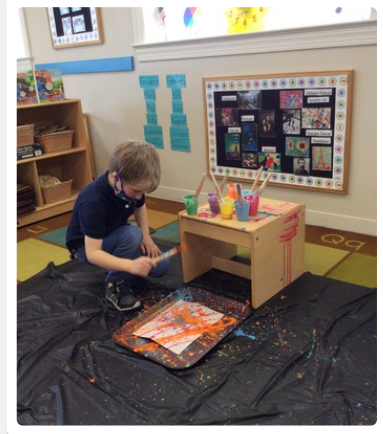
Friday, February 26th - Save the Date. Details on registration will be available online soon.



"Snow" much fun!



**Outdoor
Appreciation**



**Splatter and drip
the day away like
Jackson Pollock**



WARNING



FACE MASKS REQUIRED

Health & Safety Reminders:

Please remember that we are still closely following our heightened Health & Safety precautions to minimize any spread of the COVID-19 virus within our school. The health and safety of our students and staff are a top priority here and we believe that maintaining that is a community effort. With that being said, we have seen some family members approach our school for drop-off and pick-up without a mask on. Please understand that you will not be permitted in close proximity of our students and staff without a mask. We will kindly request that you go back to your car until one is in use. Thank you for understanding and helping to keep the Brambleton II academy healthy.

Second, we would like to remind parents to please maintain a safe speed while driving in our parking lot. This area is frequently crossed by families with children, especially during the drop-off and pick-up windows. Likewise, we ask that parents keep children close as you cross the lot. Playful behavior like running is discouraged for safety reasons, especially after sunset.

Again, thank you for partnering with the CBA team to keep our students safe, healthy and learning!



Teacher Spotlight: Ms. Rashmi - Pre-Kindergarten; Lead Teacher

This month we would like to show our appreciation to Ms. Rashmi for her hard work, team spirit and classroom excellence.

Rashmi is a strong and valued member of our teaching team whom most of you see daily at drop-off. She has been a teacher here at the Brambleton II campus for nearly five years. The quality lesson plans, creative activities executed and affection of her students are just a few ways that her successes and passion is apparent.

Rashmi strives to find innovative and creative methods in teaching the skills and content from our Links to Learning curriculum. Moreover, she recognizes the importance of early childhood education as the foundation to a student's primary years and utilizes every moment as a teachable moment. This mindset is both positive and beneficial to the class as they work hard to prepare for their start in Kindergarten.

Rashmi, thanks for all that you do to support our school and Pre-K program!



Valentine's Day Themed Activities to Reinforce Math Skills

Continue the learning at home this month with these hands-on math activities inspired by Valentine's Day! Your little one will have a blast practicing their math skills, thinking critically, and developing problem-solving strategies.

1. Candy Hearts Addition Game

Provide your child with candy hearts and a simple addition problem written on an index card. Ask them to read the card and place the correct number of candy hearts in two piles. For example, if the problem is $3+4$, your child should place 3 candy hearts in one pile and 4 candy hearts in another. Encourage them to count all the hearts to get a total.

2. Red Smoothies

Spending time in the kitchen is a great way to practice counting, following instructions and measuring. Make a Valentine's Day inspired smoothie with your child using a handful of ice, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup raspberries, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup strawberries, $\frac{1}{2}$ banana and 1 cup yogurt. Ask your child to wash and measure the produce, count as he adds the ingredients to the blender, and press the "on" button.

3. Sort and Compare Activity

Provide your child with small items in Valentine's Day colors (i.e., red hearts, pink pom poms, white buttons). Ask them to sort the objects by color and compare the number of items in each group. Listen for words such as more than, less than and equal to.

4. Bar Chart of Favorite Gifts

Give your child a piece of paper and crayons. Encourage them to ask family members which Valentine's Day gift (i.e., flowers, candy or cards) they like the best. Ask your child to record the results on the bar chart to see which gift is the favorite.



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