



October Newsletter

A Note From the Principal

Fall is finally here! The leaves are going to be changing colors, the cool weather is rolling in and it is going to be full of fun and learning! Fall is my favorite time of year. It is full of holidays and celebrations. We are so looking forward to a fun fall experience. Our students are enjoying the extra outdoor and seasonal curriculum activities. We are planning fun fall-themed activities for our students this month and are excited to share photos with you all through Links 2 Home. We have our annual Trunk or Treat and door decorating contest this month! As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

It's time to switch out clothes in your child's cubby- please bring weather appropriate clothes and a light jacket to wear during morning outside time.

As always, thank you for your support for Chesterbrook Academy!

Sincerely,
Kristen Suh, Principal

Fall Events

Our classrooms will be celebrating the Fall by doing crafts, playing outdoor games with their classmates, and wearing their costumes in our annual trunk or treat. Stay tuned for more information.

Join us for our Virtual Potty-Training Workshop on October 27 from 1:00 PM PDT / 4:00 PM EST

Are you ready to take that next step? Do you need ideas or support to make your child's potty training a success? Learn tips and techniques to ensure a successful, positive experience. Register today at <https://conta.cc/3ywftwW>.

Love Our School? Review Us!

In today's connected world, many families turn to online reviews to learn more about the reputation of schools. Just a reminder that you can find our school on Facebook, Google, Yelp

and other online directories. We'd love more families like yours, so please consider spreading the word about our school.

Important Dates

October 11-15- Scholastic Book Fair

October 22- Pink Day- Wear Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October 25-29- Classroom Door Contest

October 25-29- Pumpkin Decorating Contest

October 29- Trunk or Treat

October 29 – Monthly folders go home

New On Our Preschool Blog:

Ways to Encourage Your Child's Speech and Language Development at Home

Speech and language skills support children's ability to communicate and engage with others, express and understand feelings, and help them understand the world around them.

Our teachers encourage speech and language development by creating a literacy-rich environment filled with pictures, books and words, and modeling language usage on a continuous basis. In our classrooms, books are readily accessible, materials are labeled with photos and words, and children's writing attempts are apparent. The constant access to expressive and receptive literature encourages children to explore printed text, listen for new vocabulary, make connections between printed words and illustrations, and to ask questions.

Below are some age-appropriate activities you can try with your child at home.

Infants & Toddlers (0-2 years)

- Encourage your child to make sounds back to you (i.e., "ma," "da," "ba").
- Point out colors and shapes in books and in your environment.
- Gather a group of toy animals and sing "Old MacDonald." Hold up each animal as you say its name and sound. Encourage your child to sing along and say the names of the animals with you.
- When your child begins to speak, repeat their words and add a word or two. Point to a toy car and ask what it is. When they respond "car," say, "Yes, that is a bright red car."



Beginners & Intermediates (2-4 years)

- Read a favorite book with your child. Ask questions about the characters and key events.
- Put on a play with dolls or puppets. Encourage your child to narrate and have conversations with you.
- Take a walk outdoors and ask your child questions about the weather, animals you see and sounds you hear.
- During a time with limited distractions (i.e., bath time or dinner), ask your child to talk about their day. Use questions like, "Who did you play with today?" and "What did you draw at school?"

Pre-K & Pre-K2 (4-5 years)

- Ask your child to make up their own short story and tell it aloud.
- Encourage your child to tell you how to do something, such as make a sandwich or draw a picture. This will help them communicate something they wouldn't normally think about.
- While shopping, ask your child to describe each item you buy. Listen for words like "small" and "large," "round" and "square," and "heavy" and "light."
- Practice writing, language and memory by pretending you and your child are at a restaurant. Encourage them to fulfill orders by writing down what you say.