

Chesterbrook Academy Gaithersburg

NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER



♥♥♥ A NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

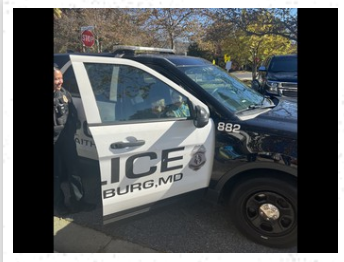
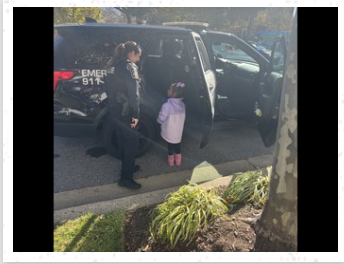
We had so much fun last month engaging in fall lessons, pumpkin themed activities, and classroom celebrations. We also loved seeing so many of you at our Fall Festival! This month, we are focusing on gratitude, connecting with others, and sharing family traditions. Thank you for allowing us to teach and care for your children.

Sincerely,

Narema Deonarine

CBA FALL FESTIVAL 2022





THANKSGIVING ACTIVITIES

Our students will be celebrating Thanksgiving with fun classroom activities the month of November . More details to come via Links 2 Home.



CBA 824 THANKSGIVING PROGRAM/ LUNCHEON

WHEN

TUESDAY, NOV. 22ND, 11:30PM

WHERE

**10 KENT GARDENS CIRCLE
GAITHERSBURG, MD**

MORE INFORMATION

SAVE THE DATE

November 22, 2022

- . Program will begin at 11:30am in our School-Age classroom.
- . All Children will have a part in the program.
- . They will be a complimentary light lunch immediately following the program.

FAMILY SURVEY REMINDER

Our enrolled family survey launched in October. If you have not received the email, please let us know so we can request it be resent. The survey provides the opportunity for you to give us feedback anonymously on our strengths and areas we can work on. Survey closes November 18.

Cubby Refresh

As a reminder, please make sure to refresh the spare clothing in your child's cubby. Take home anything that no longer fits and leave a spare set of well-fitting, weather-appropriate clothes.



Links to Learning

NOVEMBER BEGINNERS

Links to Home: Shared Activities for Parents & Children

This month, your child will learn basic shapes, work on understanding same versus different, and identify his favorite foods.

Here are some suggested activities to practice these skills with your child:

Links to Home: Shared Activities for Parents & Children

- Look through a book or magazine with your child. Ask him to find and point to various shapes, including squares, circles and triangles.
- Place three blue blocks and one red block in front of your child. Ask him which blocks are the same and which are different.
- Go grocery shopping with your child. Ask him to name and point to a few of his favorite foods.

NOVEMBER INTERMEDIATES

Links to Home: Shared Activities for Parents & Children

- Hand your child two different sized objects, for example, an orange and a quarter. Ask your child to describe the two objects. Pay attention to the use of size vocabulary.
- Play different genres of music and ask your child to describe each song. "Is this music fast or slow?" or "Do you like this song? Why or why not?"
- Involve your child when planning meals. Ask your child, "What is a healthy food that we should eat for dinner?" or "Can you name three vegetables?"

LINKS

NOVEMBER PRE-K

This month, your child will identify uppercase and lowercase letters, recognize numerals 1-40, and create original patterns.

Here are some suggested activities to practice these skills with your child:

- Look through a catalog or magazine with your child. Ask her to find and circle numerals from 1 to 40.
- Encourage your child to create patterns using common household items (i.e. colored pasta, cereal, fruit, socks). When she is finished, copy her pattern. Take turns making and replicating different patterns.
- Read a favorite story to your child. Point to a word and ask her to name each letter. Challenge your child by selecting words with uppercase and lowercase letters.

THEMATIC APPROACH

Theme 3:

My Neighborhood/Thankful

American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month

November is American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month. It is a time to honor their culture, accomplishments, and contributions. When children acknowledge and appreciate diverse cultures, they are helping to build a community of belonging and inclusion. We will be celebrating in our classrooms by reading books with Native American characters, making a traditional meal, and exploring nature which is an important part of the Native American culture!



5 EASY STEM ACTIVITIES TO TRY THIS MONTH AT HOME

Did you know... National STEM/STEAM Day is November 8th! We believe that introducing these concepts in preschool is important to help children build problem-solving, reasoning, and critical thinking skills, as well as self-confidence and self-direction.

All year long, our students work collaboratively to create vehicles using cardboard boxes, make containers to grow plants, and build cities out of blocks. They use hands-on materials to explore and understand math concepts such as pattern, size, and shape. They even become mini scientists by making predictions, experimenting, and charting their results.

BELOW ARE A FEW WAYS TO CONTINUE STEM/STEAM EDUCATION AT HOME.

1. Chia Seed Jar

Gather a mason jar, a cup of water, and a teaspoon of chia seeds. Ask your child to place the chia seeds into the jar and pour the water on top. Assist if needed. Cover the top of the jar with a cheesecloth and secure with a rubber band. Let the jar sit overnight. The next day, drain the water. The chia seeds should begin sprouting in a few days. Ask your child to predict how tall the seeds will grow and record the results.

2. Baking Soda Art

Cover the bottom of a tray with baking soda. In a separate bowl, add vinegar and food coloring. Using a dropper, ask your child to pick up the vinegar and drop it into the baking soda. They'll love watching the fizzy experiment. Use different shades of food coloring and encourage your child to create unique art in the tray.

3. Sink or Float Experiment

Fill a large bin or bathtub with water. Provide your child with various seasonal items, such as pinecones, leaves, and mini pumpkins. Ask them to predict whether each object would sink or float. Conduct the experiment to see if their hypotheses were correct.

4. Unique Creations

No need to go shopping! Use materials found around your home to design and build unique creations. Some easy ideas include making binoculars with toilet paper tubes and tape, building a fort using pillows, assembling a tower from magazines, and creating a necklace using macaroni and string.

5. Ice Melting Activity

Conduct an experiment to see where ice would melt the fastest inside your home. Place ice cubes in bowls in different rooms, such as a bedroom, the kitchen, and garage. Ask your child to predict which bowl of ice would melt the fastest.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 31: Trunk or treat (2pm-3pm)

CALLING ALL CBA 824 FAMILIES... We need your help to make this a big success and super fun time for our children so we are asking each CBA 824 Families to PLEASE donate 1 large bag of candy (or more). You can send the candy to school with your child. Please make sure the candy you donate is individually wrapped PEANUT FREE. We would love to have 100% family participation. Your donations will be a big help in making this event successful!

November 11 - School Closed for Veterans Day

November 21: Picture Day

November 22: Thanksgiving Program(11:30am)

November 24/25 - School Closed for Thanksgiving

November 28, 29, 30: Parent Teacher Conferences

November 30 - End of Month Folders go home



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