

# November Newsletter

CHESTERBROOK ACADEMY

## NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

This month, we will embark on a journey of fostering connections and celebrating cherished family traditions, as we nurture the spirit of Thanksgiving and togetherness. Our preschoolers will be engaged in activities that inspire gratitude and kindness, such as creating festive crafts, sharing personal experiences, and learning about the importance of giving back to our community.

Thank you for entrusting us with the care and education of your children. We look forward to another month of joy and learning!

Sincerely,

Ms Kim

## 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 17.

## FAMILY REFERAL BONUS

Do you know a colleague who has recently had a baby, a friend in need of care who just relocated to the area, or a family member who is seeking a new preschool for their child? When you refer a friend and they enroll, you're eligible for a **free week of tuition**. Ask us for details!

## AMERICAN INIDIAN & 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!

## PARENT REPORTS GO HOME

### WHEN

THURSDAY, NOV. 9TH, 3PM

### WHERE

SCHOOL

### MORE INFORMATION

You will receive your child's progress report to let you know the progress they have made thus far.

## VETERAN'S DAY/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

### WHEN

FRIDAY, NOV. 10TH, 6:30AM-6PM

### WHERE

OUR SCHOOL

### MORE INFORMATION

Every staff member is required to have 12 hours of training each year. Our school closes on Veterans and President's day each year to supply them with the required trainings they need.

## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

### WHEN

MONDAY, NOV. 13TH, 10AM TO FRIDAY,  
NOV. 17TH, 12PM

### WHERE

OUR SCHOOL

### MORE INFORMATION

Great time to connect one on one with your child's teacher about their progress. You can schedule an in person meeting or a phone conference. Sign up sheet will be displayed outside of each class starting next week.

## THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

### WHEN

FRIDAY, NOV. 17TH, 12PM

### WHERE

OUR SCHOOL

### MORE INFORMATION

This event for the students only. Parents are invited to have dessert with us at 3:00pm that day.

## CBA CLOSED-THANKSGIVING

### WHEN

THURSDAY, NOV. 23RD, 6:30AM TO FRIDAY,  
NOV. 24TH, 6PM

### WHERE

OUR SCHOOL

### MORE INFORMATION

We want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!!

## RAISING THANKFUL CHILDREN

Building a sense of gratitude in young children is an essential part of their development. Through our Links to Learning curriculum, we continuously strive to cultivate an environment where appreciation is nurtured all year round. As we approach this joyous holiday season, we

are particularly reminded of the significance of fostering an attitude of gratitude in our students and incorporate hands-on lessons related to empathy, kindness, and giving back.

A great way to continue the learning at home is through meaningful conversations with your child. Consider asking questions such as, "What made you smile today?" or "What are some ways we can show our friend that we are thankful for them?" and "What are you thankful for today?"

Books also provide an excellent platform for nurturing gratitude and inspiring discussions with your child. Take a look at some of our favorites below.

#### Bear Says Thanks by Karma Wilson

Your child will love the rhythmic text and engaging plot of Bear Says Thanks. Seamlessly weaving together the themes of sharing and thankfulness, this book follows Bear as he discovers the true meaning of gratitude. As Bear navigates his day, various situations prompt him to reflect on the significance of expressing appreciation for others.

#### Llama Llama Gives Thanks by Anna Dewdney

If your child loves the Llama Llama books, this is a perfect story to read together this season. Llama Llama embarks on a journey to discover the true meaning of Thanksgiving, guided by the loving support of family and friends. The book encourages readers to embrace the spirit of gratitude during the holiday season and beyond.

**The Thankful Book by Todd Parr** This enchanting book from Todd Parr not only fosters a sense of thankfulness, but also encourages children to embrace diversity and empathy. From the sunshine to our food, this story emphasizes the importance of acknowledging the wonderful things around us. It's a timeless reminder to appreciate the little blessings that make life extraordinary.

#### Thanks From the Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Eric Carle's iconic collage-style illustrations vividly capture the wonders of nature and the joy of friendship, inviting young readers to cherish the beauty of the world around them. Join the beloved Hungry Caterpillar as he encounters a host of animals, navigates the changing seasons, and learns to give thanks for the simple joys each moment brings.

#### Thankful by Eileen Spinelli

Thankful beautifully highlights the importance of showing appreciation for the people who enrich our communities, from dedicated gardeners to selfless firefighters, whose contributions sometimes go unnoticed. With its charming rhyming text and whimsical illustrations, this book reminds us to cherish the small joys that fill our days



