



WEE NOTES

January 2017

Happy New Year!

The staff and teachers at the WEE Center wish you a happy, healthy and Christ-filled New Year. Our prayer for you and your family is one of peace, joy and health!

The start of the New Year is a reminder that registration is right around the corner. You may have questions about how your child is doing and what class should they be in next school year.

Every child learns at their own pace and in their own way. Some are developing their gross motor skills early and others are drawing detailed pictures. Some are reading at the age of four while others are learning that letters have specific sounds. Some children are playing cooperatively with their peers and others play better by themselves. It is important to continuously expose children to new and challenging opportunities to help them develop.

At times, the challenges of learning new skills will frustrate your child. You can help develop a "Growth Mindset" in your child to minimize the frustration they feel.

1. **Praise the process, effort, and persistence:** Not the outcome. "Wow! You must have worked really hard on this!"
2. **Help your child change their thoughts:** Instead of "I can't! This is too hard!" Help them to think "I can't yet, but I will someday".
3. **Failure is O.K.!** Don't step in to prevent your child's failure – this is how they learn to persevere.

What is "School Readiness" in children? It is a child who is prepared socially, personally, physically as well as intellectually. It is more than knowing letters and numbers. It is when a child is curious about learning new things, is interactive with others, is communicative with teachers and peers, is confident and has self-control.

Thank you for giving us the privilege of sharing some of this precious time with your child. We are looking forward to seeing their smiling faces when they return on January 3, 2017.

Blessings,
Ann

"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Your heart must not be troubled or fearful."

– John 14:27

Calendar-At-A-Glance

Tuesday, January 3

Classes Resume



Thursday, January 5

After-School Session 2 Ends

Tuesday, January 10

After-School Session 3 Begins

Monday, January 16

No School – Martin Luther King Holiday

Friday, January 20

No School – Inauguration Day Holiday

Wednesday, January 25

Parent Workshop @ 6:30 PM
Kindergarten Readiness

Thursday, February 2, 6:30 -7:30

Open House

Friday, February 3

Early Release – FCPS Workday

Tuesday, February 7

Spirit Night at King's Park
McDonald's
5:00 – 8:00 PM

Early Registration for 2017–2018*
at King's Park McDonald's
6:00 – 8:00 PM

***Open to current WEE Center Families and Parkwood Church Members only.**

Just Ahead

After-School Session 3

Tuesday, January 10 –
Thursday, February 16

Any potty-trained, 3 year-old is welcome to attend our After-School Classes. Pay the one-time registration fee of \$25, and then enroll your child in one or more of these fabulous classes. The more classes you sign-up for, the more you save! Look for the enrollment form in your child's basket or stop by the office for a copy.

1 day/week = \$50.00; 2 days/week = \$95.00;
3 days/week = \$135.00

TUESDAY – One Letter Fun Day

With an emphasis on letter sound and pronunciation, this class will help children understand that symbols have meaning while they gain a love for literacy.

WEDNESDAY – Moving & Grooving

Using a combination of fine and gross motor skills in a variety of activities is a sure way to get the children to learn while having fun.

THURSDAY – Magical Math

Numbers are everywhere. This class will encourage a love of arithmetic while engaging the children in exciting math games and activities.

Parent Workshop

Kindergarten Readiness in Fairfax County

Wednesday, January 25, 2017
6:30 – 8:00 PM

This session will focus on current practices in FCPS Kindergarten classes. It will help you answer the questions, "Will my child be ready for kindergarten?" and "What does my child need to know before Kindergarten?"

Child Care is provided; please register in advance.



WEE Center Open House

Thursday, February 2
6:30 – 7:30 PM

We look forward to seeing you and the students as they show off our preschool program. Come out and see what your children are working on now and visit the other classrooms as well. You can learn about the curriculum for the older classes.



WEE Center Spirit Night

Kings Park McDonalds
Tuesday, February 7
5:00 – 8:00 PM

On Tuesday, February 7th from 5:00 – 8:00 PM, Kings Park McDonalds will donate 10% of their total sales to the



WEE Center. Join us for dinner that evening or take a trip through the drive-through. The kids will be delighted, and you will be raising funds for our program! Come and join the fun!

Early Registration for 2017-2018

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Current WEE Center Families and Church Members can register your child for the 2017 - 2018 school year **during our Spirit Night at the Kings Park McDonalds on the 7th!** We will accept registration forms beginning at 6 PM. Tuition rates and class offerings will be posted by January 13th.

Registration for the Community

Registration for the community will begin on Tuesday, February 21st at 9:30am. Please share this information with your friends and neighbors.

News & Notes

Classes for Parents

Sponsored by FCPS Early Childhood Identification and Services

Understanding your Childs Behavior
January 10, Rocky Run, Chantilly

Language Development
January 11, Virginia Hills, Alexandria

Play/Social Skills
January 12, Dunn Loring Center, Vienna

All classes are from 6:00 – 7:30 & childcare is provided. Register at 571-423-4121.

If It's Snowing, Is The WEE Center Closed?

If FCPS is:

Closed
1 Hour Late
2 Hours Late
Early Closing

The WEE Center is:

Closed
Opens at 11 AM
Opens at NOON
Closes at 12 NOON

Dress Your Child Properly for Outdoor Play

Outdoor play is an integral part of your child's development. Running, digging, climbing, lifting and swinging all help your child's brain development. Not to mention, it is just plain fun to be outside!



The teachers will be taking the children outside every day that the weather permits. The students will be outside in the snow and in the cold if they are dressed properly.

Please send your child to school with a heavy coat, mittens and hat. When there is snow on the ground, send in boots too.

Balancing Our Budget

In early January, we will set tuition and fees for the following school year. To do this, we consider the financial projections for the coming year as well as the expenses for the past year based on salaries, curriculum and supplies. It is important to keep our tuition and fees as low as possible, but it is also important to pay competitive wages to keep the best staff possible. Your monthly payment is based on the total number of weeks the students are in school divided into nine equal payments. If you have any questions about our fees please, contact us.

Your fees are allocated in the following ways:



Tuition Fees: Staff salaries and reserve funds for large equipment, infrastructure and playground purchases

Registration Fees: Includes administrative costs such as permits, insurance, cleaning costs, parent communication, curriculum guides and assessment tools.

Supply / Activity Fees: Includes in-house field trips, daily snacks, disposable paper supplies, tote bags, Weekly Readers, Clifford Readers, take-home activities, and art supplies.

Fundraisers: Includes long-term equipment such as carpets, tables, chairs; short-term equipment such as games, puzzles, blocks, dolls, books, educational toys and additional curriculum materials; scholarships; CPR, First Aid training and professional development.



Tax Statements

We will send out end-of-the-year customer statement records at the end of January. The statements will include all tuition and fees paid in 2016.

Your child's tuition at the WEE Center may be tax deductible. Check with your accountant or review IRS guidelines to see if you can deduct the cost of your child's tuition. If your employer offers a flex-pay program, the WEE Center usually qualifies for submission.

**The WEE Center's Tax ID Number is:
54-1834101.**