

Dear Parents,

The students are settled, and the school year is off to a great start. It has been an adjustment for some of our students, but they are making great strides every day.



Our October themes center on God’s world, making friends, and watching the season change. Your children will come home with stories about the many things they are learning at school. Ask your child specific questions about what they did during their day. Making connections between home and school is important for your child’s educational progress.



Did you know there are free educational services to support preschoolers? The **FCPS ECID&S Staff** will work in partnership with families to identify 2-, 3-, and 4-year-old children who are experiencing developmental delays and would benefit from additional services.

We gave a FCPS specialist assigned to the WEE Center for the school year. She will be in our building every week to provide additional resources to several children. She is a great support to our staff, and we are fortunate to work with her.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s development, please ask her. She will be able to provide information to help you. The specialist can only interact with your child after receiving a request from you. You can reach out to the ECID&S program by call 703-204-6761.

Do you have an infant or toddler, and are you concerned about your child's development? The **Infant & Toddler Connection of Fairfax-Falls Church** provides evaluations and early intervention services for infants and toddlers (up to age 3) who have a developmental delay or a diagnosis that may lead to developmental delays. If you have questions call 703-246-7121



Thank you for helping the preschool remain open. Your diligence in preventing the spread of illness is crucial and we are grateful for your support. Our staff love the jobs we have here – helping your child grow and develop.

Blessings,
Ann Lipton

“I praise You because of the wonderful way You created me.” Psalm 139:14 (CEV)



Calendar-At-A-Glance

Thursday, October 5
Weekly Chapel Begins

Monday, October 9
No School – Holiday

Wednesday, October 18
10:10-11:00
Coffee & Conversation

Wednesday & Thursday, October 25 & 26
Parkwood Pumpkin Patch!

Monday, October 24
Stay & Play Session 2 Begins

Saturday, October 28
Fall Festival
2:00 – 5:00

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***The WEE Center follows the Fairfax County Public School Calendar regarding weather related early closings and delayed openings.

We do not follow FCPS calendar regarding workday related early closings and teacher planning days.

If you have older children attending school, please be mindful of the calendar differences.

Just Ahead



Weekly Chapel

Tuesday, October 5

The 3 and 4 year old classes are ready to start our weekly chapel. These students brought home a “chapel box” to collect reminders of the week’s Bible lesson. Every Tuesday, your child will bring home a “treasure” and a brief summary of the Bible story we read. It is our hope that your family will enjoy collecting these treasures and reviewing the Bible story. Our 2-day classes will have a modified chapel time.



Our Chapel Time is led by Pastors Jeff, Trenda and Greg; Ms. Elizabeth, Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Lipton. We are teaching the students that **God made them, God loves them and God wants to take care of them!**



**Begins October 4
6:10 – 7:30**

Awana Clubs 2023-2024 is open to children three years old (by October 4, 2023) through sixth grade! Awana Clubs offers a fun, proven approach for early evangelism and discipleship. Scripture-based programs and exciting games promote Bible literacy and help kids develop lifelong faith in Christ. [Register Here](#)

**Coffee & Conversation!
Wednesday, October 18
After Drop off – until 11:00**

Location TBD dependent upon the weather

Parents, grandparents, au pairs, and others are invited to spend some time enjoying a treat and conversation with other caregivers. Your job is hard, and you deserve a bit of respite for yourself!



Parkwood Pumpkin Patch!

Wednesday & Thursday, October 25 & 26



Each student will visit our pumpkin patch and choose a small pumpkin to take home. The students will learn about the growing process from seed, to flower, to pumpkin.

Stay and Play Session 2

Monday – Friday**

October 23 – December 8

[Register Now](#)



The WEE Center’s Stay and Play program is from 2:00-3:00pm and for children who are *toilet trained and at least three years old*. Each session will run for six weeks. ****Dependent upon sufficient enrollment and staffing****

Option 1:

One-Time Enrollment Fee: \$30.00

Register and pay for specific class days to attend for the entire 6-week session: 1 day/week \$70 for all 6 weeks

Enroll up to 5 days a week

Option 2:

One-Time Enrollment Fee: \$30.00

Pay as you go fee: \$20.00 per day

Children may only attend if there is space that day.



Fall Festival

Saturday, October 28

2:00 – 5:00

Crafts, Treat Stations, Moon Bounce, Games
Bake Sale and Food

Open to friends and the community!

When it comes to being a successful member of society there are certain skills that one must master. And like most skills that successful adults employ, the foundation of these prosocial skills are built in early childhood. Early childhood educators are in a powerful position to help children strengthen the skills they need to be positive members of both the classroom community and the broader community in general.

Prosocial behaviors are those acts that help other people. They are the things we do daily to get along with others, support our loved ones, and protect others from harm. In many cases, prosocial behaviors entail putting the needs of others before our own. Conversely, *antisocial behaviors* are acts that harm others. Acts such as aggression, bullying, intimidation, lying, theft, and vandalism are considered antisocial behaviors.

Studies have found that children with strong prosocial skills not only have stronger relationships with teachers and peers but also appear to have strong academic success as well.

Prosocial behaviors are not always easy. They often require us to give up something and delay gratification. Young children tend to struggle with these things early in life, but with time and practice, new skills and behaviors can become the norm. Below is a list of behaviors that would fall into the category of being prosocial. How these behaviors are displayed in your home.

Prosocial skills:

Cooperating with others
Solving problems
Taking turns
Sharing
Using manners
Communicating emotions appropriately
Making requests for wants and needs
Asking for help

Listening to others
Respecting requests from others
Following directions
Engaging others in conversation
Telling the truth
Taking accountability
Showing responsibility
Standing up for a peer
Practice patience

Comforting another person
Being a good sport
Giving compliments
Observing personal space
Being helpful
Giving or showing generosity
Advocating for the needs of others
Developing friendship

Strategies:

- **Build relationships** – Children will feel more confident to take risks when they trust their caregivers and understand that the adults in their lives are caring sources of support.
- **Modeling** – Be sure to model the prosocial behaviors that you want to see. Demonstrate through your behaviors the appropriate way to respond to frustration and other challenges that arise throughout the day. Model turn-taking conversations, giving compliments, helping others, and using manners to promote these acts.
- **Language** – Use the words patience, generosity, responsibility, caring, and friendship.
- **Intentional activities** – Plan activities that require children to practice cooperation, collaboration, and problem-solving.
- **Coaching** – When events occur remind them of the options they have. Ask questions that help guide children toward possible, positive solutions.
- **Acknowledging** – As a form of positive reinforcement, be sure to recognize children for engaging in prosocial behaviors