

# Newsletter

COURTHOUSE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL & AFTERCARE



November 2023

*Welcome Fall! This is by far my favorite season. Crisp air, sweatshirts, fire pits and children learning all about the weather changes, leaves, apples, and all things Autumn. I am so grateful for all the hard work that the teachers put into their classrooms and planning. I hope that you see the results of their efforts in your children's' lives. I am also thankful that you have chosen to allow us to spend our days with your amazing children. I know that you had many choices, and we are honored that you chose CCPA. It is so fun to see how well they have all settled into their classroom routines, are making friends, and enjoying their time at school. I look forward to seeing their growth and progress!*



## Chapel and Food Pounding Outreach

This past month we learned that "Everything God Made is Beautiful"! We also had a lesson about patience, which is our first Fruit of the Spirit for the school year. The children learned that patience means that we "wait and stay calm". That is a hard

one for all of us! We also talked about being grateful for people who help us, and we made trail mix for the firefighters who are coming to visit. Each class will make their own container of trail mix so we can give it to more than one fire station.

This month we will Learn about the time when Jesus fed a huge crowd with two loaves of bread and five fishes! Our Bible verse will be, "The Lord watches over you." Psalm 121:5 and we will learn about goodness. Our outreach will be to collect food for the church pantry and Thanksgiving boxes. All food we collect will be put together into Thanksgiving boxes and delivered to families with food insecurities in the area. Our preschoolers will also be making cards to accompany the food boxes in wishing others in our community a happy holiday. We will begin discussing this project in chapel this week and will be encouraging the children to talk with their families. We suggest involving your child in either earning money to purchase items, selecting the items, or both.

**All food donation are due by November, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.**

## Upcoming Dates

- 11/10** - Veteran's Day, School Closed
- 11/14** - PTO Meeting, 6:30 in the Studio
- 11/20 & 11/21** - Thanksgiving Feast 11:30 FLC
- 11/22-24** - Thanksgiving Break, School Closed
- 12/4 & 12/5** - Santa's Workshop set up 9-11am
- 12/6** - Santa's Workshop
- 12/14** - Christmas Program, **6:00 FLC**
- 12/18-1/1** - Christmas Break, School Closed

## Food Pounding List

- Can of corn
- Can of Sweet Potatoes
- Pkg of Cornbread mix
- Can of Cranberry Sauce
- Pie Crust (dry mix best)
- Can of Gravy
- Boxed Mac & Cheese
- Jar of Jelly
- Can of Evaporated Milk
- Can of Green Beans
- Box/Pkg of Dressing Mix
- Can of Pumpkin Pie Mix
- Box of Instant Potatoes
- Can of Apple Sauce/Fruit
- Jar of Peanut Butter
- Can of Soup
- \$20 Food Lion/Harris Teeter/Kroger Gift Card



## Fire Safety Visit

The Virginia Beach Fire Safety education program will be visiting on **November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>**. The children will learn how to be safe at home and at school. The firefighters will bring the truck to show the children as well. We can't wait!

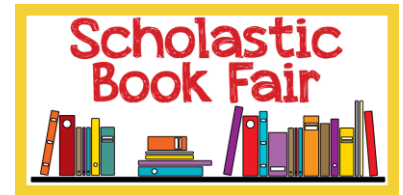


October was a very busy month in the Studio! Rainbows and leaves! Rhythms and Beats! We started the month learning that the primary colors are red, blue and yellow. The books, *Mouse Paint* by Ellen Stoll Walsh and *Mix it Up* by Herve Tullet were the foundation of our learning. From these books, we learned the secondary colors are orange, green and purple. To practice what we learned, we had a Color Mixing Lab, used fingerpaint, watercolor, tempera paint sticks to mix it up and made a colorwheel with

playdough. We put those primary and secondary colors in rainbow order and made a xylophone among other rainbow-y fun!

In our music classes, we moved to some new favorite songs, *Bop til You Drop* and *Popcorn* by musicians Greg and Steve. Going on a Bear Hunt is another favorite, especially with the Jellyfish! We learned proper use of rhythm sticks and used them to count out a 4 count beat. We also used drums to keep the beat. That was a fun time! We concluded our lessons by tapping the beat to *Five Little Pumpkins*.

As we move towards Fall and Thanksgiving, we have started some art with leaves. Your children LOVED the leaf rubbings we did. We laid a leaf on the table with a piece of paper over it. I showed the children how to pinch the unwrapped crayon on its long side and rub the crayon to reveal the impression of the leaf. We then painted the leaves with watercolor. The wax in the crayon resisted the water. They were amazed at the "magic!" Let your kiddos take some paper and crayons outside in the yard and let them find all kinds of textures to rub impressions with. Have fun and feel free to contact me with any questions about kid's art!



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school the week of January 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>.

We will also be hosting a special night event, called **Snuggle Up with a Book on January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm**. There will be a special book reading and the Virginia Beach Public Library will be there with Library Card Drive.

### **Important Reminder...**

*Please be sure to send your children in closed toed shoes that are ready for play.*



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