September 19th, 2025



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Hello families,

Another great week in pre-k. Just a reminder, there is no school this Tuesday and a two hour early dismissal this Friday.

PS: If you are picking your child up early, or dropping them off late, **PLEASE** text or email me when you plan to do so. As pre-kers are not independent enough to walk themselves to and from the classroom, or pack themselves up, this will help us coordinate and plan, so we do not have to stop a small group, or instruction to get your child to the office (unless it is a weekly, regular occurrence, then you do not have to tell me in advanced). Thank you!

PSS: Remember, there is no school next Tuesday and a 2 hour early dismissal next Friday.

Activity Chart for the Week of September 22nd (New):

Each week I create an activity sheet with items that can be completed at home, which connect to what we are learning within the classroom, as well as various reminders about the week ahead. A paper copy will be placed in your child's Take Home Folder on Mondays and the digital version put on our class website and can be seen HERE. These activities are **OPTIONAL**.

This Previous Week (New):

This past week we learned about sentences and putting words together to make full sentences. We also were introduced to rhyming words. We continued to practice recognizing and writing our names, as well as the proper way to hold a writing utensil. We practiced drawing curvy lines, including small and large circles. We read books about friendship and continued to build relationships within our class family. In math, we learned about counting math manipulatives by physically moving them as we count.

This Upcoming Week (New):

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This week we will be reviewing instructional vocabulary, such as same/different and whole/part, and direction words/movement to practice moving from left to right, connecting to the way we read words (directionality). In math we will practice building and counting sets of objects, as well as subitizing (recognizing the quantity of a group without counting). Our story that we will focus on this week is called Bear's New Friends. We will also do a health unit on hygiene and the importance of washing our hands.

Sports (New):

If your child is part of a sports team (either this fall, or will be this winter, or spring), send me their schedule and I will try to come out to a game.

Golden Lion Tickets (New):

Our school does a behavior incentive called Golden Lion Tickets. We earn them from other staff members in the building who give us a compliment. Once we earn 10, we discuss and vote for a prize as a class. On Wednesday we received **FIVE** in one day. I have never had a class accomplish such a feat. That did put us over 5, so they voted for popsicles for snacktime, which we had. Great job, class!

PTA's Movie Night (New):

The PTA is having a movie night on Friday, September 26th. Doors open at 6:30 PM and the show will start at 7:00 PM. The movie is Dog Man.

Fall Party (New):

We will have a Fall/Halloween Party at the end of October. More info is to come (volunteer sign up/donation sign up). However, I wanted to make sure parents knew if you do plan on volunteering, you will have to complete the volunteer training (see *Volunteering at School* below). It does take about a week to process, so I highly recommend completing the training sooner than later. Thank you!

Conferences (New):

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Fall conferences will be Monday and Tuesday evening (4:30 PM - 8:00 PM), as well as Wednesday afternoon (1:00 PM - 4:00 PM). More information will come in the following weeks, as well as a sign up, but I just wanted to let you know the days and times to plan accordingly.

The Great Frederick Fair (Reminder):

This past week we read a book about farms and talked about the Great Frederick Fair. If you and your family go to the fair this upcoming week, feel free to text/email me pictures and your child can share them with the class and tell about their experience.

Family Photos (Reminder):

We have a space in our classroom where we post family photos. Sometimes a child might miss mom or dad/grandma or grandpa. In those instances, it is helpful to have a picture of their family they can hold on to. Please send in a photo that can be laminated and placed on our family wall. We will also use it for our upcoming social studies unit on families.

Volunteering at School (Reminder):

If you plan on volunteering at school this year (whether it be in the classroom, on a field trip, attending class parties, or visiting for lunch), you **MUST** complete the volunteer training. The approval time takes multiple weeks, so I always encourage parents to do it sooner than later. Completing the training is good for the entire school year. Click <u>HERE</u> to learn more about the training.

BINGO Card (Reminder):

Each month I will create a BINGO card that can be completed at home. These activities tend to focus on social responsibilities. This is **OPTIONAL**. However, we will give a shout out to all that complete it and turn it in each month during our family meeting. The BINGO card will be placed in your child's Take Home Folder the first of each month. The BINGO Card for the month of **September** can be found **HERE** (**THIS WILL BE SENT HOME THIS MONDAY**).

Classroom Website (Reminder):

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Our classroom website is a hub with ALL the information you need regarding our classroom. Check it out <u>HERE</u>.

School Counselor's Newsletter (Reminder):

See Mrs. Nutter's September Newsletter HERE.

Important Dates:

September 23rd - Rosh Hashanah - No School

September 26th - 2 Hour Early Dismissal

September 26th - PTA's Movie Night (Dog Man)

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out via email (kyler.leiter@fcps.org) or phone call/text (301-639-7915).

I hope you enjoy your long weekend,

Dr. Leiter and Mrs. K