

WALTHAM CREATIVE START NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2024



Please make sure your children have a full change of clothes: underwear, socks, shirt, pants. As the weather gets colder, please make sure they bring a jacket.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NO SCHOOL:
NOVEMBER 11 - VETERANS' DAY
NOVEMBER 28-29 - THANKSGIVING
BREAK

EARLY RELEASE:
NOVEMBER 27

EVENTS:

POLICY COUNCIL: 11/6

PARENT MEETING: 11/7

FAMILY EVENT: 11/21

Inclement Weather

We know that sometimes, especially as the weather cools, it can be difficult to get to school. Please make sure you are giving yourself enough time to get to school safely. We follow the public school system with our inclement weather closures. If the public school is closed due to snow, we are also closed. On very rare occasions, if weather becomes dangerous, we may close early which we would notify you of by telephone.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

Soup Day Family Luncheon

Join us on November 21st for our favorite soup day. We encourage families to bring a vegetable to add to our soup at drop off, and then join us for lunch as we enjoy eating our soup together. We can't wait to see you there.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tuesdays, 10 am to 430 pm: Waltham Clothing Exchange
First Parish, 50 Church St

WALTHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Tuesdays, 1030 am to 11 am: Te Cuento un Cuento

Tuesdays, 6pm to 630 pm: Family Storytime

Wednesdays, 1030 am to 11 am: Toddler Time

Fridays, 10 am to 1030 am: Baby Storytime

COMMUNITY RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

The Waltham Fire Department supports the community with fire prevention, fire suppression, and fire safety education for families and children, the disposal of hazardous materials and a number of other different ways. The Fire Department focuses on fire prevention by making sure housing and business remain safe and up to code. The Fire Department can assist families in other ways including help safely installing seat belts and help replacing smoke detectors. You can look on their website for more information on ways the Fire Department supports and protects the community

<https://www.city.waltham.ma.us/fire-department>

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL CORNER

SECOND STEP HAS BEEN STARTED IN THE PRESCHOOL CLASSROOMS 1, 4, AND 5. SECOND STEP FOCUSES ON TEACHING SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SKILLS TO CHILDREN THROUGH SCENARIOS, GAMES, AND STORIES. SO FAR WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON WELCOMING NEW FRIENDS INTO THE CLASSROOM AND TALKING ABOUT FOCUSING OUR ATTENTION THROUGH DIFFERENT TOOLS LIKE ATTENT-O-SCOPES AND SELF-TALK.

BABY DOLL HAS STARTED IN TODDLER CLASSROOMS 2 & 8. BABY DOLL IS FOCUSED ON BUILDING CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS BY USING A BABY DOLL. THROUGH GAMES AND NURSERY RHYMES, CHILDREN ARE HOLDING THE BABY IN THEIR LAP, ROCKING THE BABY IN THEIR ARMS, PLAYING PEEK-A-BOO, AND PUTTING THE BABY DOWN TO REST.



THE FIRST MEETING OF THE POSITIVE SOLUTIONS PARENTING GROUP WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 19TH AFTER DROP OFF AT 8:45AM. THERE WILL BE A MEETING ONCE A MONTH AND EACH MEETING WILL TALK ABOUT TOPICS FOCUSED ON UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOR. ON NOVEMBER 19TH WE WILL BE FOCUSING ON BUILDING CONNECTIONS WITH CHILDREN AND USING ENCOURAGEMENT TO HELP PROMOTE GOOD BEHAVIORS. THIS GROUP WILL BE IN ENGLISH.



PINECONE PAINTING

Fall is a great time to get out and explore nature. A great activity to do with young children is collect pinecones and use them to paint with. You can paint the cones themselves or use the pinecones as makeshift paintbrushes to decorate a paper.

In the Classroom

**THIS MONTH, CLASSROOMS
WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT
FAMILY AND FRIENDS.**

**WE WILL BE MAKING
FRIENDSHIP SOUP AND
INVITING FAMILIES TO ENJOY
TRYING IT WITH US.
DON'T FORGET TO BRING AN
INGREDIENT IN ON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST!**



"There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other, wings."

- Hodding Carter

Little Chefs



Children become invested in the food they help prepare. Encouraging children to help in the kitchen as you make your meals also promotes literacy, math, and fine motor skills.

Simple ways to involve young children in preparing meals:

- 1. Allow children to measure ingredients.**
- 2. Allow children to cut up softer ingredients with safe knives like butter knives.**
- 3. Allow children to stir ingredients.**

Bonus idea: Have your child create their own recipe. Write it down with them and then make it.