Warren Woods Early Childhood Center

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NOVEMBER BOOK CLUB

Good books for November

Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter by K. Pak

One Is A Feast For Mouse: A Thanksgiving Tale by J. Cox

Bear Says Thanks by K. Wilson

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in our 5th Annual Trunk or Treat! We had an awesome turnout, and everyone seemed to have a really good time.

We've had a lot of illness come into the school. While we know your time at work is important, it's also important to keep our children as healthy as possible. Remember to keep your student home if they exhibit any symptoms of illness to prevent outbreaks with students and staff. If you'll be out, please call the office or the teacher as well.

All childcare schedules must be turned in by Thursday at 9 AM. This allows us to ensure staffing is available.

Social Emotional Corner

Self-Awareness is something a lot of children struggle with at this age. It relates to your child's awareness of their own thoughts and feelings, as well as what is causing it. Without proper development, children struggle as they get older. Here are some strategies for you to help build this at home.

Practice positive self-talk (e.g. I can count to 10, I can build with blocks).

Let them try new skills and activities.

Provide opportunities to be present without electronics (e.g. practice saying thank you and talking about the things you are grateful for).

Focus on different moods and feelings as they arise and talk about them.



Nov. 3 –ECSE & GSRP NO SCHOOL –
Go out and VOTE today!

Nov. 11-12 – Picture Day

Nov. 23-24 – GSRP Conferences by appointment

Nov. 25 – ECSE & GSRP NO SCHOOL

Nov. 26-27 BUILDING CLOSED – Happy Thanksgiving

HEALTH REMINDERS

Children should not be present in school if they have had a fever within 24 hours (100 degrees+), if they have vomited or had diarrhea within 24 hours, or have lice or an unexplained rash. Any communicable diseases should be reported to the center as soon as possible. A doctor's note may be required for return.

NOTES

PAYMENT INFORMATION

All childcare payments are due prior to service for the upcoming week.

LABEL EVERYTHING

Anything that comes to school with your child has a possibility of being misplaced. To prevent lost items, make sure to label all clothing bags, backpacks, coats, etc.

COOKING WITH KIDS

When cooking with children, always stay nearby.

Homemade Pizza

One of the most versatile foods in the world, this gives children a chance to be creative and have a choice about what to eat. Crusts could be home made (see below) or you could use a variety of alternatives such as pita, English muffins, store-bought dough or even leftover hamburger buns.

Homemade Dough

- 2 1/4 tsp active dry yeast
- 1-2 tsp sugar
- 1 1/2 cups warm water (110–115°F)
- 3 1/2–4 cups bread or 00 flour
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- 2–3 tbsp olive oil

Dissolve yeast and sugar in warm water and let it foam for 5 minutes. Mix in flour, salt, and olive oil, kneading until smooth and elastic (6–8 minutes by hand or 5–7 minutes in a stand mixer). Cover and let rise 1–2 hours until doubled in size. Cover with a variety of toppings and bake at 450 degrees 10-15 minutes. Ideas: peppers, feta, BBQ chicken, mac & cheese, shawarma, and more.

THINGS TO DO

Cranbrook Institute of Science offers free admission the first Friday of each month. **Belle Isle Aquarium** has free admission Thursday–Sunday.

Sterling Heights Nature Center: 42700 Utica Rd., Sterling Heights, MI 48314 586-446-2710 Explore inside the Nature Center for a welcoming and up close look at still life exhibits and a host of living reptiles and amphibians, including a 900 gallon aquarium with fish you would find in your local lakes and rivers! Exploring this unique city gem is free during open visitor hours, and if you find yourself wanting more, there are a variety of great low-cost programs offered for people of all ages.

LEARNING AT HOME

Use open-ended materials you already have at home for creative play. Kids love to play with paper towel tubes, empty boxes, pinecones, small stones, newspapers or shopping flyers, etc. Use various sizes of containers like blocks for building. Something great for small kiddos to do is lacing beads, buttons, pasta or cereal into a shoestring. Remember the smaller the child, the larger the bead (or buttons) should be due to choking hazards. Never leave them unattended. Also, egg cartons make a great sorting tray for pasta, cereal, etc. Encouraging the use of the thumb and pointer finger (pincher grip) is important for pre-writing. Taking objects from one pile and putting them into a second container with just those two fingers helps strengthen the grasp.