



happy december!



This holiday season I am both extremely thankful and grateful for our hard-working teachers and staff, for our supportive parents and our wonderful children. Even though COVID has changed so many things, it cannot take away the laughter, learning and social experiences that I witness every day in our classrooms. December is usually a magical time and I have no doubt that our staff will continue to provide that for your children this month.

Please stay safe and well during the holidays! Be thankful for quiet family gatherings and sit back and enjoy the little things. If this pandemic has taught us anything, the biggest lesson is to be grateful for good health and quality time with those we love. I will leave you with a quote from one of my favorite Christmas movies.....



Thank you!

Thank you for the food donations for our adopted family at Thanksgiving. In addition, we were able to provide them with a \$290 gift card at Shoprite. I am sure that you made a very special holiday for this family.

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS:

Your child's flu vaccination paperwork must be received by Dec. 31st or your child cannot return to school on Jan 3rd



We will continue taking toy donations for Caroline's Closet thru Thursday, December 16th. The presents should be unwrapped. Thank you for your generosity this year.

May you all have a blessed holiday season and I look forward to 2022 and the rest of the school year.

preschool registration



Registration for the 2022 - 2023 school year will begin in February. More information will follow after the holidays.



Thank you for your support of our Boon Supply Fundraiser. We were able to raise \$1,100.



WEATHER & EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

When inclement weather strikes, turn to your TV for the latest information about school closings or delays. Please watch WFSB TV-3, WVIT Channel 61, or WTNH Channel 8 TV for any announcements; look for *Newtown Public Schools*. If they are closed, Wesley Learning Center is closed also. If the Newtown Public Schools are delayed (for one, two, or three hours) Wesley will have a *ONE HOUR DELAY* – for all programs. For instance, if you are a 2-year old and normally start at 9:00 AM, your program will begin at 10:00 AM and end at 12:00. If the Newtown Public Schools are dismissed early because of the weather, we will dismiss early @ 12:00. Please be sure that we have current emergency and cell phone numbers where we can reach you if needed. If you have any questions, please call me or refer to your handbook on Page 27.



Choosing the Best STEM Activities for Your Child

Young children love to explore the world around them – and STEM activities are a great way to help them do it. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and math. There are lots of STEM activities available online for families and children to do at home, but some are better than others! With so many STEM ideas to choose from, how do you find what is best for your child? Here are some questions you can ask yourself:

1) Will this activity interest my child?

Is your child interested in building? Collecting rocks? Looking at the night sky? Choose activities that will appeal to your child or choose new ones that they haven't tried yet! When you follow your child's interests and spark new ones, you support their learning by building on what they already know and can do.

2) What is there for my child to DO?

Look for activities that encourage your child to explore and discover. Make sure your child will be active by building, rolling balls, digging, mixing, making shadows, or even getting messy! When your child is actively involved in play with objects and materials, they are learning a lot about how the things around them work.

3) What is there for my child to FIGURE OUT?

Look for activities that enable your child to solve problems and find their own solutions. Choose activities that your child can do in different ways to get different results. It's okay if they don't fully or accurately understand the scientific concepts they're observing; what's important is that they explore and discover using the skills needed to think like a scientist. These types of activities enable your child to experiment, test theories, and figure out what solutions work best.

4) What is there for my child to TALK about?

Choose activities that give you and your child interesting things to talk about. When you ask your child to describe and explain what they are doing, observing, and thinking about, you build their STEM skills. Ask your child *why* questions: *Why do you think so? Why did you try it that way?* You may be surprised by your child's ideas!

5) What is there for my child to DRAW or WRITE about so they can share their discoveries?

Choose activities that include opportunities to write, draw, or make models. Your child might build a block structure of your home or use pipe cleaners to create a butterfly they observed outside. You can also document what they are doing by using your smartphone to take photos or videos. Then have your child share their experiences with other family members!

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Last day of school

Wednesday, Dec. 22nd

School Closed For Holiday Recess

Dec 23rd - Dec 31st

School Reopens on

Monday, January 3, 2022

Wishing you and your family a

Very Merry Christmas or

A Happy Hanukkah and

A Happy, Healthy New Year