

Westminster Family Connection



November 2025



This artwork from the 4's Enrichment is a tree in the fall - and reminds me of the beautiful sunsets we often see in November! This month classes will be learning about turkeys and focusing on the concept of thankfulness - being thankful and giving thanks.

Thanksgiving

The "sharing salad" is a Thanksgiving tradition here at Westminster. On the Monday or Tuesday before Thanksgiving, each child will be asked to bring one fruit cut up in a small baggie. At snack time, each child will add their fruit to a big bowl for all to share! Stay tuned for more information from your child's teacher. Another Westminster tradition at Thanksgiving is the Thanksgiving placemat. I still have the placemats my children made when they were here! Your children have been working hard on them - I know you'll look forward to seeing them (and maybe even using them) when they bring them home!

Pajama Drive - November 10-24

We are so thankful for the pajamas and books our children have at bedtime. Not all children in New Jersey are so fortunate. For over 10 years, Westminster has participated in a pajama drive for Beyond Bedtime (previously known as the Pajama Program) which distributes pajamas to nonprofit organizations working with children and families facing hard times. Just in time for the colder weather and holidays, Beyond Bedtime is partnering with Scholastic in the Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive! Each pair of new, unused donated pajamas in sizes 0-12 will be matched by Scholastic with a new book!

Parents Night Out - November 15th!

This fundraiser is the perfect way to get to know other parents in your school community and support our school at the same time! We are so grateful for our parent organizers!

Flu Vaccine

The State of New Jersey mandates that children (under the age of 5) enrolled in pre-school, must receive a current flu vaccine by December 31st. Please submit documentation of the vaccine before December 22nd for it to be logged into the records. Your child may not return to school in the new year, January 5th, without documentation of the flu vaccine.

If your child will not be receiving the vaccine for any reason, please provide the office with documentation of vaccine declination by the December 22nd deadline.

Early Drop Off and Extended Day Availability

Early drop off is available at 8:30am every morning for \$8. Early arrivals have extra time in the playroom each morning to play with other early arrivals! There is no need to sign up in advance.

Lunch and Learn 11:30am-2:30pm for 3's - There is limited availability each day for \$40. Children bring their own peanut and nut-free lunch to eat together with Mrs. Marsh, play together, act out stories, sing, play outside whenever possible, and do a project. There is so much social/emotional learning going on as they learn to positively interact with each other.

4's Enrichment 11:30pm - 2:30pm - Currently there is limited availability Monday through Thursday for \$40/day. Students have been enjoying diving deeper into STEAM concepts such as sinking/floating, building a strong structure, photosynthesis, measurement, all in a "learning through play" environment led by Mrs. Tarabokia.

Please reach out if you are interested in your child joining either of our extended day classes on an as-needed basis.

Change of Clothes

Please bring an extra change of clothes appropriate for these cold months to replace the T-shirts and shorts you brought in at the beginning of the year.

What to Wear?

We play outside as much as possible. If the temperature is above 32 degrees, chances are we will be outside. Please dress your child accordingly with a warm jacket, mittens, and a hat if it is cold outside. We understand some students do not like hats, etc. and we will do our best to keep them comfortable, yet warm at the same time!

Upcoming Dates of Note

November 15th - Parents Night Out

November 26th, 27th, 28th - School Closed for Thanksgiving

December 5th - Final tuition payment is due

December 23rd - School closed for the winter break

Flu vaccine documentation due

January 5th - School reopens!