

Westminster Family Connection



2025



Wishing you and your families all the best during the holidays this season, and very best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year!

Westminster Staff and Who Does What?

A nursery school is only as good as its staff, and we are very lucky here at Westminster to have a staff with compassion for our students and a commitment to providing them with the best possible positive preschool experience. . Some parents have asked me "Who Does What?" Please read below to find out - I think you'll see how several of the staff wear more than one hat! Please ask if you have any questions!

Terry Machin teaches our 2.5s. Susan Bocian teaches our 3s with the assistance of Andrea Welsh . Nancy Ripps and Katie McGurn teach our 4's. Donna Marsh leads our 3s Lunch and Learn program. Amy Tarabokia leads our 4's Enrichment program Monday - Thursday with the assistance of Andrea Welsh Mondays and Wednesdays. Katie McGurn leads 4's Enrichment on Fridays. Our wonderful helpers in the hall help students with toileting, washing their hands, keeping art supplies clean, and surfaces sanitized (and too much more to list here). Our lead helper is Eileen Vass (Monday - Friday mornings and Monday - Thursday afternoons), with assistance from Ruth Gombas (Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings), Jaime Andrews (Wednesday and Thursday mornings), and Andrea Welsh (Friday afternoon). To learn more about our staff, please visit our website at www.westminsternurseryschool.org.

Westminster School Spirit

Thank you to those who supported this fundraiser! Westminster School spirit is alive and well!!! We're busy packing your orders and will get them to you before you know it!

Parents Night Out

November 15th was a night to remember! It was heartwarming seeing so many of you coming together to support our school! Ami Sushi was a wonderful venue and the organizing committee - Melissa Hare, Sami Chung, Suzanne Quinn, Jessica Swanson and Danielle Moro did a terrific job. The mix of raffled baskets and auctioned items was perfect. Thank you everyone for your generosity - the event raised \$6,500 for playground equipment and

programs! We're looking forward to adding a "double tunnel" to our playground ! Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who participated!

Flu shot

If your child has not turned 5 by December 31st, documentation of your child's flu shot is required before your child may return to school after the winter break, January 5, 2026. A printout of your child's immunizations from the portal will suffice. If you are filing an exemption, it must be in the office by December 31st. If you have any questions, please call, or email the office (908)464-4880.

Scholastic's Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive

We collected 49 brand new pajamas! With Scholastic matching each pair with a new book, 49 children will have a better bedtime experience due to your donations. The local chapter head of this program (which has chapters in every state) was so pleased to hear of your donations. THANK YOU!!

Registration

Registration for the 2026-2025 school year will begin in January. I will notify current families first for a two-week priority registration period. We recognize conferences are at the end of January, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's placement next year, please speak with your child's teacher.

Testimonials.

Please share your positive thoughts with google! A positive google review, or testimonial submitted to the office to be included on the website, is greatly appreciated.

Snow Day and Delayed Opening Reminder

Westminster Nursery School follows Berkeley Heights Public Schools when it comes to closings and delayed openings due to inclement weather. Parents will receive an e-mail between 5:30 am and 6:00 am in the event of a closing or delayed opening. If there is a delayed opening, classes will be in session from 10:00am until noon, with extended day in session noon to 2:30pm. Should you have questions regarding this policy, please contact the office.

Upcoming Dates of Note

December 5 - Final tuition payment was due
December 23 - School **closed** for the winter break
December 31 - Flu vaccine documentation, or exemption, due
January 5th - School reopens
January 15th- Pajama Day for the 2.5s
January 16th - Pajama Day for the 3s & 4s
January 19th - School **closed** MLK Jr. Day
January 29th - Conferences, NO morning classes
January 30th - Conferences, NO morning classes

Best wishes for peace and joy in this holiday season!