

November 2009

NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

November 4.....Art to Remember is due

November 11.....Holiday..Veteran's Day..No School

November 12Early Release for Staff Workshop

November 25, 26, 27.....Thanksgiving Holidays...No School

My new favorite book is The Secret of Play - How to Raise Smart, Healthy, Caring Kids from Birth to Age 12 by Ann Pleshette Murphy.

It's an easy book to read, containing great information for new or seasoned parents. It made me realize how important it is for parents to engage in play with their children ...and how we grandparents enjoy playing more with our grandchildren.

Each age milestone is broken down into what a child will learn through play..."What you will notice" about their play...."Why it's happening" or why this type of play is necessary....and "How to have fun with it" and enjoy joining in with their play.

A quote from this book: **"Studies show, children with highly developed fantasy lives, not only have better concentration and self-control; they also think of more creative ways to solve problems."** (Don't we need more people like this in our future?)

--This book is in the GFCC office on the Parent/Teacher Resource shelf. If you would like to look at it or check it out, please feel free to do so.--

- Your child's school pictures are predicted to be back to you before the Thanksgiving holiday. If you have not turned in your order, it is not too late. Even though the photographer has picked up the orders, if you hurry, you may still place an order.
- If you would like to reserve a Christmas tree from Neighbor-boy Tree lot on Davis Drive, the order date has been extended. You can return your form to the school office ASAP. You will be notified when the trees arrive and you and your family can go out to the lot and choose your own tree. Santa will be there on determined days if you would like your child's picture taken, hot chocolate is provided while you shop, and many other fun things are there to buy and do. I have extra forms in the office if you need one.
- A huge "Thanks" to all of you who shared your thoughts in the October Parent Evaluations. Your ideas and comments have been so helpful! I am in the process of tallying up the results and will share those with the GFCC Committee.
- After reading through the Parent Evaluations, I became aware that I had not adequately explained the Lunch Bunch process. Lunch Bunch is for 3x4s and 5x4s. It starts immediately after school and lasts for one hour. It is strictly voluntary and the cost is \$5.00 per Lunch Bunch session. The sign-up Lunch Bunch Bulletin Board is directly across from the GFCC office door. Parents need to sign up their child. Instructions are provided in the pocket on this BB. Children will eat lunch (no peanut butter, please) and then go to the Playground and play until pick-up time.

Children are picked up on the playground unless it is raining. On those days they will be picked up in the room where Lunch Bunch is held.

- The Greenwood Forest Baptist Church media volunteers would like to open the church library to the GFCC 3x4s, 5x4s, and Transition students for book check out the second Wednesday of each month, starting in January. The 2x4s will have access to the library to check out books on the second Thursday of each month. The library staff works on Wednesdays and will be welcoming the children and helping them chose their books and go through the "check-out" process. More specific notes will go home to those children before January.
- Mark your calendars...The GFCC "Second Blessings" Consignment Sale will be February 26 & 27. If you are interested in consigning, start saving your spring and summer children's clothing and children's items. More will come later.
- GF Baptist Church invites you and your children to their "Building Blocks of Faith" seminar on November 15 at 4:30. The cost is \$10. Preregistration is required. If you are interested, please contact the GFBC office at 467-0481. See attached flyer.
- Susan is continuing to work on collecting "Activity Fees" from 2 1/2s, 3s, 4s, and T parents. These are needed so that we can pay for resource persons who will be talking with your child's class. Please talk to Susan, our GFCC secretary, if you are not sure if you have paid. Thanks for helping us with this expense.
- **We are always looking for additional subs.** Just send me an e-mail (gfcc110@gmail.com) or give us a call at 469-0140.
- Cold weather will be here soon enough. Please dress your child in layers on the "iffy" days. We go outside every day we can. Lost jackets and sweaters are kept in the office until claimed. Please label your child's outerwear so that we can pinpoint to whom it belongs.
- We have had several potty accidents the past few months. That's the nature of the beginning of school. Unless the clean-up needed is beyond our capabilities, we will use the extra changes of clothes, that we keep on hand, and change your child or help them change. **We purchase new underwear for these occasions and ask that you keep them and send a \$1.00 to school for the replacement fund. If your child has come home in a different pair of pants, please wash them and return them to school. I bought several pair about a month ago and they have disappeared.**
- We still have a few openings for the 2 1/2s, 2x3s, 3x3s, 3x4s, and Transition. There seems to be one or two spaces in each age level. If have friends who are looking for a preschool, please let them know.

Thank You!

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