



THE COUNTRY WOODLAND CONNECTION

SEPT. 2017



THEME THIS MONTH:

MY AMAZING BODY

FOOTBALL SEASON HAS STARTED!!

SUPPORT YOUR FAVORITE TEAM AND WEAR YOUR FAVORITE JERSEY OR SHIRT EVERY FRIDAY!

GO REDSKINS!!!

We are so eager to finally get the school year started. All of our teachers have been busy preparing lesson plans and projects to keep our children happy and active all year long. We are excited to use the curriculum "Mother Goose Time" again along with teacher incorporated ideas and child lead activities. Below is a list of Country Woodland classes and teachers. Everyone is super excited for fall and positive that this is going to be a great year! You may seem some names you don't recognize. We are happy to announce a few new friendly faces to the CW family!



Infants-Busy Bees

Ms. Leticia
Ms. Crystal
Ms. Yasmeen
Ms. Susan
Ms. Jordan

Toddlers-Cuddlebugs

Ms. Katelyn
Ms. Jaynel
Ms. Leydis
Ms. Lauren
Ms. Loretta
Ms. Evelyn

Two's-Rainforest Friends

Ms. Tanya M.
Ms. Gloria
Ms. Jessica
Ms. Stephanie
Ms. Bianca

Three's Owls

Ms. Amy
Ms. Francis

Three's Jungle Buddies (formerly known as the Tigers)

Ms. Thathiana
Ms. Evelyn

Pre-K Sea Pal's

Ms. Jenny
Ms. Shy

Sept. Activities

- 9/4 CLOSED-Labor Day
- 9/11 Power Tots free Demo class for 3s and 4s starting @ 3pm
- 9/13 Free trial Soccer Class for 3s & 4s 10 am
- 9/14 Dean Allen Magic Show 10:30
- 9/15 Moon bounce
- 9/19 Fall Pictures
- 9/20 Power Tots Starts for those signed up
- 9/21 Soccer Starts for those signed up
- 9/27 Fire Safety Show 10:00

FALL CLASS FEE
A \$90 class fee will be added to your account the first week in Sept. for all children. (infants will be charged once they move to the toddler room) This covers all shows and field trips. All families will receive a statement so you can get your account balance current.

MOONBOUNCE FUN!

Let's jump into fall with everyone's favorite....a moonbounce!
9/15 from 8-12



FACEBOOK!

Remember to check Facebook weekly for updated pictures and videos!

FALL PICTURES

School pictures will be taken on 9/19 starting around 8:00. We usually begin with the infants. Class pictures will be taken at a later date. No need to pre-pay. All children will be photographed, purchase only if you please! More detailed info sent home soon. Get ready for the best pictures ever!

*"Believe you can and
you're half way there."
-Theodore Roosevelt*

FIRE SAFETY SHOW

An educational, interactive FIRE SAFETY Show is planned for 9/27 at 10:00 put on by the Fairfax County Fire Dept. The 3s and 4s will learn important safety information and if there is no emergency the entire school will get to enjoy a visit from a real fire truck along with the fire fighters!



SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

CW will continue participating in the Scholastic Book club program this year. This is an amazing, affordable way for you to purchase books for your family while earning the school points. (teachers will also have wish lists posted!) Points are then added up for us to get free books for each class. It's a great program and we are really excited to get it started again. Simply take a look at the attached order form. You may place an order on line or turn the completed form along with payment into the office by the due date. Books are then delivered to CW and we will distribute to your child's cubby. This program will be offered monthly and seems to always have something for everyone.

INFANT ROOM SIBLING REMINDER

We would like to remind families of a very important infant room policy. As stated in our parent handbook, siblings of infants are not permitted into our infant room. We would like to better explain the reasoning behind this guideline. Spread of germs and illness have a better chance of being kept to a minimum if we limit the foot traffic. We have also had a few instances where small toys and objects have been discovered, luckily by teachers, on the infant play area, dropped or left by older siblings. I am sure by accident, but none the less, this poses a serious choking hazard. We also have very limited space in our infant room. If there is more than one parent dropping off or picking up at a time, especially with car seats, we do not want to worry about knocking into children, or squeezing into already tight spaces.

Country Woodland is all about family. We are passionate about the family unit and togetherness; however health and safety have to come first.

Although we feel it is in the best interest of the children for parents of infants to enter the infant room only, we are not setting out to upset or inconvenience anyone. We would like to offer a few alternative options to infant parents to help with drop off and/or pick up. When office staff is available, we welcome siblings to remain in the office while parents take care of their infant in the infant room. There is a little table set up with books, crayons, paper, etc. This is available for siblings who do not attend CW, as well. And if possible, we are also willing to walk your child to their classroom for you or pick up your child, and some parents find it easier to drop off older children, first. If children are outside on the playground, please do not use the back infant door to retrieve older children. This brings in debris from outside which can be a choking hazard. Again, we are not trying to cause any aggravation or be inconsiderate. We are simply trying to maintain the integrity of the infant room to the best of our ability.

We hope this offers some clarity to our policy and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

HEALTH FORMS

We are required by the state of VA to keep updated health/physical forms on each child. Depending on the age of your child, you may be due. If anyone needs a new form to take to their doctor, just stop by the office. Remember to bring us in a copy each time your child gets immunizations.

JUST A FEW THINGS...

Please bring in your child's nap mat every day and make sure your child has an adequate amount of diaper/pull-ups and wipes if applicable, to get him or her through the day. You will be asked to run home or to the store to purchase more if there is not enough for the entire day. Everyone also needs a weather appropriate change of clothes to keep here in their cubbie on a regular basis. We get dirty!!! Toys from home are discouraged unless it is specifically for a show and tell day. Things tend to get misplaced, perhaps even broken or taken home by someone else and this causes hurt feelings. Unless it's for allergy reasons, lunch boxes to store food from home are hard to store in our cubbies and have caused issue with licensing. Simple, disposable containers are best if you drop off early and send a small snack in with your child.

SIGN-IN/OUT SHEETS

All children must be signed in and out daily. Please locate the sheet in your child's class room and remember to fill it out each day. There are sign-out sheets on the playground if you pick-up in the afternoon and the children are outside playing. Speaking of the playground; parents are not permitted to walk onto the actual playground. There will always be a staff member positioned at the side gate who will retrieve your child for you. This is for safety purposes. We appreciate your understanding.



JUNGLE BUDDIES (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE TIGERS!)

If your child is in The Jungle Buddies class and you drop off before 8am, please drop off in the smaller building. Ms. Thathiana will retrieve her class around 8:30am.

NEW FORMS

Enclosed in the parent pack you have each received is a new Emergency Medical Authorization Form and Registration Form. Every child's form must be updated yearly (we do not need to see birth certificates more than one time.) Returning families have been given copies of last years forms. If all of the information is the same, you may complete a separate form, also enclosed, signed and dated stating that no information has changed. If any info has changed, please complete new forms and return to the office ASAP. New families starting this Sept. or in the past 6 months can disregard.

2s NOTICE

For sanitary and developmental reasons, we do not use sippy cups, pacifiers or bottles in the 2 year old room. (or any other room after the toddler room for that matter.) We have small, disposable child-appropriate cups that we will teach the children to drink from if they are not accustomed to already.

BIKE AND WATER DAY

Bike and water day have ended for the season. Please take home your child's bike if you left it here so it does not get misplaced. We will start up again in June!

SHOE REMINDER

Our playground is not conducive to sandals. We highly recommend tennis shoes on a daily basis.

*"Accomplishment will prove to be a journey, not a destination."
Dwight D. Eisenhower*



SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Attached is information for optional soccer and gymnastics (Power Tots) classes. We are so pleased to have the opportunity again this year to offer these classes. These are available for 3s and 4s only. Power Tots will be offering a free trial class here at CW on 9/11 starting around 3pm for our 3s, 4s. Then if you are interested, you can register your child for classes that will begin the following week. Soccer will be offering a free trial class here at CW on 9/13 at 10 am. Power tot classes are held at our sister school, Grasshopper Green, located about 1/2 mile away. Usually Ms. Amy, Ms. Jenny or Ms. Tracy drives the CW school bus over. Power Tot class will have a minimum and maximum amount of participants permitted. Soccer class is held here at CW on Thurs. mornings starting around 10 am. If you have any questions, you may contact the office, email or call the number on the forms.

DEAN ALLEN MAGIC

The amazing Dean Allen joins us on 9/14 at 10:30. His magic is always astounding and we especially love the audience participation, silly jokes and fun ways he makes the children feel like they are the most important part of the show.



TUITION REMINDER

Tuition is due each WEDNESDAY by 6:00 pm for that occurring week or a \$15 late fee will be added to your account. You are certainly welcome to pay ahead if you like.

LATE PICK-UP REMINDER

CW closes promptly at 6pm. If you are late picking up your child, you will be asked to sign a form and a late fee will be added to your account. From 6:01-6:15, you will be charged \$15. For any pick up after 6:16, you will be charged an additional \$1 per minute there after.

