

## THE LAB SCHOOL NEWS

November 29, 2017

Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We'd like to thank Zach Tebb for helping with the Thanksgiving Feast cooking day.

### **ADOPT-A-FAMILY**

Every year, The Lab School participates in the "Adopt-A-Family" project through the Webster-Rock Hill Ministry. We fulfill the holiday wishes and provide a complete holiday meal for selected families in our community who are experiencing financial hardship. This year we have 'adopted' 3 families.

A Christmas tree is now in the hall at the base of the stairs. Paper ornaments that are color coded are hung on the tree and surrounding area. A holiday wish (food, toy, gift card or clothing) is written on each ornament. If you choose to participate, you and your child are encouraged to select an ornament or two and purchase the item(s) together. Enclosing a gift receipt on toys or clothing items, if available, would be appropriate.

Please bring your gifts to school by Wednesday, December 6th. Please gift wrap new toys and clothing in holiday paper and securely attach the paper ornament on the outside of the package. It is not necessary to wrap food items. If you choose a perishable item (oranges, apples, bread) please wait until December 7th to bring it to school. Place all items in the boxes provided in the hallway. Bring all gift cards to the office for safekeeping.

If you have any questions, please stop by the office. Our thanks to Erin Mayberry and Meghan Minnear for chairing this event. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

### **RE-ENROLLMENT FOR NEXT YEAR BEGINS NOW!**

It's hard to believe that we actually have to think about next school year!! Currently enrolled families and returning families begin registration in December

for the following year. You have priority until January 5th. After that date, we accept outside enrollments. Please complete a Sibling or Re-Enrollment form and return it to the office as soon as possible. No money is required with the form. (Forms are sent home through backpack mail today and are also attached)

#### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:

In the event that Kirkwood Schools call a 'late start' or 'snow schedule' day due to inclement weather, we will open at 9:00 a.m. If Kirkwood Schools are closed, we are closed. We follow the Kirkwood school notification for closure and don't post our name on the TV, radio or internet.

#### "GYM SHORT": November Gross Motor Activities

The first week of November, Ms. Jan read Stretch, by Doreen Cronin in Gross Motor class. The children copied the dog as he stretched, and did various other exercises. Another fun stretching song was "Ram Sam Sam", popular since the 1950's. A Wikipedia search stated that the song was brought from Morocco to Israel and translated to, "Get upon your horse and gallop away." These warm-ups were followed up by favorite running games—Turtle Tag, Time for Snack, Babies, and What Time is it Mr. Fox?

The end of November included various drills to strengthen ball skills. Our warm-ups included discussion of pizza toppings, and then we talked about how waiters carried pizza's over their heads to make deliveries. We had relays to carry Koosh Ball Paddles while balancing a soft ("meat") ball on the paddle. We then carried small plastic squares over our heads, as if we were delivering pizzas. Using that balancing position, kids practiced making shots into a basketball hoop with balls. We had free play with balloons and paddles, as well as throwing beanbags at targets taped to the wall.

Jan Picco

PARENT ARTICLE: "What You Should Know for the 2017-2018 Influenza Season"

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/current.htm>

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Dec.6th- Adopt-A-Family items are due

Dec. 21st-Jan 3rd- Winter Break

January 5th- Last day for priority enrollment for 2018-2019