



Creative Beginnings  
Preschool



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## Dates to Remember

November 7-November 20 (Monday - Sunday) - Franklin's Toys School Fundraiser

November 7-11 (Monday - Friday) - My Brother's Pantry Food Drive

November 9 (Wednesday) - Operation Christmas Child items due to church

November 9-11 (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) - Individual School Pictures

November 11 (Friday) - Art to Remember Order Forms due to school

November 14 (Monday) - Ledo's Night from 4:00 p.m. until close at Severna Park

November 17-18 (Thursday, Friday) - Thanksgiving Feasts

November 21-25 (Monday-Friday) - Thanksgiving Break

### FRANKLIN'S TOYS SCHOOL FUNDRAISING WEEK

From November 7 to November 20 when parents shop at Franklin's Toys in Severna Park, the school will receive 10% of the sale for the purchase and 10% of the sale will be given to the parents in the form of a discount. Depending on the total sales for the school, there is also the possibility of earning gift cards for our use. Please remember to mention the school's name at check out to receive these savings.

### MY BROTHER'S PANTRY

Creative Beginnings Preschool will be participating in a special food collection this month for My Brother's Pantry. If you would like to participate, please have your child bring in nonperishable food items the week of November 7. We have been asked to have all donations to the school by Friday, November 11 in order to give volunteers enough time to distribute the items before the holiday.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The church has asked for our help again with Operation Christmas Child. Last year we helped to fill over 100 shoe boxes with school supplies, toys and toiletries that were sent to needy children around the world. Monetary donations are also needed to ship the boxes to their destinations. Please see the flyer that was sent home for more information. All items and checks need to be sent in to the preschool by November 9.

### LEDO'S PIZZA NIGHT

Last month's Ledo's night raised \$133.98 for the school! Please come join us on Monday, November 14

for our next event. We will be sending home coupons for you to hand in to your server that night as a reminder that the sale should be credited to our school.

### ART TO REMEMBER

Just a reminder that all Art to Remember order forms are due Friday, November 11. A large variety of products are available displaying your child's artwork. These projects make unique, personalized holiday gifts that will be enjoyed for years to come. You are under no obligation to make a purchase; however, the magnet will need to be returned by November 11 if you choose not to buy it. If you do decide to place an order, you will need to return your child's original artwork in the envelope with your order.

### INDIVIDUAL PICTURES

Individual school pictures will be taken on November 9, 10 and 11. Please refer to your child's class newsletter for his/her actual date. Order forms will be sent home several days before the actual picture date. All forms and payments must be turned in by picture day. If you are not ordering pictures, please make a notation on the order form envelope and send it back to school with your child. This will alleviate last minute phone calls from the office. Ordered pictures should be back in time for holiday gift giving!

### THANKSGIVING FEASTS

This month the older children will be busy preparing for their Thanksgiving Feasts. They will prepare food items in their individual classes and share them with their classmates. The children really enjoy sitting down with their friends and trying new foods.

## LUNCH PROGRAM

Laurie McDonald has taken on the position of our Tuesday/Thursday lunch coordinator in addition to being our aide on Wednesdays. If you ever need to contact her, you can reach her at 410-991-4770.

If you would like to purchase lunch tickets, a sheet consists of 6 tickets for a total of \$30.00. If you send in a check, we will be happy to send them home in your child's backpack.

Also, the lunch program gets extremely busy during this time of the year. Please make sure you call the office or lunch coordinator if you won't be able to help out on your assigned day. However, please refrain from making calls to the lunch coordinators' homes before 9:00 a.m.

Many of the children are having a hard time eating soup and Go-gurts by themselves. Please do not send these in with your child unless you are sure they can eat them without causing a mess.

## CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

As you're busy making your favorite family recipes this month, please remember to send in your Campbell's Labels for Education and Box Tops to the office. It is amazing how quickly they can add up.

Also, please remember we can't get credit for the Campbell's labels unless we have the whole UPC code.

## REMINDERS

Please remember that tuition is due the first of the month. There is a ten day grace period, however, anyone owing tuition after the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month will be assessed a \$25.00 late fee regardless of what day their child attends school.

If your child will not be in school due to illness or vacation, please call the office and let us know so we can alert their teacher and they won't wait for them to get started with opening activities.

If you have snack during the month of November, please do not send in tissues. We have enough of a supply at the moment.

Fall is finally here! Please take a moment and make sure the clothes in your child's backpack are appropriate for the colder weather. Make sure they also have the proper outerwear for the playground and everything is labeled with their full name.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

The Christmas concerts will be here before you know it. There will be a morning performance on Tuesday, December 20 and a morning and afternoon performance on Wednesday, December 21. If your

child attends school on Tuesday/Thursday, their concert will be on Tuesday, December 20. If your child attends school on Monday/Wednesday, Monday/Wednesday/Friday, Monday through Friday, or Friday only, they will perform on Wednesday, December 21.

Mrs. McFarland's F2's class will perform with the Wednesday afternoon group. The Extended 4's will have their concert on Wednesday afternoon as well. There will be no school for children in these classes on Wednesday morning. Please have them eat lunch at home and then bring them to school at 12:30 p.m. If you have any questions as to when your child's concert will be, contact their teacher or the office.

Bring your child to school at their regular time (9:00 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.) and then head up to the sanctuary to wait for the show! After the performance, you are invited to join your children back in their classrooms for holiday refreshments and then take them home with you.

If you take pictures or videos during the Christmas concerts, please be respectful of the fact that not everyone is comfortable with their pictures being posted on the internet.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

You can place your Scholastic Book Club orders online by following these steps:

- Go to [www.scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs)
- On the parent page, click the "register" button in the "First Time Here?" section. Register for your own user name and password. When prompted, enter the one time Class Activation Code which is: H8LRV
- Place your order using a credit card (your online order is completely safe and secure).
- Your order will be delivered to our school and distributed to you.

Keep in mind that for every order parents place online, we receive a coupon for a free book for the school.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

During the month of November we spend lots of time here at the preschool talking to the children about all the things they are thankful for. One of the things we all thank God for is being given the chance to play such important roles in the lives of the children who attend our preschool. Thank you for sharing your children with us each day. We hope you enjoy this special time of the year with family and friends.