

Children's Winter Garden with White Wing School

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NEWSLETTER

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Welcome to CWG-WWS
- What's going on in our classes this month?
- We'd love to have you join our Parent group PAWWS
- Field trip to Brookdale Farms for our 4 year old students

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Welcome to CWG-WWS

We are so happy to have all of our students and families here at Children's Winter Garden with White Wing School. We hope that you all had a fun filled summer loaded with all kinds of activities. It doesn't seem possible that school is starting again, but we are very happy to be here. The staff has been busy preparing the classrooms for the children, planning for wonderful learning to begin.

Play is an integral part of learning in the early years. All of our activities are through some sort of play activity that has a purpose behind it. Every activity is aimed towards developing appropriate skills for your children. Our curriculum at CWG-WWS is based on themes. Each month we

will explore a different theme and this month our activities will center around adjusting to our new surroundings, making friends, talking about our families and Clifford and Pete the Cat will make their way into our daily plans.

We are truly looking forward to this school year and spending time with your children. Again welcome from our entire staff and Board of Directors.

If you get a chance, stop by our new play surface on the front playground. With the help of the UU church and funds that we have saved, we were able to have the playground landscaped with child

safe bark mulch. It looks great and will provide the children a soft surface to play on.

At times separation is difficult for some of the children. This is normal and is the start of building trust between you and your child, that you will be back when school is over. I have attached a couple of articles from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). They are entitled "12 Ways to Help Children say Goodbye" and "13 Tips for Starting Preschool". Hopefully if your child is having a difficult time separating, these will help a bit.

This is going to be a wonderful year and we look forward to spending it with your children.



In each monthly newsletter, I will highlight what our themes are for each age group. Included will also be a snapshot of some of the planned activities for the month.

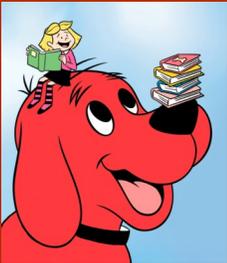
Two year olds

Our youngest students will be adjusting to their new surroundings this month. Meeting new friends and playing together is a big accomplishment. They will be learning some new songs including I'm a Little Teapot and having a tea party to go along with it. Activities such as Peek a boo, Find your house, what color is your cup and a memory game "Who's missing" will also be part of their learning this month. Mrs. Kupchik is wonderful with our 2 year old friends and they will be singing and dancing all month long.



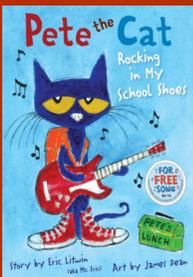
Three year olds

Our three year old students will start the month talking about "Me" and "Family". Introductions will be made during Circle time so the children can start to get to know one another. During the week of 9/16 Clifford the Big Red Dog will make an appearance. The children love him and listening to books about his adventures. Apples will be discussed during the week of 9/23. The children will be taste testing apples and deciding which one they like the best and as a class will graph the results. They will also be working on a glitter apple picture frame. Circles will also be part of this week and they will be creating a circle collage. All in all it sounds like an extremely fun first month.



Four year olds and Pre K students

Pete the Cat will be highlighted during the week of 9/9. The children love him and singing along with songs about him. Each month during the year, our 4 year old classes will concentrate on a different author. The author for September will be Eric Litwin who writes the very popular Pete the Cat books. Some of the books that will be explored during the week will be Pete the Cat, Four Groovy Buttons & Rocking in my School Shoes. There will be lots of dancing, singing and fun art projects that go along with our Pete the Cat books during this week. The week of 9/16 will include learning about the Letter A and there will be a day dedicated to learning about apples, to reinforce this letter. Other days include "Me day" and talking about families. The color Red will be the color of the month and all 4 year old classes will have red day on Wednesday 9/26. Lots of things will be learned about during the month of September. We can't wait to start the year!



PAWWS (Parents at Children’s Winter Garden with White Wing School)

PAWWS is a group of parent volunteers who coordinate and help with events and fundraisers at our school. A flyer was included in your orientation paperwork and it outlines some of the fundraisers and events that will go on during the year. There will also be events during the year that we may need some baked goods for. Getting involved in our PAWWS group is a great way to get to know fellow parents. So make sure to read the flyer to see if this may be something you would be interested in doing. Marcie Shoneman is our liason from the Board. You can contact her at jshoneman@mac.com. If you have any questions or want to get involved in our parent group, feel free to contact Marcie or Mrs. Clanin. Thanks in advance for any help you can offer.



Brookdale Farm field trip for 4 year old classes

Fall in New England is apple picking time. Our 4 year old and pre K classes will be venturing out on a field trip to Brookdale Farms in Hollis for a field trip. The trip will include a hay ride through the farm, apple picking and having fun in their corn maze. The children will also enjoy having a snack at the farm. Look for permission slips coming home towards the second week in September. There will be a spot to check if you can take other children in your car. Please let us know how many children can accompany you if needed. Miss Angie and Mrs. Louis’ classes will be going on Tuesday September 25 and Miss Meghan and Miss Catherine’s class will be going on Wednesday September 26. All parents are welcome to accompany us. We will be leaving around 9am and returning around 11:15. All children must leave from the school and return to the school afterwards. We cannot have families meeting us at the farm. We are looking forward to our first field trip of the year.

Fall is the best time of year in New England. Come join us on our apple picking field trip to Brookdale Farms!

Box tops for Education

During the year, we will be asking you to collect box tops off of various grocery items you may purchase. They are on cereals, mac and cheese and all sorts of food items. Please start collecting these box tops. You can just put them in your child’s bag or drop them off at the office. We will be issued a check at the end of the year for all of the box tops that we send in. You can visit www.boxtopsforeducation.com for more information about this program.



Let’s see how many box tops we can collect this year!!!

A look ahead to



Expressions Photography will be at the school on October 9 & 10 to take pictures. Deb Lafrance has taken pictures at CWG and WWS for quite a few years and does a fabulous job. Look for a flyer coming home towards the end of September to order pictures. Remember to include a check or cash when returning the order form. Pictures orders must be paid by the day they are taken.

Snacks & Peanut allergies

As explained to you during orientation, the children bring their own snack in. You have been provided with a small tote bag with your child's name on it. Please use this each day for their snack. You do not have to send in a juice box if you don't want to. We will give the children water. We do have a few children with nut allergies, so we ask that you do not bring in any items that contain nuts for snack or lunch. Thank you for your cooperation with this. Our main goal is to keep our children safe.

A teacher takes
a *Hand*, opens
a *Mind* and
touches a *Heart*

