



November & December 2019

Optional Fall Conferences

If you wish to have a brief conference with your child's teacher, November is the time for that. Plan on a 10 minute phone conversation. Think of it as an opportunity to ask the questions you have but are not able to get answered at pick up time. Teachers may ask you some questions too:

At school your child has a certain behavior, does he or she do this at home?

OR

How do you handle when

your child is uncooperative?

Discussions like this helps us to help your child develop this year at PCNS.

Check with your child's teacher for Fall Conference date and Sign-up for conferences. Sheets may be posted outside classrooms OR teachers will arrange via email for an optional telephone conference. Please note that an-depth conferences, including a written evaluation of your child's devel-

opment and progress will be held in the Spring on March 5th and 6th 2020.

Each teacher will set up the day they choose for the Fall conferences.



Issue 2

Important dates:

- * **November 7 & 8** NO SCHOOL (following Morris School District calendar.)
- * **November 26—4A & 4B** Feast
- * **November 27** TG Recess starts at 12:00. No lunch.
- * **December 1** Tuition is due.
- * **December 20** Christmas Recess begins at 12:00 NO LUNCH
- * **December 25** Have a Merry Christmas!
- * **January 2 - School Re-opens. Happy New Year!**
- * **January 10-** Priority Registration (for currently enrolled students and legacy families)
- * **January 17-** Open Registration
- * **January 20 - NO SCHOOL-** Closed for MLK day

Colder Weather Is Here—Jackets on!

The Fall chill has arrived. We go outside as many days as possible for a fun filled 30 minutes! The children love it and need it. We ask that you please send them with appropriate cold weather clothing especially coats that are easy for them to handle as well as **mittens** (MUCH better than gloves) and hats. Please label

all clothing! If you forget mittens, we have some on hand here so please do not worry. It is also the time of year that mittens and hats get lost—we will place all lost items in our Lost & Found basket in the back hallway.

Additionally, we ask that you to please make sure your child has a suitable

change of clothing here at school as the weather gets colder. You might have tshirts and shorts here from earlier in the year. Accidents do happen and we need clothing here in case. Always provide clothing your child can handle on his or her own.



2A Mrs. Summa & Mrs. Mehl Tues./Thurs.

October was a terrific month in 2A! We have become completely acclimated to our school day! We had new classes of yoga, music, and bible stories. 2A enjoyed learning new things and meeting the new teachers. This month we enjoyed learning outside of our classroom on the pumpkin picking trip at the farm. At the end of the month we celebrated Halloween by watching our older friends at the Halloween parade. New to

the classroom this month the children enjoyed playing with our sensory table, using new media to create art, and dancing and singing.

November will be even more exciting. Our color for the month is brown and our shape is a triangle. We will continue talking about fall, leaves, corn, and adding on all things Thanksgiving! We will be having a "Thanksgiving" celebration at the end of the month. Look for

more information towards the end of the month on that.

We are also looking forward to celebrating the Holiday season in December. We will learn new songs and create holiday crafts. The children will be making some extra special surprises for you!



3A Mrs. Healy & Mrs. Lee MWF

What fun we had in October!!!!!! The farm trip was so much fun. Our Halloween Parade and party were a blast!! Thanks for all the donations of books from the Book Fair. We have enjoyed reading some already. We truly appreciate your generosity.

November we will be talking about healthy foods and recognizing different fruits and vegetables by playing some fun games. We will be using corn cobs for painting and playing with colored corn kernels in our sensory table.

We will learn about the meaning of Thanksgiving by reading

books and a flannel board story with Pilgrims and Native American Indians. Giving to others and being thankful is an important lesson this month. We will talk about what we are thankful for and how we can help others. If you could please have your child bring an item for our local food pantry this would help us as part of their learning experience. A basket will be outside the classroom for donations.

We will be creating some fun Turkey projects and playing games like, Round the Turkey and Feather Hunt. We will be

bake this month to prepare for our Thanksgiving Feast on Nov. 20th. Look for a sign-up sheet in the hall for items to contribute.

Optional phone conferences will be held in November. Look for sign-up sheet outside the classroom.

December will be filled with lots of holiday fun. Most importantly we will be working on a very special project for our moms and dads. We will have a holiday party and play some fun games.

3B Mrs. Klingman & Mrs. Oberding

Thanksgiving and Christmas will keep us super busy! We'll talk about the things we are thankful for, make our own Thanksgiving placemats, and bake mini apple pies for our Thanksgiving feast (details to follow). On Monday, November 4th we will be having phone conferences, please

sign up in a time slot with Mrs.O or Mrs.Klingman.

In November, we'll do lots of projects reinforcing rectangles and the color brown; December is triangles and the colors red and green. We'll make some top-secret Christmas gifts, and will practice songs for

their Christmas party (again, details to follow). Be sure to come check out our bulletin boards to see our awesome artwork in and out of the classroom.



4A Mrs. Singagliese & Mrs. Rough

With November upon us, 4A will kick off the season of giving and good will by discussing each other's family traditions! In preparation for Thanksgiving, we will learn all about pumpkins, and the children are going to make a special treat to share at your Thanksgiving dinner celebration. We will roast and mash a pumpkin grown in our very own PCNS pumpkin patch to use in baking a special treat! Another exciting theme we will explore this month is The First Thanksgiving celebrated by the Native Americans and Pilgrims. We will model that historic feast by joining the four year old classes for a feast of our own! Mrs. Adair and Mrs. Fitzgerald's class will join ours in Sheffield Hall where each group will be dressed as ei-

ther Pilgrims or Native Americans. This celebration will take place on Tuesday, November 19th (children only). We will send a SignUp Genius asking for some donations for this special gathering.

Our first parent/teacher conference will also take place in November - this will be a brief phone call where I will update you on the progress of your little one and can answer any questions or concerns you may have at this time. I will send another SignUp Genius for that. Please select a day and time that works best for you.

December brings such excitement and joy for our children! As we focus on the happiness that comes from the

act of giving, we will be working on several handmade gifts for the special people in our lives! The children will perform a Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 18th at 11:00 for our families. Immediately following the concert, we will have a reception serving light refreshments. Mrs. Rough and I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and the Merriest of Christmases. We look forward to seeing you all in 2020!



4B Mrs. Adair & Mrs. Fitzgerald

Happy Holidays to All of Our Families!!!

This is a very busy and exciting time for all of us in 4B. This month we will be learning all about Native Americans, how they lived, their food sources, how they traveled and much more. We have many artifacts for the children to see and touch and will play some games that kept Native American children busy! Corn was a major food source for them and we will be tasting corn in many forms. The children will be learning about the first Thanksgiving and how the Indians helped the Pilgrims survive in a new world.

What would November be without learning all about Mr. Turkey!!! We will be able to identify all the parts of a turkey and

know that a baby turkey is called a poult. You will be impressed when Thanksgiving arrives! Many family traditions will be shared so you may want to start talking about them at home. Be on the lookout for some turkey surprises on both of our bulletin boards! They will surely make you smile. On Tuesday, November 26th we, the Native Americans from 4B will celebrate Thanksgiving Dinner with our Pilgrim Friends from 4A. Details to follow. This is always a special day for all of us!

During November we will also start to learn to recite our addresses and maybe even start to recognize them in writing. By the end of the year this will come to them with ease. Math skills are being introduced with learning their

address and phone numbers as well.

December is filled with wonder and sweet surprises as the children create gifts for their families. You will also receive a handmade invitation to our Family Concert and party in our room after the show!

"Home Is Where The Heart Is" will be our theme for December! We will make ornaments and decorate our classroom tree and create a Gingerbread House!!!

We will be learning to recognize, write and sign the letters F-G-H-I-J. Lots of fun snacks to go along with these letters!

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and peace filled Holiday Season!

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Philosophy

We are a Christian Nursery School that operates as a form of outreach for The Presbyterian Church in Morristown. The primary goal of our school is to serve children and families within the Morristown area by offering a nurturing and stimulating atmosphere for young children. We offer the children an opportunity for emotional, physical, intellectual, social and spiritual development in a Christian environment.

Reminder December 1st Tuition is Due

Please send your check payable to *Presbyterian Church Nursery School* in your child's school/home envelope inside their backpack.

If you are unsure of the amount owed, please send an email to Mrs. Mueller at jmueller@pcmorristoryn.org.

Thank you!

Snow Day Information!

That time of year is coming...where we may have snow days. Generally, we follow the Morris School District's school closings. Like most schools, we hope the decision can be made early and be obvious. There will be a message on the Nursery School phone 973-540-1114 that will let you know whether our Nursery School will be in session or not.

An email message will be sent out to all parents and a message will be placed on our website: www.pcmorristoryn.org

Please note:

If the Morris School District has a delayed opening, we open at our regular time.

