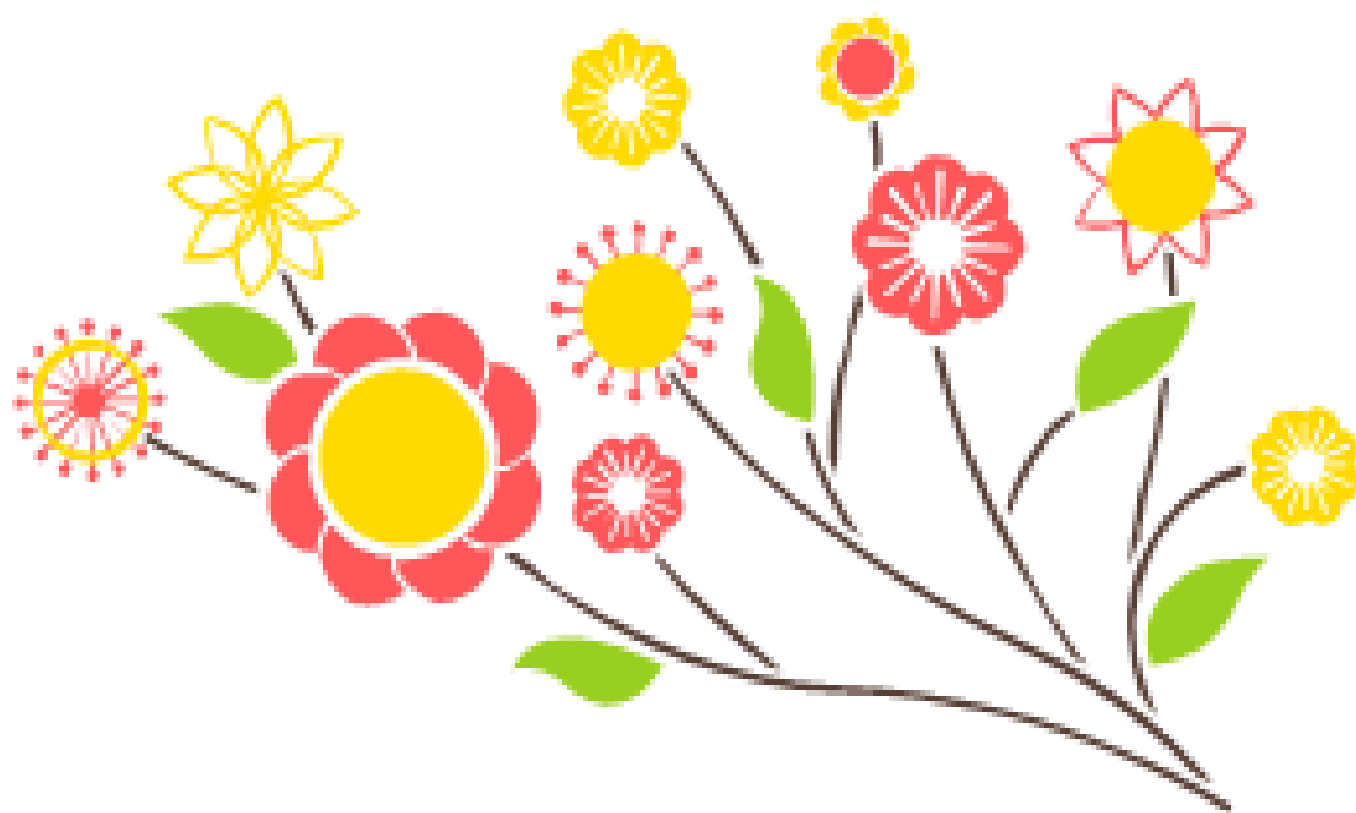


WEE CENTER MAY & JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER



Woodbrook Early Education

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“There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other, wings.” – Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

I read this quote today and found it very fitting for the end of another school year. It's always such a weird time of year. The children and teachers are excited to reach the end of a year and for many a summer break. Yet sometimes there are feelings of sadness surrounding saying goodbye to those we have become so attached to spending our days with. As I am personally looking at my child's last year at home next year, it is really resonating with me on a completely different level. So it made me think, how do we as parents and teachers insure that our children have the roots they need so that their wings can soar?

While looking at different resources, I found an article on the Harvard Health Publishing: Harvard Medical School, “Skills Children Need to Succeed in Life-Getting Youngsters Started”. There are so many important ideas in this article. How can we begin these skills at even the age of two? It begins with talking about planning and having your child be a part of it. We often as parents do all the planning and organizing and then just tell them what's happening. I love the idea that when you are making plans for the weekend, dinner or holiday, that you involve your child in the process at even an early age. When we do our grocery shopping for the week, I always ask my children (now of course much older), do they have an idea for dinner one night. At their older age, we try to have them be in charge of completely cooking one night a week at least but at an early age, it could be as simple as having them help make the menu and then have them start thinking about what you might need to buy at the store to make that happen.



Next, the article talks about focus. Focus is of course very hard for young children. We have talked a lot this year about being intentional about activities you do with your child and limiting screen time. So much research is constantly being completed that reiterates the need for limited screen time and how screen time is drastically effecting children's ability to focus. I can even see it in myself. I struggle now to just watch a movie or TV show with my family without feeling as if I need to scroll on my phone at the same time. All of our minds need that break. Show this to your child by picking up a book and turning off the screens. Help them retrain their brains.

The next skill is self-control. Also a skill that is just beginning to grow at preschool age. The best way we can help begin to develop this skill is in helping our children regulate their emotions independently. It's important to acknowledge their emotions but we need to help them learn to manage them. We can't always be there to fix what is upsetting to them but we can work to give them the skills to know how to handle life's challenges.

Awareness is the next idea they discuss. I love this idea. Being aware of those around us, our world and helping your child realize that while we love them and they are so important to you, that there are others in the world that need our help and support. That our planet needs us to care for it. That we play a critical role in the lives of those around us. This helps teach empathy and responsibility.

Finally, the last topic they discuss is flexibility. This is probably one of the hardest ideas of being successful in life. As humans, we all want things to go our way and done our way but that isn't life. Sometimes, your schedule doesn't go as planned and we have to be able to adjust either our plan or our emotions and move forward. We are all such creatures of habit that these changes are hard and if we struggle with it as adults, imagine how hard that is for our children. The best way to begin to help our children work toward this goal is by modeling for them how we are handling our own challenges.

I know that WEE are all working hard to help our children have the roots needs so that one day they can soar in all of the ways they are meant to soar. I can't wait to see what is next for each of our young friends. If this is a goodbye for your family from WEE, please keep in touch. We love to hear how you all are doing!

With love,

Ms. Angela

What our families said about the WEE Center

Thank you all for submitting your surveys and recommendations on how to improve our WEE Center. Here are some thoughts that were shared:

STRENGTHS

- * We love WEE! Thank you for creating such a great program and having amazing teachers and staff!
- * Love the great communication of upcoming events and the daily summaries and pictures that the teachers provide.
- * So many great pics on class dojo!! Makes talking about the day a breeze! Thank you for the updates
- * The classrooms always seem so bright and cheery. We love the playground too!
- * Love especially the playground and outside time. Always more of that.
- * We love the themed weeks and specifically the Dr. Seuss week - it's really brilliant for all!! The level of creativity is astounding and we know our kids are getting such a high level of education. I also love that I can see how much love the teachers have for our kids and their growth and that's why they are thriving!!
- * A happy fun school that also can enforce rules and guide children to be ready for school
- * It's caring staff and thoughtful curriculum.
- * The amazing staff. It's easy to see the great staff interactions and love for their jobs which easily translates to creating a great place for all kids.
- * Staff who are loving and engaged with the children, creative activities and fun/play, and love and inclusivity
- * Love that they want the best for each child even when it means harder conversations.
- * small class sizes, enrichment activities, focus on art and hands-on activities for kids, loving and nurturing staff.
- * We love the staff and we know our kid loves coming to school every day. There is nothing nicer en route to work knowing that your kid is happy!
- * The consistency of before/after care staff is honestly amazing.

SUGGESTIONS:

- * I wish the break between summer camp and the start of the new school year wasn't quite as long (but also understand that the teachers deserve the break!!!)
- * Would like more consistency and information in the WEE notes and newsletters.
- * Would love that the monthly songs for the 2s are recorded and sent out on dojo so we can all reinforce at home. We all get snippets however it takes a while to put it all together. We are thrilled with how wonderful WEE is for our family and our kids! Thank you, thank you, thank you!
- * The more outside time the kids can get the better, even when the weather is cold/wet/etc.

WORDS TO DESCRIBE WEE

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| ◇ Happiness | ◇ Caring |
| ◇ Loving | ◇ G.O.A.T.! |
| ◇ Fun | ◇ Our village |
| ◇ Amazing | ◇ Fantastic |
| ◇ Joyful | ◇ Wonderful |
| ◇ Dependable | ◇ Super |
| ◇ Great | ◇ Home |
| ◇ Blessing | ◇ Supercalifragilistic-
expialidocious |
| ◇ Nurturing | |

RED Room

We are nearing the end of the school year. I guess the saying is right that time flies when you are having fun. We learned a lot and had so much fun this year. We are enjoying playing outside in the nice weather now that spring has finally sprung. We love seeing all the changes happening in Spring. During Spring we have seen flowers growing, bunnies hopping around, bugs and insects crawling and flying around the world. We are so proud of the Red Room children. They are becoming more independent as they can put on their shoes by themselves, pack up their lunches, and put their cot sheets away by themselves.

We still have a lot of playing and learning to do in May and June to finish off our school year. We started off May learning about transportation. We learned there are so many ways to get from here to there. Then we will move right along and talk about the insects we see in the world around us. We will learn what characteristics of an insect and why they are important to our world. We just got some real caterpillars. We will watch our caterpillars turn into butterflies right before our eyes. Next, we will explore what different creatures live in a pond. Frogs, fish, and ducks are some of the fascinating creatures that live in the pond. Then 5,4,3,2,1.....we will blast off to outer space. We will learn about this wonderful planet earth we live on, we will name the other planets in the solar system, and we will name other things in outer space like the sun, moon, and stars. Then we will talk about camping. We will learn what we need to go camping, what activities we can enjoy as we camp, and what will we see in the lovely outdoors. We will conclude our school year learning about ocean life and the deep blue sea. We will look on a map and name the oceans that are around the United States of America, we will explore the creatures that live in the ocean, and we will talk about what we might pack if we go on a trip to the beach.

Thank you for sending your child to WEE. We have enjoyed having them in the Red Room this school year. They have grown so much from the start of the year in September to the end of the year in May and June. We are so proud of each one of them!

Have a great summer!

Happy May Birthday to Hank (5/25)!

Happy Summer Birthdays to Ms. Karen (6/9), Bryson (7/5),
Ms. Sharon (7/20), and Luca (8/17)!

Love, Ms. Michelle, Ms. Karen, Ms. Aleia, and Ms. Sharon



YELLOW Room

This fantastic year has flown by! Thank you so much for all of your support in the Yellow Room. We have lots of fun activities planned for the remainder of the school year. We will be starting the month of May talking about our Amazing Moms and all the wonderful things they do for us. We will also be reviewing what we have learned throughout the school year as we get ready for conferences. The following week we will be having fun learning about the zoo. We will talk about elephants, monkeys, giraffes, etc., and how they are cared for. Camping will be our next unit. We will be making s'mores and exploring the great outdoors. The last week of May after we complete the entire alphabet we will have our special ABC celebration. We will be asking each family to send in one snack that begins with the first letter of either their first or last name (for example, Ms. Elise could bring in edamame or donuts). We will have a sign up outside our room in a few weeks. We will also talk about the ocean, jellyfish, sea stars, crabs, etc. that week. This unit will lead right into our fun pirate week! We will be making a treasure map out of recycled paper. We hope to follow the map to find the WEE treasure! We will have fun walking the plank dressed as pirates and making our own pirate faces on paper plates. The last week of school we will be talking about Summer Fun as we do lots of water activities. The week of May 12th we will start Show and Tell. Three children a day will bring in an item from home to talk about. The children listening will have the chance to ask questions. A list has been sent home as to what day your child will have Show and Tell, but please let us know if you have any questions.

We have really enjoyed having your children in the Yellow Room! They have done an amazing job working so hard on learning the letters of their names, opposites, rhyming words, and scissor skills and so many other skills.

We wish you all a relaxing, safe, and happy summer!

Happy Summer Birthday to Grey (6/7), Georgia (6/11), Brooks (6/26), Jordyn (7/7), Kathleen (7/21), Cole (8/10), Ruby (8/16), and Wells (8/25)!



Blue Room

Where did this school year go?!?! The next few weeks will be filled with fun themes including fairy tales, camping, ocean, rainbow, and summer fun! We will continue working and reviewing everything we have learned this school year. These last few weeks we will be finishing and reviewing the entire alphabet since we be finishing all of the letters. We hope to have an alphabet celebration. Stay tuned for details.

It has been so much fun and such a pleasure having your children in our class. They have grown in so many ways, learned so many new things and have created so many friendships. We wish you and your family and wonderful and safe summer.

Happy Summer Birthdays to: Ms. Dominique (6/4),
Ella on 6/10, Niko (6/22), and Noah (6/30)!

Love and prayers,

Ms. Dominique, Ms. Angela, Ms. Ellie, and Ms. Becky



Green Room

Hello Families,

The end of the school year is bittersweet. It is so rewarding to see how much the children have learned and grown, but it is also sad to see them go. Thank you so much for thoughtful gifts, videos, and delicious food during Teacher Appreciation Week! We look forward to meeting with you all for Parent Teacher Conferences on Friday, May 16th.

Reminders for warm weather: please provide a filled water bottle for your child each day. Please apply sunscreen in the mornings. If you would like us to reapply sunscreen later in the day, (especially for After Care), please send in a permission slip (located in the office), and labeled sunscreen.

For the rest of May, we will learn about Insects and Dinosaurs! Both themes are very popular with pre-k children. In June we will focus on Types of Animals and Where do Animals Live? This is another favorite topic! We will also incorporate STEAM activities.

Reading News: the Green Room friends are ready for Kindergarten reading lessons! We will be using a comprehension story called: Softie's Boat Ride to introduce story elements and answer Who, What, Where, When and Why. We will also learn the Sequence of the Story, the Characters, Conflict and Resolution, and True or False. We will continue to use our Readers to practice reading sight words. Please save these little booklets to practice reading sight words at home.



Green Room Newsletter continued:

Math News: We will work on recognizing double digit numbers by using ten frames and tally marks. We will continue to work on addition and subtraction equations. We will use counters/manipulatives to solve the problems. Some friends are ready to add and subtract numbers without the use of counters.

Upcoming Events:

Parent Teacher Conferences on Friday, **May 16th**: No school for children.

We will celebrate summer birthdays. More information coming soon.

Pre-k Water Day- Date to be Announced.

Pre-k Graduation and Last Day of School on **Friday, June 13th. Noon Dismissal.**

Thank you so much for bringing your children to WEE. They bring us joy, love and hope every day! May God bless your families this summer and in the future!

Happy May and Summer Birthdays to:

Yui (6/9), Cole (6/30), Alex (7/5), and Neo (7/13)!

Sincerely,

Ms. Betsy, Ms. Carol, and Ms. Dawn





We are so proud of each student in our class, and so we share with you, where they will continue their learning journeys next year:

Tucker Angle

Stoneleigh ES

Cole Bankert

Moving to Pennsylvania

Avery Bell

Stoneleigh ES

Iris Fernandez

Rodgers Forge ES

Alex Hedari

To Be Determined

Yui Hozaka

Summit ES

Cooper Ivy

Roland Park ES

Matilda Karberg

Stoneleigh ES

Kitt King-Balentine

The Mount Washington School

Nicholas Lin

Gilman

Caroline Phelps

West Towson ES

Liam Tewey

West Towson ES

Neo VenKatesan

West Towson ES

Adelaide Wilson

Stoneleigh ES

Purple Room

Dear Purple Room Families!

While we can't believe that this is our final newsletter of this school year, we are extremely grateful to have the rest of May, and part of June together, as we still have lots of fun learning left to do! We will be focus on vowels, their job in words, and review the 2 sounds each make, as well as the "th", "sh", and "ch" sounds. We will also review the other letters over the next weeks, with recognition, sound, and proper formation. We will also continue with our weekly/biweekly reader booklets.

We will continue work with rhyming words, and build on making/reading simple 3 letter c-v-c (consonant/vowel/consonant) words (cat, bat, sit, bit, bed, red...). We will continue to work on our ABBC pattern, as well as review all the others we've worked on. We will recognize and order #'s 0-20, practice skip counting, and focus on positional words. We will do simple measurement with rulers too.

Our door tags will remain the phone number that you provided, and the children will work on recognition and memorization. In another week or so, we begin each morning with a new prayer, as well as a new snack/lunch prayer until the end of the year. Our patriotic song has been "God Bless America", but in June, we'll go back to our September song "We Love America". We will continue learning about baby animals, as well as Maryland, the USA, and summer!

We could not be prouder of your children... in their individual growth, their gained independence, and in their accomplishments. They have gained confidence, curiosity, and determination. It has been our great pleasure to have them in our class this year to nurture and help grow. We will miss them each tremendously.

Thank you for your support, generosity, and kindness throughout the school year. And, thanks for a fantastic 2024/25 year in the Purple Room! PLEASE come back to visit and/or send updates!

****We'd like to wish our friends with summer birthdays a Happy Early**

Birthday: Grace – June 12th, Arthur – July 20th, and Aria – August 8th and
Ms. Stacie – July 24th and Mr. Nate – July 30th

With Love,

Ms. Stacie & Mr. Nate





*We are so proud of each student in
our class, and so we share with you,
where they will continue their
learning journeys next year:*

Arthur Bogunov

Claire Esslinger

Lucy Hanssen

Tommy Karberg

Grace Kaulius

Kale Keller

Desmond Kozak

Keegan Murphy

Aria Perrotta

Isla Sharer

Taylor Townes

CJ Warso

Rodgers Forge ES

Stoneleigh ES

Riderwood ES

Stoneleigh ES

Stoneleigh ES

Stoneleigh ES

Hampton ES

Riderwood ES

Rodgers Forge ES

The Mount Washington
School

WEE School

Hamilton ES/MS

Art



Thank you to everyone for coming out to the art show. It was great to see so many families there. The children were so proud to show off their amazing artwork that they worked so hard on.

It's hard to believe that the school year is almost over. We will be finishing up the year with some spring art projects and trying out some new mediums. All of the classes will be learning about some different kinds of Japanese influenced art. The twos and threes will be making some Gytaku art, which is the Japanese tradition of fish printing. The Pre K classes will be learning some simple origami.

We will also be taking advantage of the nice weather to create more art outdoors. Pre K will revisit the artist Andy Goldsworthy that they learned about in the fall and make some spring nature sculptures.

We will also be making some sun prints in collaboration with Ms. Dawn's science lesson on sunshine and light.

The children have all grown so much in their skills and appreciation of art over the year. I really encourage everyone to continue to create art with them over the summer. There are so many things that you can do and explore with them. Just have fun with it!

Love, Ms. Carol

Music

The children and I have had so much fun in music-learning songs (some with sign language), playing instruments, marching with American flags, singing patriotic songs, and dancing with scarves and ribbons. The pre-K classes have been busy practicing their songs for graduation!

I wish all of you a great summer!

God bless your families.

Love, Ms. Claire



Science

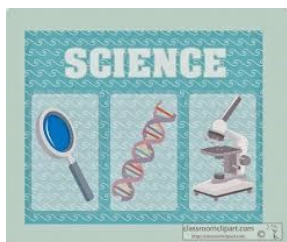
We have had so much fun learning in Science this year! Your children are amazing, natural scientists! They have observed, documented, guessed, hypothesized, and explored lots of things! We have experimented; some worked and some didn't. It was awesome when they worked, but it was still exciting when they didn't! We have seen and used different tools used by scientists (the 2's and 3's) have become comfortable with pipettes, mixing and using lots of Science tools. We have used many of our vocabulary words in other appropriate situations (liquid for example, a friend asked if I would pour him some more liquid at snack). Pre-K has grown so much in their observation skills! They have become so amazingly proficient in documenting our experiments through drawing. When their Science journals come home in June, look at the growth from September to the end of school. They are seeing the big picture with great detail! I am so proud of them! They have worked so hard and it shows!

As we end the year we will be making Seed balls from homemade paper. We will catch bubbles and The Lego Lady will hopefully make an appearance!

All of the children have made connections to their every-growing world. My goal is always that they realize science is an exciting way to learn things about the world around them and that sometimes things work and sometimes they do not. We just keep trying to figure it out. I also hope that the children have grown in the confidence that there are very few problems that we cannot solve or at least manage if we just take a breath and think for a minute. We have also learned the mantra if we make a mess.... We can clean it up. And your children of all ages can clean up a spill themselves! It has been my joy to share my time with your children in science! They always remind me that God is amazing, and his creation is remarkable and often mind-blowing. To see the world through their excited eyes makes life so much fun! Please take time to look through their eyes, even when it is sometimes inconvenient. They are building their perspective of being a person by watching you. Do you literally stop and smell the roses? Do you unplug and turn bath time into a science experiment, a car ride into an adventure in the environment, cooking into research for the new thing I might like to try to eat. A mess into an opportunity to solve a problem and have the family work together as a team?

Thank for sharing your amazing children! It has been a pleasure and a privilege to see the them grow and learn and play! Have the bestest summer ever and remember...SCIENCE ROCKS!

Love, Ms. Dawn



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Please continue to save your box tops. You can download the Box Tops app on your Smart Phone and choose Woodbrook Early Education Center as the school. This is an easy way to help raise money for the WEE Center. Also, if you shop at Shoprite, be sure to register your Price Club Card as we get additional money when you buy participating General Mills products.



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St. Jude Trike-A-Thon

On Tuesday May 20, 2025 we will be having a St. Jude Trike-A-Thon during our children's outside time. The St. Jude Trike-A-Thon is a fun service learning program for young children that teaches trike riding safety while helping the children of St. Jude. Since the WEE School started doing the Trike-a-Thon for St. Jude in 2010 we have raised over \$14,000! All of the donations go to the hospital so that families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing or food. Attached to this letter you will find a Sponsor Form Envelope to list the donations made. Please help your child collect donations and turn in the form on May 20th. Cash or checks made out to St. Jude Hospital are accepted. You can also donate online using this link: https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR?px=7964286&fr_id=161513&pg=personal

(When the website opens, you will click on "register". Then either log into your account if you have one, or you can create an account in order to make your donation).

Our friends will ride the tricycles from the playground.

To our PRE-K/Green and Purple Room Friends: please feel free to bring your bike or scooter from home AND your helmet.

If your child does not normally attend school on Tuesdays, please talk to your classroom teachers to see if you can add the day or just come for the event. We hope you will be able to help us with this fun and helpful event!



Dates to Remember

Tuesday, May 20th

St. Jude Trike-A-Thon

Monday May 27th

WEE Closed Memorial Day

Friday June 14th

WEE Closes at 12:00 Noon

Last day of School

Pre-K Graduation 11:00 am

(No tickets needed, please feel free to bring family).

Monday June 23rd

First Day of Camp

Friday, July 4th

Camp Closed

Friday, August 8th

Last Day of Camp

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Thursday, August 28th

Parent Orientation

(7:00p.m.-8:30 p.m.)

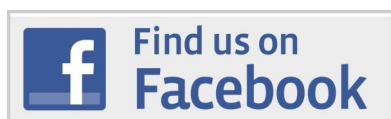
Friday, August 29th

Open House for Students

(10:00a.m.-12:00p.m)

Tuesday, September 2nd

WEE First Day of School



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