

The image features a light blue background with a decorative border of various snowflakes and a snowman. The snowflakes are in shades of blue and white, scattered along the edges. In the bottom-left corner, there is a cartoon snowman wearing a black top hat, holding a broom, and having stick arms. The text is centered in a dark blue, bold font.

WEE
School
Newsletter
Winter 2026

Woodbrook Early Education

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It is hard to believe we already almost into the second month of 2026! We had a wonderful end 2025 with our end of the year Christmas program and learning how different cultures celebrate around the world and different religious holidays that some celebrate as well.

As we begin 2026, the world around us seems like there is so much out of our control and can feel very overwhelming. Dealing with day-to-day life and freezing and sometimes snowy/icy weather often just adds to a stressful time. We feel this pressure for “new year, new you” and so many of us give up before we get to the end of January. It is a lot of pressure!

As we process our lives and the world around us, it is easy to forget that the children in our home feel our anxieties as well. They are just beginning to notice that their world is bigger than themselves and trying to figure out how they fit in that world.

I know when I am overwhelmed; sometimes it helps to make a list of the things I want to accomplish in a day or week. You feel a sense of success when you can “check” something off the list. Children are the same way. They want to feel success and that they are contributing and are needed. It helps build their confidence as well as begin that sense of commitment and contribution to life.

It is often hard to know how to start this with young children. It is so easy to do things ourselves because it is done the quickly and the way we prefer. However, even at the age of two, it is important to begin to give your child household responsibilities on a daily basis. This teaches them so many things- responsibility, contributing to a community and then confidence that they can be successful.



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Here are some good chores to start with at preschool age:

- *Pick up their own toys and books and put them in designated spots.
- *Put dirty clothes in a hamper
- *Dress themselves with simple clothing
- *Wipe down surfaces with a damp cloth.
- *Set the table.
- *Water plants.
- *Feed pets.
- *Dust low surfaces.
- *Help mix/prepare meals. They can also help pack their lunch the night before school.
- *Help make their bed- it does not have to be perfect.
- *Help set the table.
- *Clear their own dishes from the table.
- *Help pull weeds or rake leaves.

I certainly do not think they need to do all of these things each day. Pick a few things and make a little chore list for your child. Maybe they earn a sticker when their tasks are complete or something at the end of the week like special movie time. It really helps them grow and learn in so many ways!

With love,

Angela



Celebrating Black History Month- At WEE, each of our classrooms will spend time learning about important contributions and sacrifices of Black Americans who have helped shape our country. We want children to see and acknowledge these gifts and struggles that many had to go through to share their gifts and to be appreciated by others. We also have worked to expand our school library to include many books that provide “mirrors and windows” to the world around us. “Mirrors” in books allow us to see ourselves in the book while “windows” in books allow us to look into the lives of those that are different from us. It’s important that children have both of these in their lives. We often select books that are comfortable or have cartoon characters that our children like. While any reading is great for our children, I encourage you to look at your home libraries or books you check out from the public library and try something new. At bedtime reading, maybe read a favorite and a new book. Here are a list of books that I would recommend to try this month that will help introduce our children to Black History month:

Dream Big, Little One by Vashti Harrison

Follow Your Dreams, Little One by Vashti Harrison

Little Legends (Both Men and Women) by Vashti Harrison

● Shades of Black: A Celebration of our Children by Sandra L. Pinkney

● The I Look Up To.... Series By Anna Membrino and Fatti Burke

● The ABCs of Black History by Rio Cortez

● Mae Among the Stars by Roda Ahmed

Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space

Race by Monica Clark- Robinson and Frank Morrison

I am Every Good Thing by Derrick Barnes and Gordon C. James

Black is a Rainbow Color by Angela Joy and Euka Holmes

Ablaze with Color: A Story of Painter Alma Thomas by Jeanne Walker

Harvey and Loveis Wise

Hair Love by Matthew A. Cherry

Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty

Have You Thanked an Inventor Today? By Patrice McLaurin

There are so many amazing books now. You may learn something new. I know I have with the children as we widen our net to look for new materials. These books can help open a conversation about different cultures in our local communities and internationally. It will help this generation grow up to be more open and understanding.





Inclement Weather Closings & Delays

As we continue with winter the possibility for winter weather begins to increase. The WEE Center uses Baltimore County Schools as a **guideline** for closings and early dismissals due to snow or inclement weather. Closings, delayed openings and early dismissals are aired on local radio and TV stations.

If Baltimore County announces a delayed opening of one (1) hour, WEE will open at 9:00AM. There will be NO Before Care on these days.

If Baltimore County announces that they will close schools early, there will be no After Care.

If Baltimore County announces that there is no after school or evening activities, it will be at the WEE Center's discretion if there is no After Care.

If Baltimore County announces that schools are closed, WE WILL ASSESS THE WEATHER AT 7:00AM TO MAKE A DECISION IF WE WILL CLOSE OR OPEN LATE. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE DO NOT TAKE THIS DECISION LIGHTLY AND WANT TO BE SURE EVERYONE (STAFF AND FAMILIES) CAN TRAVEL TO SCHOOL SAFELY FROM THE MANY DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE COUNTY.



Red Room

Well, the Red Room friends enjoyed December and all the holidays had to bring. Welcome 2026! We have had a great start to the new year. We are ready for some fun and learning in 2026. We started off January talking about the new year and winter weather. We talked about the changes we see in winter. Brrr, there have been some cold days in Maryland so far. A few times, we went outside and even got to explore in the snow that fell on the ground. Then we talked about winter animals. We talked about how animals adapt to the cold weather. Also, we talked about arctic animals like polar bears and penguins. We learned different characteristics of polar bears and penguins. Next, we will talk about colors and how colors are all around the world we live in. We will talk about primary colors and secondary colors. Finally, we will talk about opposites. We will name opposites. We will sing songs like "Two Little Blackbirds and act out "We are Going on a Bear Hunt."

Bundle up because February is coming next. We will start with a theme on shapes. We will go on a shape hunt and look for the shapes all around us. Then we will talk about mail carriers and valentine's day. We will talk about what mail carriers do for their job, why his or her job is important, and the parts of a letter. We will understand what Valentine's Day is and how we can show love to the people around us. We will do an author study of Norman Bridwell, the author of the Clifford series. We will talk about what an author and illustrator do. We will end the month of February talking about rhyming words. We will learn some rhyming words and why we call them rhyming words. What makes words rhyme?

On Friday, February 13th, we will be having a Valentine's Day party. Please keep a look out for our party list that will be posted by the sign in/out clipboard. Below there is a complete list of our Red Room friends for any valentine's you wish to send in.

Now in the Red Room, many friends are getting into cooperative play. As teachers, it is fun to see the friends interact with each other throughout the day. We are improving on taking turns when playing with toys. We are learning to ask for a turn and wait until it is our turn to play with a toy. We are continuing to work on our conversation skills when we ask our friends questions and answer their questions especially during lunch and snack times.

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The children are happy to be back in the new year so they can play with their friends. The teachers are happy to see their smiling faces. Thank you for sending your child to WEE. As teachers we love to watching your child learn and grow each day. Nothing beats seeing the world through a child's eyes.

Happy Birthday to Scarlett (12/7), Alma (12/10), Cora (1/4), Connor (1/19), and Ellie (2/7)

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

Red Room Friends

Alma

Elliot

Natalie

Beau

Jude

Ollie

Connor

Maggie

Cora

Miryam

Scarlett

Ellie

Reese



YELLOW Room

Welcome back! We hope you had a happy and relaxing holiday break! Decenter was filled with lots of holiday joy! We all enjoyed hearing the story of Baby Jesus' Birth, decorating our room and making special presents for you.

In January we will be talking about the season of Winter. We will be making snowmen, snowflakes, snow globes, etc. We will also be learning about Artic animals and how they stay warm in the winter. In addition, we talk about the different animals that hibernate. We will continue learning our letters, numbers, patterns, and working on our scissor skills and more throughout the month.

The Yellow room teachers are looking forward to a fantastic second half of the school year and we want to all our families wish a happy and healthy 2026!

The Yellow Room Is excited to head into February with lots of talk about love, space, and the Lunar New Year! We will be working on rhyming words, opposites, and writing our names. We will also be making a dragon and talking about the culture surrounding the Lunar New Year. February is Black History Month so we will be learning and celebrating the contributions that have made the world a better place.

We will have a Valentines Day Party this month too! Information will come home soon! We will also start Show and Tell in March!

Your children have been working so well together! It is always exciting to see their growth and the friendships they are making!

Happy Birthday to Bennett (12/6), Charlotte (1/19), Millie (2/15), Ms. Bev (2/22), and Ms. Rose (2/28)!

Love, Ms. Bev, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Kristen,
Ms. Kate and Ms. Rose



Blue Room

In December we had so much fun celebrating Holidays Around the World and learning why we celebrate Christmas. We were so happy that so many family members could join us for our Christmas program and party. Thank you so much for your generosity with your gifts to us as well as your contributions for our class party.

We are having such a wonderful January learning all about snow, ice, and winter animals. Your children are working so well together. They have made so many great friendships. Some of the skills practiced every day are letter recognition and engaging together at circle time, and following classroom rules/routines. We are working on beginning to trace our names, fine motor skills, number recognition, and colors/shapes. We talked about MLK Day and what it means.

We will start the month of February learning opposites and about the Lunar New Year. Then we will be talking all about Black History Month and what diversity means and its importance. Then we will celebrate Valentine's Day and have our classroom party. We will continue on with Star Students and look forward to continuing to learn about each one of our Blue Room friends!

We will be having our Valentine's Day party on Friday, February 13th and will be exchanging cards. We will send out a class list closer to the party day. A party sign up will be posted on the main door. We are looking forward to an exciting February!

Thank you for sharing your children with us.

Happy Birthday to Owen (1/4), Ms. Becky (2/15), and Teddy (2/16)!

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



Green Room

Dear Families,

Christmas is such a special time with children! It was a pleasure to see the children's excitement each morning when they saw the new place where Frosty The Green Room Elf was hiding in December. Ms. Claire, our music teacher, said that the Green Room class did a terrific job with the Christmas songs at our Christmas Program! It was so rewarding seeing how well the children sang! The children's wonder and joy was so appreciated as they learned about the first Christmas when Baby Jesus was born. The children learned new vocabulary from this very special story: Nativity, Advent, and Savior. They also learned that God loves us so much that He sent His son to save the world!

Some of the Christmas activities we enjoyed were: making and decorating Christmas crafts and ornaments, listening to stories about Santa Claus and reindeer, and enjoying the story: "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas". Thank you to Nora's Mom for sharing a Christmas story and cupcakes with us! We are also thankful to Cole and Georgia's Mom's for teaching us how to decorate sugar cookies and reading us the story "The Snowman Who Ate Christmas Cookies"!

January News

During the month of January, the Green Room themes will be: polar/arctic animals, hibernation, migration and adaptation, and the season of winter. We will also celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. and the important lessons he taught

We will work on the following skills. Writing the letters and knowing the sounds of: Nn, Zz, and Xx, matching upper and lower case letters, recognizing sight words, recognizing opposites, ABC patterns, which number is bigger, counting by five's, working with double digit numbers, and equal and non-equal sets. We will also work on retelling stories. Did you know that in the Green Room we are getting ready for Kindergarten? During center time, the children work in small groups and rotate through three activities, similar to the Kindergarten structure. Each day the type of activities are: a math or pre-reading skill, a fine motor skill, and free play. Also at least once a week, the children will participate in a STEM activity and an Art activity.

Moving into February...

The themes for the month of February will be: Groundhog Day, God's Love and Friendship/ Valentine's Day, Black History, 100th Day of School, and Planets and Space. We will learn about Jesus' miracles and how God cares for us and how to treat others. During the theme of Black History, we will introduce the children to famous Black Americans and their contributions to society. During the space unit, we will learn about the sun, the moon, and each of the planets.

February Skills and Developments:

The Green Room friends will be working on a 100th Day project this month. More information coming soon!

We will start to introduce more sight words. Sight words are words that are read frequently and do not need to be sounded out, for example: the, I, and, have, at, you, are, me, etc. Along with the sight words, the children will be introduced to sentence structure.

We will also begin using Little Readers. Little Readers are simple stories using sight words. The children will take a reader home each week or so, and can practice reading the sight words at home.

The math skills will be: AABC patterns, the teen numbers, ordinal numbers, making comparisons, simple addition, and making sets of 10.

Upcoming Events:

1. The 100th Day of School Celebration will tentatively be on February 11th.
2. We will have a Valentine's Day Party on Friday, February 13th. There will be a sign up sheet for the party next to the sign in and out clip board. We will also send a class list for Valentines through the Dojo App.

Happy Birthday to Maddox (12/23), Leo (1/20), Kai (1/26),
Daisy (2/9), and Vera (2/20)!

Thank you for your support!

We love teaching your children!

Love, Ms. Betsy, Ms. Carol, and Ms. Izzy



Purple Room

Happy New Year Purple Room Families!

We hope that you had the most wonderful Christmas break! In December, we focused on letters Nn, Zz, & Xx. We practiced opposites and rhyming, and our pattern was AAB. Our themes were Advent, St. Nicholas Day, Hanukkah, and Christmas. Playing the dreidel game was a huge hit!

In January, our focus is on letters Aa, Yy, & Kk. We will match upper/lower-case letters. We will reinforce counting by 10's & 5's, and demonstrate using tally marks. We will concentrate on the ABB pattern, and our number focus will be 11, 12, & 13. Comparisons of size/shape, as well as sequencing, are skills that will be highlighted. We've already created another class book about what we enjoy most about snowy days!

Our January themes are winter and hibernation/migration/adaptation, with our sensory bin having a winter theme. We will wear pajamas (yay) to celebrate the bears that will hibernate in our room (date TBD), have fun building block igloos, pretending to ice fish, as well as have indoor snowball "fights"! We've talked about Dr. MLK, Jr. and his dream for equality with peace. Our January door tags are birthdays and will be for February as well.

Our February focus will be Arctic Animals, Valentine's Day, 100th Day of School (more information coming soon), Lunar New Year, and Dental Health. Our pattern will be ABCD, letters Cc, Qq, & Gg, and numbers 14, 15, & 16. Last name tracing/writing will begin, and another class book will be created. We will have new morning and snack prayers, as well as a new patriotic song. We will celebrate Valentine's Day with a class party on Thursday, 2/12 (sign-up sheet will be posted soon)! Exchanging Valentine cards is welcome, encouraged, and fun... BUT please leave the envelopes BLANK (no names) for easier distribution!

As always, thank you for sharing your children with us! We are extremely lucky to be their teachers.

With Love,

Ms. Stacie & Mr. Nate



Art News from Ms. Carol

For art in December and January we focused on holiday and winter themed projects. All of the classes learned about American artist, Norman Rockwell, and did snowman paintings, collages or sculptures. The Red Room also learned about artists, Paul Klee and Vincent van Gogh, while experimenting with different types of paints. Later this month, the Threes will be using chalk pastels to create a picture of The Northern Lights or Aurora Borealis. Both the Threes and Pre K will end January by creating some winter scenes with watercolors.

In February we will be doing some Valentine's Day projects inspired by artist, Jim Dine. We will also celebrate Black History Month by learning about artists, Alma Thomas, Jean Michel-Basquiat, and Amy Sherald.

Love, Ms. Carol



Science Findings from Ms. Dawn

January and February are two of my favorite months! It might be because my birthday and 45th anniversary are in January!

Thank you for all of the lovely Christmas cards and gifts!. It is my pleasure to spend Science time with your young Scientists!

In January and February we will continue with simple machines. We have learned about levers so far. We will see how wheels and axils, ramps, pulleys, wedges, springs, and how a few other things help to make jobs easier.

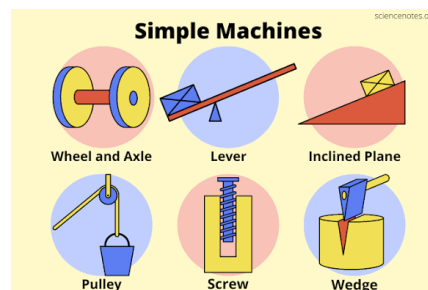
If we happen to get snow, we may switch gears and talk about weather for a bit.

We are looking ahead to having two surprise guests in the next few months.

Enjoy the moments of being in the Winter season. Life moves so fast, spring will be here before you know it!

Love,

Ms. Dawn



Music Notes from Ms. Claire

The children had so much fun singing songs about Christmas. They were so excited to share the Christmas songs in with you at our annual Christmas program. Upon our return after the holidays, we have been learning some songs about Winter (a favorite is “Frosty the Snowman”)! The children enjoy using instruments and dancing scarves. It's great to see their enthusiasm and participation in movement. We tossed felt snowflakes and now we are talking about the Winter Olympics! We will also celebrate Valentine’s Day in February! Singing and movement is so much fun! Every class enjoys the time together! Happy 2026!

Love, Ms. Claire



Fall Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our survey. All of your responses were heard and appreciated. We will continue to consider them and how we can make improvements as we move through the year and start planning for next year.

Positives:

- Walking into WEE never fails to bring a smile to my face. You all work so hard to provide truly vibrant, child-centered, safe, but fun physical spaces, from the classrooms to the hallways and even the bathrooms! I know it is a lot of work, and we appreciate that aspect.
- My child is doing really well this year and the teachers do an excellent job letting me know. My child looks forward to class every day!
- Can't say enough good things about the curriculum!
- The proof in how good you all are is in how much our kids love going to school each day.
- We really love the before and after care in both the availability of it and how they make it fun for our daughter.
- I love the new bathroom renovations and making them gender neutral.
- We are very happy! Our kiddo loves to come to school and is always talking about his classroom and specials.
- The staff. Their care for our children is very evident. Thank you :)
- Providing a loving, caring environment filled with incredible activities.
- I think the staff plan great lessons. I love talking to my child about what they did at school. She always talks to me about her science lesson, soccer, and her art classes and I can tell that she feels very confident at school. From a learning standpoint I can already see improvement in the way she writes her name (she has started adding little flourishes on the letters).
- WEE is such a loving and thoughtful environment. We love seeing the family and culture created.
- IT's such a great loving, supportive environment. WEE has a way of making each child and family feel like the most important.
- WEE does so much to create a loving and trustworthy environment while at the same time teaching foundational skills.

Fall Survey Results-continued

Positives:

- You all make our kids feel loved, you prepare them for elementary school and help teach them independence, they are actually EXCITED to go to school each day and that's because you've created such a good environment for them. They feel safe at WEE.
- The open and safe environment for children to learn at their appropriate age and pace. There is a wide range of development at WEE and I feel like all children are nicely looked after.
- LOVE Class Dojo and how it is being utilized- such a great feature! The monthly newsletter is also so helpful for events to attend (i.e. trunk or treat)! Thank you!
- We love the consistency of our after school staff. They are always so kind and nurturing. We love seeing them play with the kids and dedicate their time to our students.

Room for Improvement/Questions:

- Not enough grade levels offered:(Increase to 12th grade)
- We enjoyed the Parent Orientation Night, but needed some clarity on a few things that returning parents seemed to already know/understand.
- Where is the snack menu? (*This is hung in the kitchen on the refrigerator and can be found on our website at www.weecenter.net*).

Words to Describe WEE:

<i>nurturing</i>	<i>welcoming</i>	<i>supportive</i>	<i>amazing</i>
<i>well-run</i>	<i>happy</i>	<i>family</i>	<i>loving</i>
<i>extraordinary</i>	<i>safe</i>	<i>exceptional</i>	<i>love</i>
<i>spectacular</i>	<i>fun</i>	<i>caring</i>	<i>joyful</i>
<i>wonderful</i>	<i>appropriate</i>	<i>Godsend</i>	<i>blessing</i>

We love WEE!

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Dates to Remember

Monday, February 16th

Friday, March 20th

Thursday, April 2nd

Friday, April 3rd-

Friday, April 10th

Monday, April 13th

WEE Closed-President's Day

WEE Closed-Professional Day

WEE Closes at Noon

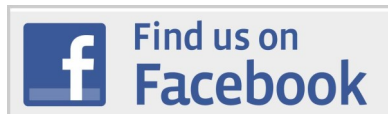
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