Woodbrook Early Education

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Dear Families,

We have already begun our second month of school- that's crazy to think about! The children have done a fantastic job of getting accustomed to our school routines and structure. We are seeing friendships form and the children are starting to share so much with their teachers. Their personalities are really starting to shine. Some of our friends will take a little longer to adjust and that is okay too. We often like to use the word, yet. They aren't there yet, but they will be and sometimes watching that moment of transition or learning something new, is the best part of our day!

You can help your child be successful at school by encouraging them to try things at home. This will be different for each child. Some may be working on putting on shoes independently. Others may be potty training. We want to encourage you to take the time to let your child attempt to do this for themselves. We know that as adults, we are often hurrying from one thing to the next, but it is incredibly important for the child to be included and involved in what is happening. This is how they learn best-by doing. If they have trouble, tell them it's okay, remind them there are things that you can't do yet or that are hard for you but that you keep trying. Take time to celebrate successes when they do things independently as well. As they are learning new things or adjusting to new schedules/routines, sometimes there are behavior issues that arise. This can be out of frustration, not understanding, or anxiety with the new.

We encourage you to talk with your child's teachers so that everyone can work together to best support your child. While the process takes time, it is so rewarding to see their smiles when they have successes.

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As we begin October, we will feel a change in weather. We are loving the cooler temperatures and more outside time. Remember that it can still be cold in the morning and very warm at times in the afternoon. Layers are often the best solution during this transitional weather. Be sure to check the extra clothes in your children's/child's backpack or cubby so that they are appropriate for the season.

Fall is a wonderful time to explore the areas around us. The Baltimore area has many fun places that can be enjoyed as a family. We encourage you to take walks outside and look for signs of fall. It is fun to visit a local farm and go apple picking or choose your pumpkin together if your family carves one for Halloween. We have attached some local farms that you could visit. Always check their websites for more information about visiting before you go.

Thank you for allowing us to partner with you as we help your child grow and learn this year!

With love,

Angela

A Few Area Pumpkin Farms & Fall Activities

Weber's Cider Mill Farm
2526 Proctor Lane
Baltimore, MD 21234

Chapel Hills Farm & Nursery
4350 Chapel Road
Perry Hall, MD 21128

Clark's Elioak Farm
10500 Clarksville Pike
(rte. 108)
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Summers Farm
5620 Butterfly Lane
Frederick, MD 21703

Baugher's Farm
1236 Baugher Road
Westminster, MD 21158

Beachmont Corn Maze
6433 Mt. Vista Road
Kingsville, MD 21087

Fresh McKenzie Charlotte's Web Corn Maze
5445 Patterson Road
Baldwin, MD 21013

Good Health Reminders

If your child/children are showing symptoms of an infectious illness such as COVID-19, influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), or gastrointestinal infections, they should not attend school and should be tested for COVID-19 if appropriate. If the test is negative, they may return when symptoms are improved, and they have no fever for 24 hours without medication.

***Symptoms Requiring a Test:**

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

RED Room

We can not believe how fast the month of September flew by! We have had very few tears in the Red Room, but the children seemed to adjust in record time. Everyone seems to be enjoying school and each other!

In the month of September we started off with a two week unit on School Friends. We worked on recognizing our friends by name and a few safety rules. The following unit was called “All About Me.” We talked about our physical body as well as our feelings. We learned that feelings are always changing and we are very special. We finished the month with a two week unit exploring Farm Life. We talked about the names of the animals, animal sounds, where the animals live on the farm, and how they help us. We also talked about what grows on a farm. We worked on recognizing colors, counting, and recognizing our written names. We now have the children’s pictures on the name tags and cubbies. We also worked on the children’s written names in our group setting.

In October we will first talk about pets and how to care for them. We will have a veterinarian clinic set up in our home living area. The following week is National Fire Safety Week. We will learn how fire fighters protect us and why they need to wear a special uniform while putting out a fire. On October 13h the fire department will bring a truck to our school as an in house field trip. All are welcome to come see the program. Please ask your child’s teachers or stop by Ms. Elise & Ms. Angela’s office for more information about the visit if you would like to stop by that morning. After this unit we will have a two week unit on the season of Fall. We will be talking about Fall changes and Fall colors. Towards the end of October we will celebrate Fall with a Fall Fun Fest. Details will be forthcoming. We will continue to work on counting, colors, and recognizing the children’s names.

The Red Room book is complete. Thank you for sending in a family picture. The children really enjoy looking at all the pictures. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child’s life. We are grateful and your children are amazing!

Happy September & October Birthday to:

Maggie (9/20), Ms. Aleia (9/21), Natalie (9/29), Beau (10/29), Reese (10/31), and Elliot (10/31)

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

P.S.: In the next few months we will have several birthdays and celebrations are welcome! Please let us know if you would like to send in a special snack.

Thank you and have a Blessed Day!

Who is in the **RED ROOM?**

Karen Mann– This is my 33rd year at the WEE Center. I started teaching when my youngest child was 2 years old and never left! I enjoy working in a Christian school where everyone is so supportive of one another. I also love helping the children grow and develop new skills. Your children are so amazing and so very precious!

I work part time in the Red Room. On my days off I help the teachers in my grandchildren's schools. I now have 12 grandchildren!! Three of my grandchildren have graduated from WEE. On weekends I like to go to the their recreation games. I also enjoy family gatherings and going to the beach in the summer. My other hobbies are reading and cross stitching. When asked to describe herself, Ms. Karen says she is "a worker"

**Something you might not know about me—Ms. Bev in the Yellow Room is my sister!

Ms. Michelle: This is my3rd year at WEE. I graduated from Towson University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. I have been teaching preschool for 20 years. I love watching children learn, grow, and blossom through the year. It brings me so much joy to have daily conversations and to interact with children each day. I love hiking, and going to the gym. I love baseball and football……Go Orioles and Go Ravens! I am very involved in my church and I live with my twin sister in the White Marsh area.

**Something you may not know about me is that I have lived with my sister for all of my life except for 3 months.

Who is in the **RED ROOM?**

Ms. Aleia: This is Ms. Aleia's 4th year at the WEE Center! She has been teaching for 6 years but she has been taking care of children since she was 5 years old. Her hobbies include singing, reading, cooking, and crossword puzzlers. Ms. Aleia is very excited to be back in the Red Room this year!

**Something you may not know about me is that I have 5 older brothers! I also love the beach!

Ms. Katherine: Hi I am Ms. Katherine. I have been in childcare for about 12 years now and it has always been my passion. I am certified in childcare and development and have been everything from a nanny to a pre-k teacher. When I am not working I love going hiking, reading and painting with my boyfriend. I have lived in Rodger's Forge my entire life. I truly believe I am as made to be a teacher and to work with kids and am proud to be apart of the WEE School family.

**Something you may not know about me is that my brother is a WEE School graduate!

YELLOW Room

September flew by! The children have really adjusted well to the routine in the Yellow Room. We have been having a wonderful time getting to know your children! The class has been amazing getting to know the new classroom routine. The teachers are looking forward to a fantastic year watching your children grow!

October will be filled with lots of fall fun! We will be learning about Apples, Fire Safety, Fall, and we will end the month with a Fall Funfest. Details will be forthcoming.

With Fire Safety we will practice how to Stop, Drop and Roll if our clothes should catch on fire. The fire fighters will be coming to visit too! Stay tuned for the date. During our Apple theme we will be tasting and graphing our favorite apples. We will be making a lot of apple art too! We will also be talking about Fall and all the changes God brings about. We will be going on nature walks as we look for signs of Fall. Throughout the month we will continue to work on our letter of the week, scissors skills and numbers. The children have really enjoyed the Bible stories and our Specials! It's been a great start to the year.

Happy September Birthdays to Paul (9/1), Greta (9/9), Natalie (9/10), Sophie M. (9/19), and Emma (9/20).

Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us! Happy Fall!

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

Who is in the YELLOW ROOM?

Bev Cvach: This is my 42nd year teaching and 35th year at the WEE Center. I have taught 2's and 3's while at the WEE Center. My husband, Paul, and I have been married for 50 years and we have 3 children. We have 11 grandchildren, 7 of which have graduated from WEE and 3 are still attending. I love to travel and enjoy watching my grandchildren play sports. If I had not been a teacher I would have become a missionary. I look forward to going to WEE because it feels like an extended family.

**Something you might not know about me is that my youngest daughter was in my first class at WEE!

Ms. Jordan I am excited to be in my 6th year at the WEE Center as a Yellow Room teacher. I have been a teacher for 11 years and am a mommy to my 3 children. I grew up in Baltimore. When I am not at school I enjoy spending time with family and friends. My favorite store is Target and I love Disney.

**Something you may not know about me is that I am not a fan of chocolate and I love shopping.

Ms. Kristen: I have an AA Degree in Early Childhood Education. I have been teaching for 33 years. This is my 2nd year here at the WEE School. I love to work with children of all ages, but preschool is where I enjoy it the most! Outside of WEE I enjoy spending time with Charlie (we have been together for 27 years), and spending time with friends and family. I love country music and enjoy my yearly trip to Nashville, TN for the CMA Festival. Some of my favorite things are spicy foods, vanilla flavored foods, and Pappas in Cockeysville (they have the BEST crab cakes!).

Something you might not know about me is that I have been to almost all 50 states (10 more to go) and I lived in Japan in the mid-1980"s. Also, I am a Steelers fan (not a Ravens fan), but her favorite color is purple!

Who is in the YELLOW ROOM?

Ms. Kate: This is my 5th year as an Assistant Teacher at WEE. My love of children comes from being the eldest of 10 cousins. In my free time I crochet, go on nature walks, and spend time with my loved ones. Some of my favorites in life are my 3 dogs, chocolate (or anything sweet), springtime, Christmas, Hershey Park, and Taylor Swift.

Ms. Rose: This is my first year at the WEE Center, and I am excited to be part of the team. I have four pets: two birds named Kiwi and Sky, and two cats named Eggo and Sniffles. In my free time, I enjoy shopping, creating art, going on nature adventures, and video gaming. I also have a special love for Sanrio-anything Sanrio quickly catches my eye!

**Something you may not know about Ms. Rose is that she lived in Iraq for 6-7 years and speaks 4 languages. She also used to practice boxing!

Blue Room

Happy October! Our 1st month of school was great! The children are still adjusting to our classroom rules and routines. We introduced the calendar and are working on a letter of the alphabet each week. So far we have focused on the letter A. We have talked about ourselves and our families, and apples.

This month we will review fire safety, Fall and Fall Changes, pumpkins, and fiction vs non-fiction stories. In October we are also practicing hand washing, our manners such as saying, “please,” “thank you,” and “excuse me,” and independent self-care skills, including bathroom usage. The children also enjoy counting, singing, art, and Fun Friday dance parties.

In October the Fire Fighters will be coming to visit us on the 13th. At the end of the month we will celebrate fall with our annual Fall Fun Fest. Stay tuned for details.

Happy September & October Birthdays to Ms. Angela (9/14), Ms. Ellie (9/24), Olive S. (9/28), and Charles D. (10/15)

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to teach your children. We are so excited to see how they grow this year!

Love,

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

Who Is In the Blue Room?

Ms. Dominique: I am from Baltimore (more specifically, Towson). I grew up in the Towson area and loved every moment of it. While this 2025-2026 school year is my 5th year at the WEE Center, and my 11th year teaching. I have been with children for as long as I can remember. I started with babysitting and my love for children grew from there. I have worked in multiple school settings from being in a before and after care program for school aged children, a Pre-K teacher, and more recently, 3 year olds. I started my schooling at CCBC pursuing my AA degree in Early Childhood Education and that's when I knew my passion is teaching. When I am not teaching I love to paint. I look forward to my career at the WEE Center and hope to learn from the children as they learn from her.

**Something you might not know about me is that I have a dog named Xena and a cat named Chewbacca.

Ms. Becky: I am excited to be back this year and am an assistant teacher in the Blue Room/3's class. I live in Hampden with my husband. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family and friends going to the movies, and trying new restaurants. I have been in the teaching field for several years and it is truly my passion. I really enjoy taking the time to get to know each and everyone of my students and watching them grow throughout the year.
**Something you may not know about me is that I have a dog named Lily.

Ms. Ellie: This is my 4th year in the Blue Room and I am so excited to be here! I live with my Grandma and my dog, Izy, who I love to travel with! I also work with middle schoolers at a youth group on Friday nights. I love to travel, listen to music, and crochet in my free time!

**Something you might not know about me is that I have been to over 50 concerts!

Ms. Angela: When not being the director for WEE I am excited to be in the classroom! I taught in the Green Room for 7 years and am enjoying being in the Blue Room with the 3 year olds.

**Something you might not know about me is that I have 3 cats named Luna, Dusty, and Twilight that live in my house.

Green Room

Hello Families,

The Green Room friends did a terrific job during the month of September. We really enjoyed getting to know each other, making new friends, and for some of us, getting reacquainted with friends from last year. The children have become familiar with the daily routine, schedule, and classroom rules.

Social/Emotional Development: In Pre-K, it can be exciting to be more independent and have more responsibilities, but it also takes some time getting used to and adjusting. Just within these first few weeks, the children have become independent with many skills. Parents are often pleasantly surprised by what their children can do independently. Here are a few examples: putting belongings in their cubbies, putting on and zipping their jackets, putting their fitted sheets on their cots, packing up their rest/nap belongings, putting on their shoes, and later in the year, tying their shoes.

Fostering and encouraging age-appropriate independence helps build confidence and self-esteem. Young children show excitement and pride as they master a new independent skill. We have seen this excitement recently as the children have learned to make up their cot or pack up their belongings all by themselves. One of the best gifts we can give our children is showing them that we believe they can do things independently and give them opportunities to try new skills. Will the children do these skills perfectly or the way we prefer them to be done? Probably not, but the important thing is that the children are learning how to be independent one step at a time, and we are preparing them for the real world.

We have also been giving the children many opportunities to write with a pencil and cut with scissors independently. We have found that using small, golf pencils are really helpful for pre-k writing. You may want to use golf pencils at home! In addition, practicing cutting at home (with a child's pair of scissors) would be a great idea. Children enjoy cutting up old magazines or old wrapping paper. Please feel free to ask us how a child should hold a pencil or scissors.

Green Room

During the month of October, we will be focusing on the following themes: Community Helpers and Fire Prevention, Farm Life, and the Season of Fall/Autumn.

In Pre-K, we do not go in alphabetical order when working on the letters. We follow a curriculum based on writing the letters. So, we start with the letters that are the easiest to write and gradually progress to more challenging letters. In October, we will focus on letters: Ff, Ee, and Hh. The children will learn the sounds and how to write the letters.

For Math, the children will be focusing on: patterns, putting items in the correct sequence or order, putting numbers in order, counting 1 through 20, and counting by 10's.

More information is coming soon about a Harvest/Halloween Party!

Happy September & October Birthdays to: Harry (9/2), Ms. Betsy (9/16), Ms. Carol on 10/6, Roxanna (10/9), Kathleen (10/11), and Audrey (10/15).

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. The DOJO app is the best way to get in touch with the teachers.

We love teaching your children!

With God's Blessings,

Ms. Betsy, Ms. Carol, and Ms. Katherine

Who Is In The Green Room

Betsy Walker: I have been teaching in private or Christian schools for over 30 years and have taught preschool through eighth grade. I love teaching pre-k children because they are so joyful and eager to learn. When I am not teaching, I enjoy spending time with my family (my husband, Ben, and daughter Lydia, 21), reading, traveling, and swimming. I am thrilled to be back for my 5th year at WEE! I love teaching at WEE because the administration and teachers are so kind and fun!
**Something you may not know about me is that I have traveled to most of the 50 states, except Hawaii and Alaska, but I hope to visit those states too!

Carol Anstett: I am happy to be returning to WEE for my fifth year in the Green Room and teaching art. Before coming to WEE I worked as a free-lance photographer and as an art teacher. I taught art in several different schools to children aged 18 months through middle school. I found I loved teaching preschool children the most and so have been very happy to be at WEE teaching Pre K in the Green Room and still also being able to teach art to the whole school.

I have three "children" of my own, Nic (32), Will (29), and Lucy (22). When I am not teaching, I love to be out hiking with my two Labradoodles, Maxx and Finn.

**Something you may not know about me is that I have pet chickens!

Ms. Katherine: Hi I am Ms. Katherine. I have been in childcare for about 12 years now and it has always been my passion. I am certified in childcare and development and have been everything from a nanny to a pre k teacher. When I am not working I love going hiking, reading and painting with my boyfriend. I have lived in Rodger's Forge my entire life. I truly believe I am as made to be a teacher and to work with kids and am proud to be apart of the WEE School family.

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Purple Room

Happy October Purple Room Families! September was a very busy month (that zoomed by), as we all got used to being together and becoming friends. The children have been working very hard and have acclimated to becoming Pre-K students, and friends, very well!

We worked on letters “Ll”, “Tt”, and “Ii”, learning the sound each makes, how to write it correctly, coloring pictures that start with the letter sounds, and hearing poems that have lots of words that begin with each sound. We are learning to recognize our first names written on many different things in our room, did lots of creative play during center time, learned new finger plays/ songs/prayers, developed our classroom rules, and learned a lot about apples!

During October we will continue to focus on more letters. By emphasizing the beginning sounds of words (for example: lollipop, dog, milk, or flag) you can help your child make the connection. Our October letters are: “Ff”, “Ee”, “Hh”, “Vv”, and “Ww”. We will enjoy studying fall, pumpkins, leaves, fire safety, and maybe community helpers.

We are practicing writing our first names with a capital letter at the beginning, and as lower case. When practicing name writing at home, please have your child write his/her name this way. Also, check for their pincer grip when holding a crayon, marker, or pencil. The shorter the pencil, the easier it is to maintain the proper writing grip.

Thank you for entrusting us each day with your children. They are a precious gift who make us very proud each day, bring many smiles to our faces, and always keep us on our toes.

Happy September and October Birthdays to: Sloane (9/11), Joshua (10/4), Taylor (10/6), Dash, Ruth (10/11), (10/14), and Amy (10/24)!

Love, Ms. Stacie and Mr. Nate

Who is with your kiddos in the Purple Room?

Stacie Handley: This is my 5th year at WEE Center, but been in early childhood classrooms for 25 years! I graduated from UMBC (University MD Baltimore County) with a BA in Psychology and Early Childhood Education. I have spent my entire career teaching children aged 3-6, and was in the Archdiocesan schools for 19 of them. I will be married 24 years in January to my husband, Kurt. We have 2 daughters, Emma (a first year SLP grad student at Loyola… who has worked at WEE when she can for the last 3 ½ years; many of you know her) and Anna (a junior, studying Marketing and Management at UMD). I also have an adorable rescue Pittie named Wynnie, who is ~11 ½ years old now. Wynnie is quite loved and very spoiled! I am excited to continue teaching at WEE, and can't wait to spend this school year with your children. I enjoy dining out, reading, binging Netflix, napping, chocolate, and all MD teams (especially the Orioles; Dean Kremer is my favorite player). I absolutely love the beach (and hope to retire there one day), dogs, and warm/hot weather.

** Something you might not know about me is that I am a 16 ½ year breast cancer survivor (yay!), very strongly dislike the cold, winter, and snow… and I despise spiders and heights (but will enjoy a good roller coaster while screaming like crazy)!

Nate Moultrie: This is my 5th year at WEE Center and I am 41 years old. After having worked in child care for many years at the Rogers Forge Early Learning Center, the YMCA, and Little Friends, I was lucky to join WEE. I truly love working with children. When I am not at school (which is a lot, as I do aftercare each afternoon as well), I am an up and coming DJ! I have four brothers, think cats are weird, love my mom, and am a good dancer. I love to bring happiness, fun, and energy each day!

**Something you might not know about me is that my favorite song is "I'm a Survivor" by Destiny's Child.

Art with Ms. Carol

We started off the year in art with the simplest of forms, The Dot! We celebrated International Dot Day the week of September 15 by reading The Dot, by Peter Reynolds and by creating several kinds of dot pictures. The following week we continued with dots and learned about Georges Seurat and pointillism. In Pre K we will move from dots to creating different kinds of lines in both 2D and 3D art forms. The 2s and 3s have been exploring color mixing and learning about the color wheel.

In October we will do some fall theme art projects and sculptures. We will continue to explore color mixing along with color tinting and shading. October is also Hispanic Heritage Month, and we will be looking at some artwork by Hispanic artists, Diego Rivera, Jose Posada, and Frida Kahlo.

Music with Ms. Claire

The children are having so much fun learning songs about September and the beginning of Fall/ Autumn. We had fun singing with numbers, the alphabet, and movement. We used scarves to dance, flags to march to Patriotic songs and seasonal props to enrich the songs of Fall. In October, we will continue songs of Fall as well as Halloween. Each month we will focus on a specific patriotic song and celebrating any holiday. Why do we teach Music? There are so many skills that are taught during this time: listening, following directions, and learning vocabulary (language); learning rhythm (sensory); improve coordination (physical); and increase memory (intellectual). Plus--IT'S FUN!

Pre-K Bible with Ms. Claire

I love teaching Bible stories with the Pre-K children. We will learn a new Bible story each week. In December, we will focus on the birth of Jesus. In March, we will focus on Easter. At the end of the school year, each Pre-K child will take home a Bible with pictures in it of all the Bible stories.

Ms. Claire: This is my 44th year teaching and 37th year at the WEE Center. I have taught children from infancy to First Grade. I love to quilt and scrap book. I also love the process of taking photos for scrapbooks. I have 3 children, with one son living close by in Anne Arundel County. My favorite places to visit are Louisiana where my other son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter live, and Arizona, where my daughter, son-in-law, granddaughter, and grandson live. I come from a large family and she is one of 6 children. I enjoy doing art and music and sharing God's love with the children. This is part of making complete experiences for the children. In one word, I would describe myself as creative.

**Something you might not know about me is that I started cooking dinner for 9 people Monday– Friday when I was 9 years old. I also love snow almost as much as the color purple!

Science with Ms. Dawn

September in science brought some bright smiles and some curious questions! We are working towards doing our own experiments. Even our 2's will be joining in the fun. Right now, we are working on thinking like a scientist. This includes questioning things, looking at what happened and describing it. In Pre-K they will have started their science journal. This is where they document what we did through drawing. This is one of the places we talk about thinking like a scientist. I ask them-"Did I have a dinosaur in the room?" "No" . "Did we have a garden in the room?" "No". But let's talk about what we did see while in science. They are amazing! Our 3's are using verbal documentation and learning science vocabulary.

I strive to help the all the children know: It is fun to explore, observe and guess! It is amazing to see change and wonder what made it happen. It is fun to sometimes almost know why it happened. And it is a wonderful thing to have fun learning!! It is ok to make a mess, but we all have to help clean them up…. with a good attitude. It is ok for something not to work, and we can learn lots from these events. I can work with a partner and we can do it well. We can have conversations that help us as we explore and observe and guess (3's and 4's). I can document in my journal what we did, what we used and what I saw (4's). I can document what we did by describing it. We are going to be studying liquids, gas and solids in October and then we will have some fun with magnets. Be sure to play together lots, laugh together, and hug!

Ms. Dawn: I have been teaching for over 43 years and started at WEE in 1998. I became the Director in 2000 and retired from that position just prior to Covid. I then continued at WEE as a part-time classroom teacher. I have also been a teacher trainer for 20+ years and was an adjunct professor at CCBC for 10 years.

I love teaching Science! I also love to learn new things so I am a pretend artist who loves trying to be a real artist. I like giving gifts, as well as receiving them. :)
I also teach Science to a group of home schooled friends who are ages 3-11.

I have been married for almost 46 years to my husband and resident rock hound, Howard. We have a daughter, Elizabeth, and a grand-doggie, Sugar.

**Something you may not know about me is that my favorite Bible verse is Isaiah 40:31.

Who is in the Office?

Angela Peterson: This is my 13th year at the WEE Center, fifth year directing at WEE and 20th year working in early childhood. My daughter is a WEE school graduate and is now a senior in high school. I also have a 22-year-old son who is attending college locally. I have a BA in Child Psychology. I was born in North Carolina and lived most of my life in Richmond, Virginia. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends and am looking forward to fire pit season. I also love cats and am sometimes called a crazy cat lady. I can be described as "caring" and I love the family feeling we provide our children and families here at WEE Center.

**Something you might not know about me is that I went to an all-women's college and met my husband at a ballroom dancing class.

Elise DeFilippis: This is my 14th year working at the WEE Center, but I have been at WEE as a parent since 2008. I taught in the Blue Room for two years, in the Green room for 5 years, and have been in the office since 2019. Both of my children are WEE Graduates and are now a senior in High School and junior in college. I obtained my Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and my Masters of Science Degree in Human Service Management in Special Education from Western Maryland College in 1994 and 1997 respectively. I have taught children from 3-9 years old, education setting, a Service Coordinator for adults with developmental disabilities, a behavior interventionist at Kennedy Krieger/The LEAP School, and I was a Service Coordinator for children receiving Autism Waiver Services in Maryland . I am also the Chairperson of the Board of Directors for TARGET Community & Educational Services in Westminster, MD. I love to travel, watch movies and read. My favorite place to vacation is Bethany Beach. I love to laugh and easily crack myself up. The WEE Center "feels like home."

**Something you might not know about me is that I volunteered in a Romanian orphanage in 1999 and 2000 and I went skydiving in 1997! I also love the Orioles and Ravens, my favorite Orioles player is Dean Kremer and I even met him once!

Our WEE Break Teacher

Michelle Kaufman– This is my 4th school year at the WEE Center. I am a Baltimore native and have been teaching for 17 years. My husband and I have a daughter and a son. My hobbies include dog walking, listening to music, and walking with my friends. I like all preschool age children and am excited to be able to work with every age as our break teacher!

**Something you may not know about me is that my favorite dessert is Lemon Meringue Pie.

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Dates to Remember

WEE Closed/BGE Planned Power Outage: Friday, October 10th

WEE Closed/Staff Professional Day: Friday, October 17th

Fall Class Parties and Activities: End of October
(Stay tuned for details)

Upcoming Dates in November

WEE Closed-Parent/Teacher Conferences: Thursday, November 6th

Thankful Event: Tuesday, November 25th (stay tuned for specifics)

WEE Closed for Thanksgiving Break: Wed/Thu/Fri, November 26th-28th

PICTURE DAYS: Wednesday, 11/12 and Thursday, 11/13

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