



WEE SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER  
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2026

## Woodbrook Early Education

### A ministry of Woodbrook Baptist Church

It is so hard to think about this being the end of another school year. We have all seen so much growth and change in each of our children. Tears and sadness that may have been present for some in September have been replaced with laughter, dances, and shrieks of happiness in play. The children have become great friends and families in their classrooms. We have seen amazing friendships begin for some and others have become so close they are like siblings (which has its pluses and minuses). I love walking through the building this time of year or watching on the playground and seeing how cooperatively the children are playing. They seem to “need” us less as their confidence grows in their own abilities and relationships.

This year has much more emotion in it for me. As you all have read by now, I will be leaving Woodbrook to pursue something new at the end of the summer. I have only worked in two schools since graduating college 26 years ago. This decision did not come easily for me. The relationships I have built with each of you and your children will carry with me long into the future. I still feel that way about the first class I taught back in 2000. Each year and each family has taught me more about myself as a person and an educator. I care deeply about your children and want nothing more than for them to succeed in this world- whatever that may mean for each of them.

So as I say goodbye, I am going to one last time give you some of the advice you may have heard from me over the years. I say it with love and from the ability of looking back as a parent myself but also the knowledge of how our world is changing and how I hope we are preparing these little people to face that world around us.

\*Enjoy the moments; they do not have to be extravagant plans. As parents or teachers, we think about planning the big vacation or the perfect lesson. While all of those are fun and have their importance, what your child is likely to remember most is the daily ways in which you connect with them. for the emotional health now and later in life.



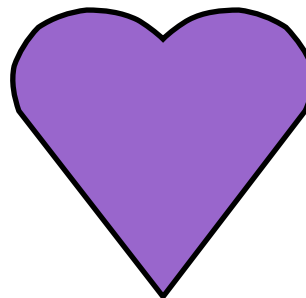
\*Set boundaries and expectations. Sometimes we think that it is easier to take the easy road with our children. That might be true in the moment, but it will make for an overall harder life for them and you. By having clear expectations and keeping those lines were you put them, your child learns safety and security. It is good to explain the “why” of the expectation but the “why” doesn’t need to be a long discussion either. Children are very smart and I have recently noticed in the conversations of the why they are often getting out of meeting that expectation. For example, your child must clean up what they have played with- the same at school. They ask “why” they have to do that. You explain because they need to take care of their things and care for them so that they can have the fun things to play with, etc. Then another “why” comes, and sometimes another. Then what happens is you are out of time, they get out of cleaning to move on to what you need to do or you do it for them. I have done it as a parent. I wish I had done much better with my own children at a young age. Setting and holding these expectations from an early age, will help them know how to respect authority as well as to know that their wishes should be respected as well.

\*Listen to your child. This of course means being present in their never ending (or how it seems) stories and asking questions- showing interest. This helps build their vocabulary, their understanding of real and pretend, the creativity and will help one day with their reading comprehension. It also means, listen to their emotions, concerns and questions. It shows them that you value them as people and helps them find their self-confidence in other relationships later in life. You show them how they should be valued by others and not to settle for less than that in friendships, school, jobs, and future relationships.

I could go on and on but I think these are my top three pointers for advice. We often worry about the ABCs and 123s but these things are actually the things that will help your child be their most successful. It gives them the security they need to gain all of those other skills. You cannot have that success without a strong base to begin with.

I will miss you all so much. I hope we will stay in touch in some way. I cannot wait to see what each of these little people do to change our world for the better!

With love,  
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. We take ALL of the comments and suggestions to heart and will keep them in the forefront of our mind as we prepare for the next school year. Here is a sampling of some thoughts that were shared:

## STRENGTHS

- Their love and care for children!
- Building community- the extra events like the art show are incredible, my child is so happy at WEE.
- Community
- Truly love WEE. Staff. Curriculum, care for our children.
- WEE is always welcoming to all families and children. They know every child's name and truly take the time to get to know them. Even if the teacher isn't your child's direct teacher! They are all so wonderful!
- The community created, structure provided and providing snacks
- Structure, Curriculum, love for our kids
- I love the caring and energetic staff! Kindness and positivity abound at Wee school!
- Communication, genuine interest in children's well being
- Welcoming community, veteran teachers, caring staff that seem to enjoy their jobs
- Definitely the people and the curriculum
- Attitude of the teachers; they clearly love what they do
- The teachers and staff
- Music/science/art, teaching of letters and numbers
- Academics, consistent staff, open communication
- Most of the teachers are phenomenal, clearly put in a ton of effort to make fun lesson plans, and love the children well. We love the extras, like Bible, Art, Music, and Science.
- Our kids have felt so loved and brought home such a wonderful love of singing art

## **SUGGESTIONS:**

- More wiggle room with following BCPS closure or delay days due to weather. The circumstances are different and should be taken into account.
- We would like to see more outside time.
- More healthy snack options.
- Would love more communication throughout the day or more photos.
- I would also love more clarity around rest time expectations, particularly for children who no longer nap. From what I understand, state guidelines allow for a relatively short rest period (around 20-30 minutes), after which children who are not sleeping can transition to a quiet activity. It would be great if WEE could consider an approach allowing children who are no longer napping to transition to a supervised activity after an appropriate rest period.

## **WORDS TO DESCRIBE WEE**

<b>WONDERFUL!</b>	<b>WELCOMING</b>	<b>WARM</b>	<b>SPECTACULAR!</b>	<b>ENJOYABLE</b>
<b>JOY</b>	<b>NURTURING</b>	<b>SAFE</b>	<b>AWESOME</b>	<b>HAPPY!</b>
<b>CREATIVE</b>	<b>GROWING</b>	<b>FUN!!</b>	<b>FANTASTIC!</b>	<b>EMPOWERING</b>

# RED Room

We cannot believe that this is the end of the school year! It has gone by so fast! Where did the time go?

In the month of May, we first talked about Transportation. This was one of the children's favorite units. They learned about the different vehicles that went on the land, in the water, and in the air. After Transportation, we explored Outer Space. The children had fun picking up moon rocks with the long moon tongs. They also liked learning about the different planets, especially Saturn. We finished our month by exploring Pond Life and Insects. We currently have a container of caterpillars in our classroom. The children are excited to see them turn into butterflies! We look at them daily!

In June, we will start the month discovering several ocean creatures. We will be looking at their characteristics and how they live in the water. Our final unit will be on summer activities. We will read several books on camping and the beach.

Thank you again for the gifts and the food you provided for us during Teacher Appreciation Week! We are grateful for your kindness and generosity.

Your children have grown so much over this past year. It has truly been a joy teaching them. They are so very precious! Thank you for sharing them with us.

God bless you and have a safe and healthy summer!

Happy May Birthday to Miryam (5/30)!  
Happy June Birthday to Ms. Karen (6/9)!

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



# 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 started the month of May off talking about our Amazing Moms and all of the wonderful things they do for us. Everyone enjoyed our camping unit. Making s'mores, nature walks, and playing with the camping set were all big hits. During our Zoo week we learned about elephants, monkeys, giraffes, etc. And how they are cared for by zoo keepers. We worked on our math skills as we put spots on giraffes. In June, during our pond life unit we will be looking at creatures that live in or around the pond. We will be making dragon flies, turtles, and frogs. In June we will also be talking about the Ocean as we get ready for Summer. We will explore what is in the ocean (jellyfish, sea stars, crabs, etc.). Also in June we will have our ABC Celebration after having completed the entire alphabet. We will be asking for each family to send in **ONE** snack that begins with either the first letter of your child's first **OR** last name (for example, Ms. Elise could bring in enchiladas or donuts). We will have a sign up sheet outside our room when the time comes. During our last week we will have a fun Pirate Week! We will be looking all over WEE for buried treasure.

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 Ms. Kristen (6/5), Bryson (7/5),  
Aidan (7/29), and Luca (8/17)!

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



# Blue Room

Where did this school year go?!?! In May we learned all about cooking and our favorite recipes. We finished our alphabet and had so many fun visitors!

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),  
Brooks (6/26), Zoey (8/24), and Wells (8/25)!

Love and prayers,

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



# Green Room

Dear Parents,

We have enjoyed a very busy month of May! The Art Show started the month off with excitement! Following the Art Show, the children made beautiful tea towels and cards for Mother's Day. We also enjoyed The Pond theme by learning about the many animals that live in or near a pond. The children created a Pond Mural with lily pads and dragonflies.

Following the Pond theme, the Green Room friends have been enthusiastically learning about insects! They have learned that an insect has 6 legs and 3 body parts: a head, thorax, and abdomen. We observed caterpillars in their chrysalises. During Memorial Day weekend, they hatched and became butterflies! We had a special send off for the butterflies.

We also enjoyed some special events in May: the Bike-A- Thon (thank you for the generous donations) and Mike the Magician! We enjoyed our visit with the Wildlife Adventures today!

## What have the children been learning?

During this spring, the Green Room friends have learned how to identify numbers by looking at tally marks and dice. The children have also learned how to add and subtract by using a number line!

The children are also learning to read many sight words! They have enjoyed reading from their booklets/readers this spring. We have compared and contrasted an ant and a bumblebee using thinking skills and new vocabulary.

During the two weeks of June, we will be enjoying a Dinosaur theme! This is always a favorite theme for Pre-K friends.

Friday, June 12th is the last day of school and the Pre-K Graduation Ceremony!! The ceremony will begin at 10:30 in the sanctuary. Please remember WEE will have a noon dismissal.

Happy Summer Birthday to Grey (6/7), Georgia (6/11), Niko (6/22), Kathleen (7/21), and Cole (8/10)!

Thank you so much for sending your children to WEE! They bless us everyday with love, joy, and laughter. It is a privilege teaching your children.

May God bless your families!

Sincerely,

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





*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:*

Daisy Carney	Rodgers Forge ES
Niko Czawlytko	Stoneleigh ES
Audrey Fang	Rodgers Forge ES
Maddox DeMarco	West Towson ES
Vera Gerlach	West Towson ES
Millie Glover	Rodgers Forge ES
Josiah Hyman	Rodgers Forge ES
Georgia Kendall	Sparks ES
Kai Mydlo Garcia	West Towson ES
Roxanna Pumphrey	West Towson ES
Kathleen Roemmich	Stoneleigh ES
Leo Ruci	Rodgers Forge ES
Grey Sirois	Stoneleigh ES
Nora Speedie	Stoneleigh ES
Harry Stanley	Roland Park ES/MS
Cole Wood	WEE School

# Purple Room

Dear Purple Room Families!

We can't believe that this is our final newsletter of the school year, but are extremely grateful to have part of June together, as we still have lots of fun learning left to do! We will finish with the letter Uu, focus on vowels, their job in words, review the 2 sounds each make, and introduce "th", "sh", and "ch" sounds.

We will review all letters over the next few weeks, with recognition, sound, and proper formation. We will also continue with our weekly/biweekly reader booklets.

We will continue to work with rhyming words, and building 3 letter c-v-c (consonant/vowel/consonant) words (cat, bat, sit, bit, bed, red...). We will work with our ABBC pattern, as well as review the others we've worked on. We will recognize and order #'s 0-20, and practice counting by 5's. We will do simple measurement and simple addition (with our "adding machine"... coming soon)!

Our door tags will remain phone numbers, and we'll focus on visual and auditory recognition.

In June, we'll continue with our current morning and snack/lunch prayers.

Our patriotic song has been "God Bless America", but in June, the flag holder for the day will decide which of our 4 patriotic songs we'll sing that morning! We will finish up our baby animal learning unit, and begin our Maryland, USA, and summer units.

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. Thanks for a fantastic 2025/26 year in the Purple Room! PLEASE come back to visit and/or send updates/photos! We love keeping in touch with our students.

\*\*We'd like to wish our friends with summer birthdays a Happy Early Birthday: Ella (6/10), Noah (6/30), Jordyn (7/7), Ms. Stacie (7/24), Mr. Nate (7/30), and Ruby (8/16)!



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:*

Sloane Baker	Stoneleigh ES
Margot Barton	Stoneleigh ES
Amy Becker	Rodgers Forge ES
Dash Carey	West Towson ES
Joshua Ellis	Riderwood/TBD
Jordyn Hensley	West Towson ES
Theo Jang	Cambridge School
Noah Jenidi	Rodgers Forge ES
Ruby Jones	Lutherville Lab ES
Brooks Pollhammer	Rodgers Forge ES
Ruth Simmerman	Montessori School of Greater Lafayette
Taylor Townes	Cromwell Valley ES
Nicholas Tsapalas	Rodgers Forge ES
Simon Walton Dzwonchyk	Stoneleigh ES
Ella Wilcox	Cambridge School

# 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 still life paintings. Pre K will be using tabletop easels to paint their own still lifes from direct observation. The twos and threes will be learning about artist Jane Freilicher and painting still lifes using a masking technique.

Classes will also be creating different kinds of sculptures. The Pre K classes will revisit the artist Andy Goldsworthy that they learned about in the fall to make some spring nature sculptures. They will also be creating some 3D self-portraits. The threes will be making some kinetic sculptures and learning about artist Alexander Calder.

The children have all grown so much in their skills and appreciation on 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

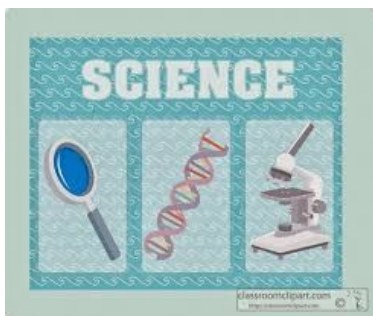
# Science

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!

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



# Music



The children and I have had so much fun in music-learning songs, playing instruments, marching with American flags, singing patriotic songs, and dancing with scarves, shaky eggs, and ribbons. The pre-K classes have been busy practicing their songs for graduation! The other classes have enjoyed singing songs about Spring as well as doing some silly, actin songs.

I wish all of you a great summer!

Love, Ms. Claire

## Pre-K Bible

In Bible, we are reading the stories of Timothy, Zacchaeus, the Lost Sheep, and Lydia. In June we will finish up with Jesus as the King of Kings.

God bless your families,

Love,

Ms. Claire



# BOX TOPS

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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Find Woodbrook Early Education Center and enjoy shopping!



**Thank you to everyone for all of your support for this event!**

**As of today we have raised over \$1400! Way to go!**

## Dates to Remember

Friday June 12th

**WEE Closes at 12:00 Noon**

Last day of School

**Pre-K Graduation 10:30 am**

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

Monday June 22nd

**First Day of Camp**

Friday, July 3rd

**Camp Closed**

Friday, August 7th

**Last Day of Camp**

## LOOKING AHEAD...2025-2026

Thursday, September 3rd

Parent Orientation

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

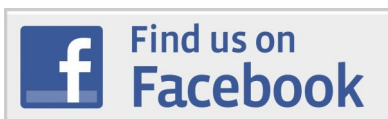
Friday, September 4th

Open House for Students

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

Tuesday, September 8th

WEE First Day of School



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