

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL



Newsletter



"WHERE LEARNING IS AN ADVENTURE"



November & December 2024

They Don't Come With A Manual: Testing the Limits

by Deb Batchman

Does it feel like your child is pushing your buttons all of the time? Trying your patience? Working on your last nerve? You are not alone. It's a normal part of a child's development and it's called "testing the limits." Attempting to see what he or she can get away with is the goal.

Every parent understands that when a problem or challenge comes up involving his/her child, they must respond. The way they respond will determine what their child will learn through the experience. Children want to please their parents and parents need to help navigate them through challenging situations such as putting their toys away, getting ready for school, eating meals, making new friends, sharing toys, etc. Why? Because parents provide answers, stability, comfort, approval and consequences.

What's your parenting style? Your particular style of parenting may be determined by the way you were raised, your values, temperament, etc. Are you a "permissive parent" - one who allows your child to rule and reign the household, setting no boundaries or limits? Or are you an "authoritative parent"-one who is all-knowing, enforcing moral guidelines and demanding obedience? Or maybe you take the "democratic parent" approach-one who is recognized as the authority figure, yet values the expression in your child? This style is firm, yet balanced. He/She may discuss a child's misbehavior with the child prior to disciplining, then determine the consequences, if any.

Whichever style or combination of styles you adopt in raising your little one, remember to be consistent, keep it relevant to your child's age, be positive and most of all...listen.

You are a wonderful parent and you can be a wealth of knowledge to other parents who are going through the same challenges and growth pains as you are.

EVENT DATES FOR YOUR

calendar

November

November 11th:

-Veteran's Day Observance.
School is closed.

November 21st & 22nd:

-"Giving Thanks Feasts"

November 25th - 29th:

-Thanksgiving Holiday Week .
School is closed.

December

December 10th & 11th:

- Holiday Programs & Parties

December 16th & 17th:

-School T-shirt Days.

December 19th & 20th:

-"The Polar Express Pajama Parties"

December 23rd thru January 6th:

-Winter Holiday Break-School is closed.

January

January 6th:

- School is back in session.

January 13th-17th:

- Early Registration for 2025-2026.

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Things to remember:

- Please send extra clothes for your child and include long-sleeved shirts, pants and a jacket/hoody or sweatshirt and an extra set of shoes.
- Notify the school of any changes in address, illness or absences from school.
- Tuition is due on the first of every month. It may be considered late after the 5th.
- Tuition can be dropped off in the office box or mailed to the school. Checks or cash.

"Giving Thanks" Feasts at Westminster Preschool

Thursday, November 21st & Friday, November 22nd.



We are so thankful to all of our WPP families. Your children are learning what it means to share and be thankful at preschool. On these special days, your child will join with his/her classmates in sharing a favorite food. He/She will serve classmates and then they will enjoy a meal together. This event is for the students, however, if you would like to join you are welcome. Sign-up sheets can be found in your child's classroom or next to the sign-in sheets.

So Much Appreciation Goes Out...

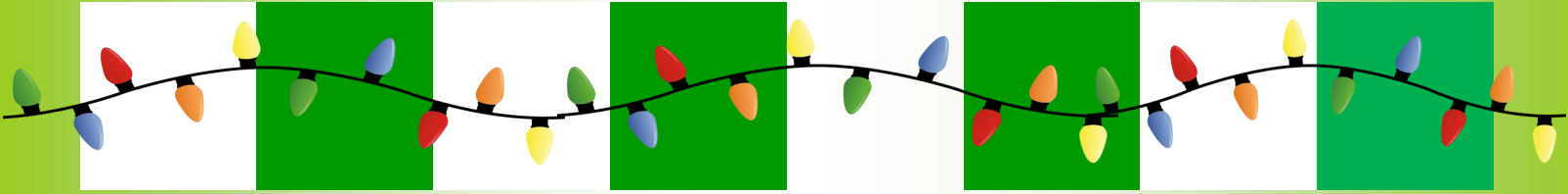
- To all the families who accompanied us to the pumpkin patch and made it possible.
- To everyone who brought delicious treats for our Halloween Parties and thank you for hanging out with us and creating fun projects.

We are so grateful your family is a part of our preschool family! And we are thankful that you have chosen to share your precious children with us.

Blessings to you all throughout the holidays.

We wish you a wonderful, safe and happy Thanksgiving!





“Holiday Performances”

We love all of the trimmings that go with the season including decorating the classrooms, the holiday trees, making gifts for parents, constructing gingerbread houses and the finale...the holiday performances! Each class is preparing its own musical number that will be showcased in Westminster Theater located on the first level. Please come early to grab the best seats in the house!

Holiday Performances will be in the theater on:

- **Tuesday, December 10th and Wednesday, December 11th from 12:00pm to 1:00pm,** Practicing the songs is key. Ms. Batchman and her staff will be working with the children helping to prepare them for the shows. Song sheets will be sent home in November.
- Everyone is invited and there will be a Shared Luncheon following the performances. Sign-up sheets will be available beginning December 2nd.



Notice of a Price Increase July 2025.

A very modest tuition increase will be necessary to keep staff salaries competitive so we can retain and hire the best teachers. New prices will go into effect July of 2025. Just a friendly reminder: If you want to change your child’s schedule or withdrawing from the school, you are required to give a 30 day written notice or pay the equivalent in tuition.



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



**Happy
New Year!**



Early Registration for Summer 2025 and September–June 2025–2026

Westminster is offering you the opportunity to register for the **2025-2026** school year beginning January 9th. Please take the time to mark your calendar for this important week. Pre-registration (including deposits) guarantees your child's enrollment in Westminster's **2025-2026** programs—including summer programs for ages 2-4.5; "Camps for Kindergarteners" and the new school year. Look for registration forms in your child's bucket or cubby the first week in January.

Just a reminder:: Westminster Preschool registers families based on seniority with the school. Confirmations will be sent out by January 24th. Registration for Wait-Listed families begins January 27th. After that, pre-registration will be open to the public. In order to pre-register, please include a non-refundable registration deposit with your registration forms. These deposits are for the registration and materials fees for the **2025-2026** school year which begins June 30th.

Please be advised of the following:

- **To reserve a spot, a** deposit is due at the time of registration. *All* deposits and tuition are **non-refundable**.
- **Pre- registration for Kinder Camp** (for children who are entering Kindergarten)
- **Kinder Camp tuition is to be paid in full at the time of registration.**

- An activity and material fee of \$450 (includes a school T-shirt, supplies and school-sponsored field trips) for each returning students who will attend the 2025-2026 school year.

- An activity and material fee of \$200 is for those students who will **only** attend the summer program July and August. (This fee covers a summer preschool t-shirt and supplies for the summer program).

- A \$150 file processing fee for all '**new**' students. Siblings are considered 'new students'. Note: Siblings are given seniority during registration.

KINDER CAMPS AT WESTMINSTER!

Kindergarten Camps at Westminster are for students who currently attend Kindergarten or those who are entering Kindergarten. Participants must be at least 5 years of age.

- Cost per week: \$450 (6 hr days) or \$550 for 8 hr days) - to be announced.
- Hours: 8:30—2:30 for a 6hr day or 8:30-4:30 for an 8 hr. day.