

November/December 2019

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### November– Family Stories Month

- “Set Sail for Adventure” Great Explorers -November 4-8: Boat Floating experiments; We will focus on Cooperation/Kindness and Courtesy. We will learn more about Spain.
- “The Home of Don Quixote and Pablo Picasso” Country Emphasis; November 11-15; Spain Celebration, Tasting Olive Oil; Painting in Picasso style. 11/14 is National Teddy Bear Day
- “We Gather Together” Harvest, Thanksgiving traditions and foods; November 18-22. Family Feast/Tasting Event; 11/18 is National Apple Cider Day
- “Giving Thanks with a Grateful Heart” Gratitude and thankfulness; November 25-29; Lunch Bunch

### December—National BINGO Month

- “Holidays Around the World” December 2-6th; Create a dreidel and play the game. Make felt poinsettias. We will focus on Helpfulness Service. We will learn more about Israel. 12/6 St. Nicholas Day
- “Jingle All The Way” Holiday Traditions; December 9-13; Make your own jingle bell maze game, Play Holiday Song musical chairs. 12/12 National Cocoa Day
- “Light A Candle” Hanukkah, Kwanzaa & Christmas: Country Emphasis, Holiday Party; 12/20 Ugly Sweater Day; 12/21 First Day of Winter.

## DINNER CHAT

### Gratitude

Holiday decorations appeared in stores almost when school supplies did - starting the all familiar, "I want ...." It is frustrating for adults when children don't appreciate the good we already have in our lives. Gratitude - a feeling that can be expressed through thankfulness, kindness, good manners and giving - is a habit that can be practiced. Model the behavior, acknowledge kind gestures, get crafty (gratitude jar, tree of thanks), give back, write thank you notes, and make gratitude routine. It's never too late to begin teaching gratitude!

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

Begin discussions on potential clubs with the children.

## **DON'T FORGET**

- Early Dismissal for CCPS on November 8th & November 27th. November 28-29th CCPS Closed
- Dec 23-Jan 1st– Schools Closed for Holiday Break
- Check the dry erase board for important center information such as early dismissals, parties, special events, etc. Please check your parent mailbox.
- Download the Smartcare App and use the QR code to sign in/out each day or set up an 8-digit code!

## FROM THE OFFICE

Early childhood and school-age professionals play a crucial role in creating the stable foundation that children need to be successful. By participating in Accreditation as well as Maryland EXCELS, programs are showing a commitment to quality and excellence. The Council on Accreditation (COA) highlights four core ideas that support the value of accreditation including (1) commitment by the program to deliver the highest quality services and support positive outcomes, (2) services that are delivered by appropriately trained staff, (3) Services that are provided in a safe and respectful environment and (4) Services that support positive outcomes.

You have chosen to use ABC Care, a company 30 years strong and dedicated to high quality childcare for your child's before and after school age needs. We take this as the highest compliment that you can give us – entrusting us with the safety and well-being of your family. Although we won't be pursuing National Accreditation this year, we remain committed to the accreditation standards our employees have come to know as "how we do things" at ABC Care. Our overall Maryland EXCELS ratings may drop as a result of not renewing our Accreditation, but know that our day to day programs will continue to run at the level you expect from the leader in school age child care in Carroll and Baltimore counties. ABC Care is not immune to the challenges of the rising minimum wage and staff turnover. We work exceptionally hard to keep our prices competitive for families and wages competitive for staff all while providing nationally accredited child care (with or without the Council on Accreditation seal.) ABC Care remains committed to helping each child succeed and be a part of helping them to develop to the best of their ability.



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