



November 2023

From the Director's Desk

UP COMING NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 8 Photo day 4's and PreK
- 9 Photo day 3's
- 15 Lunch Bunch 4's and PreK
- 17 Scholastic book orders due online
- 22-27 School Closed for Thanksgiving Break

REMIND 101

If you have not yet signed up for Remind 101 and would like to receive text updates and alerts from the school, use the sign-up information below:

For the 3-Year-Old class- text @3yolds to 81010

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For Pre-K class- text @pkinde to 81010

WINTER READINESS

In past years, we have had snow days in November. Please re-read your parent handbook for inclement weather procedures and listing sites. In case of a closure or a delay, I will send out a Remind text, I will NOT be sending out a message on Brightwheel. (See above if you have not signed up). **If your child wears boots to school, please remember to send in shoes to change into for safety reasons.**

PHOTO DAY

Valentine Photography will be back this year taking student pictures this month, they are the best! The dates are listed above. If you need an additional order form please let us know ASAP.

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING

We are at the time of year when students start wearing coats to school. Putting on and taking off coats takes many gross motor and fine motor skills that children need time to learn. Please practice this at home, it may take a few extra minutes to let your child get ready themselves, but it will be invaluable in the long run.

TAKING OFF A COAT

1. Unzip all the way past the bottom stopper.
2. Have them turn their sleeve right side out after they pull out their arms. Do not wait to do this step until it is time to put it back on, it is less overwhelming and saves time to do it right away.
3. If they master the above steps, have them hold the edge of the sleeve when pulling the arm out so the sleeve does not even turn inside-out to start.

PUTTING ON A COAT

1. There are multiple methods to help a child learn to put on a coat, and you can find videos online.
 - a. The flip and zip: have the coat with the hood/tag by your feet with the inside facing up. Slip both arms inside and flip over your head.
 - b. The hood helper: Place the hood on your head to help hold the coat and then put arms in one at a time.
2. Teach your child to hold onto his/her shirt sleeve before sticking their arm in the coat sleeve to keep it from bunching. You would be surprised how many kids finally get their coats on and then take them off again because their sleeves are bunched up.
3. Getting the zipper started is hard. Using one hand to hold the coat taut at the bottom helps make putting the pieces together easier. Kids can pretend the pull is an alligator chomping and chasing a fish or a bug up the zipper as they zip up.

THANKSGIVING

Please note we will be closed all day the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, through the Monday after Thanksgiving. We will see you back on Tuesday, November 28.

