

A CHILDREN'S KASTLE EARLY LEARNING CENTER'S INC. AT WINTHROP

THE DRAWBRIDGE

OCTOBER 2026

OCTOBER THEME:

Theme: Farm

Character Builder: Be a hard worker

Bible Story: The Lost Sheep (391)

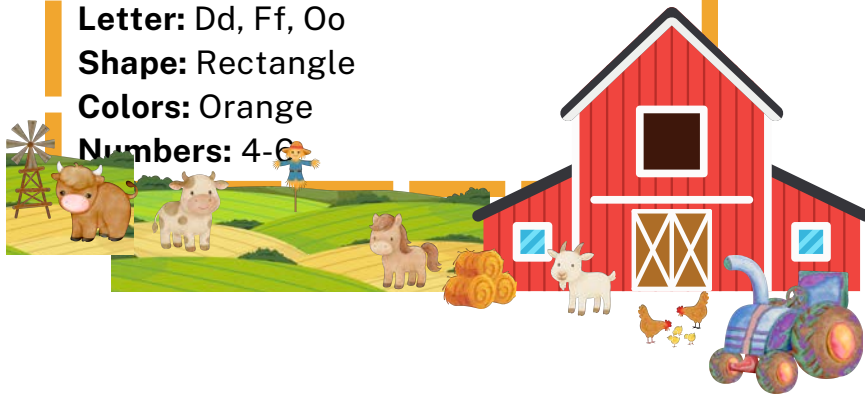
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 2nd: White Shirt and Candy due

October 9th: Parent's Night Out

October 12th: Non-Vpk Day

(After School here all day)

October 12th: Our Only School Fundraiser begins

October 14th: Fall Picture Day

October 22nd: Orange Day!

Wear Orange from head to toe!

October 23rd: Fundraiser Orders Due

October 30th: Farm Parade!

November 17th: Infant -Sophomore Friendsgiving Fest

November 18th: Junior - Senior B Friendsgiving Feast

November 26-27- Center Closed

OUR MIDLAND CATALOG FUNDRAISER KICKS OFF OCTOBER 12TH!

THIS IS A CHILDREN'S KASTLE'S ONLY SCHOOL-WIDE FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR, AND FUNDS RAISED WILL GO DIRECTLY TOWARD NEW TABLES, CHAIRS, AND OTHER CLASSROOM FURNITURE FOR OUR STUDENTS. CATALOGS WILL GO HOME ON OCTOBER 12TH, WITH ORDERS DUE OCTOBER 23RD. SHOP, SHARE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND HELP US MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE FOR OUR CLASSROOMS!

FARM PARADE:

ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH AT 10:00 A.M., WE WILL HOLD OUR FALL PARADE OUTSIDE IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL. EACH CLASS WILL WALK AROUND THE GRAVEL AREA TWICE WHILE FAMILIES WATCH AND CHEER. PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND MAY WALK ALONGSIDE THEIR CHILD DURING THE PARADE.



A NOTE FROM MRS. JACKIE

The Power of Boredom: Put Down the Electronics & Let Them Play!

We live in a world where entertainment is always at our fingertips. Waiting at a restaurant? Hand them a tablet. Long car ride? Turn on a movie. Grocery shopping? Give them a phone. A few quiet minutes at home? Put on a show.

As parents, we've all been there! Sometimes we just need to get through dinner, finish a phone call, or have five minutes of peace. But somewhere along the way, we have started to believe that our children need to be entertained every minute of the day. They don't. In fact, a little boredom is really good for them! When children are bored, something wonderful happens: they have to figure out what to do next. That is where creativity, imagination, problem-solving, and independent play begin. A cardboard box becomes a spaceship. Couch cushions become a fort. Sticks become magic wands. A pile of blocks becomes an entire city. Those moments may not look as exciting as a colorful screen, but their little brains are doing so much more work.

When we immediately hand children an electronic device every time they have to wait, sit quietly, or entertain themselves, we take away opportunities for them to practice some really important skills.

Let them be bored. You don't have to immediately solve, "I'm bored!" Give them time to come up with something on their own. You may hear a little complaining first.... and that's okay!

Practice waiting without a screen. A doctor's office, restaurant, grocery store, or car ride can be an opportunity to talk, look around, play simple games, sing songs, or just...wait. Learning how to wait is a skill!

Protect time for real play. Children need opportunities to build, create, color, pretend, run, dig, explore, make messes, and use their imaginations without a screen telling them what happens next.

Be mindful of background electronics, too. Even when children aren't actively watching, a television constantly playing in the background can compete for their attention. Give their brains, and yours, some quiet.

And perhaps the hardest one...

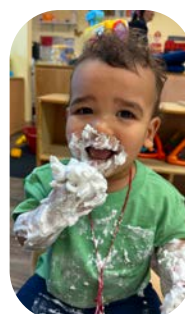
Let them see us put our phones down, too. Our children learn far more from what they see us do than what we tell them to do. If we want them to learn that every quiet moment doesn't require a screen, we have to model that ourselves.

Technology isn't going anywhere, and our children will have plenty of opportunities to use it as they grow. But childhood is short. There will never be another time when a cardboard box can be more exciting than what came inside it. So this month, I challenge your family to embrace a little boredom. Turn off the television. Put away the tablet. Leave the phone in your bag. Send them outside. Give them some crayons, blocks, books, or absolutely nothing at all, and see what they come up with.

Boredom isn't something we always need to fix. Sometimes, it's exactly where the best kind of play begins.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

JEREMIAH C.- 2ND
MADDOX T.- 3RD
ELENA D.- 6TH
LEO S.- 7TH
OLIVER G.- 17TH
MASON N.- 17TH
LYDIA B.- 24TH
LUCY P.- 24TH
RHEA R.- 29TH
LILLIAN V.- 30TH
MRS. MORGAN- 11TH
MS. KAYLA- 12TH
MRS. STEPHANIE- 23RD



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