



Learning with Books

by Lisa Kaltenbach

Sharing books with your child can be some of the most fun and relaxing times of parenthood. Children typically love to snuggle with a parent and listen to a story.

But reading aloud with your child delivers more than great snuggle-time! Children also learn many valuable skills through reading with an adult, including:

Thinking skills - anticipating outcomes helps to develop children's problem-solving skills.

Language skills – listening to stories helps children build their vocabulary as well as teaching that words have meanings.

Movement skills – action in a story encourages children to imitate the actions increasing their physical and dramatic skills.

Comprehension skills – books for young children introduce concept

information plus knowledge of words around them.

Art skills – reading exposes children to a variety of art and designs.

Literature skills – children enjoy a variety of classic and contemporary stories thus building appreciation and understanding of different types of stories.

Emotion skills – children experience a variety of emotions expressed in stories.

Reading with your child each day is an important part of your child's early education. When reading to a child, have her actively engaged in the story. Ask questions, point out pictures or objects he may have missed, but most of all, let your child enjoy the quiet bonding time. You'll enjoy it too and your child will be gaining important skills for future learning. 📖

Upcoming Events

Please add these important dates to your schedules. Specifics will follow closer to the events.

October 7 (Fri): Parent Board Meeting, 9:30am. (Library)

October 14 (Fri): 3's Field Trip to Ladew Gardens for the *Signs of Fall* program, 9:45am.

October 21 (Fri): 4's Field Trip to Farmer Stan, 10am.

October 27 (Thurs): Spooky Movie Night, sponsored by the Parent Board. CG's Smith Center, starting at 5pm.

Oct 27 & 31 (Thurs & Mon): Halloween Parades & Parties. Please stay for the parades, which begin at 9:30am in the Big Room.

TBD: Visit from the Jacksonville Volunteer Fire Company for Fire Prevention Month.



Above: Dress-ups in Mrs. Charlow's 3's class.

Left: Mrs. Jane Foard, Chestnut Grove Librarian and former teacher, reads to one of the 3's classes in September. Mrs. Foard gifted each child in the 3's & 4's programs a Chestnut Grove bookmark!

Misc...

Update Clothing Bins: It's time to update clothing bins with long pants and long-sleeved shirts for cooler weather. A pair of spare boots would be great for under the cubby. And please don't forget a light jacket or sweater – unless the weather is severe, we'll be outside every day.

Class Parties & Birthday Celebrations: State & MSDE regulation requires that any snacks/food sent from home to be shared at school must come in the original packaging with contents listed on the packaging. No homemade foods of any kind are permitted. This is a safety issue related to food allergies.

No Plastic Bags: Like all preschools, CG is periodically inspected by representatives from the State Dept. of Education. They regularly remind us that plastic bags should not be left sitting in cubbies, or elsewhere in the school where preschoolers can reach them. If you use plastic bags to bring items to school, please make sure the bags leave with you. And please make sure your children understand that putting plastic bags on their heads is NOT SAFE! Thank you.

Out for the Day? If your child is going to miss school due to illness, vacation or any other reason, please tell us. Give the office a call and leave a message or email us at office@chestnutgrovechild.org. Thanks!

Early Drop-Off: Have you got a morning appointment or an early work day? Mrs. Kaltenbach & Mrs. Bobo are early risers too, and offer early drop-off each morning at CG. Children may be brought to school anytime between 8:15am & 9:15am. Cost is \$15 per morning, and they need to know at least one day in advance. Please speak with Mrs. Kaltenbach or Mrs. Bobo directly.



Scenes from a happy place!

Above: A group-photo of Mrs. Graff's 3's friends with a rainbow of colors during the first week of school. And plenty of fun with paints and playdough.

Below and left: Friends from Mrs. Bobo's 4's class bounce their way around the playground and climb the rock wall.

Left: Reading with 'Miss' Sally and other fun activities with our 2's friends.

