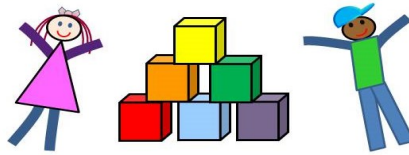


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Dear Parents,

We had a great time at our Family Pumpkin Night and hope that you all did too! Thank you to those of you who were able to join us as chaperones on our field trip to Foster Farm! We also want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Cherrydale Fund Raiser! As a result of your efforts we were able to raise over \$900 to help provide scholarship funding for some of our FCELC families. We greatly appreciate all of your support!

Teaching children about being helpful towards one another is a concept we aim to exhibit in the classrooms each day. To extend this to our community, we will collect non-perishable food items during the week of November 13-17, 2017, to donate to the Windsor Food Bank. Each classroom will have a box the children will decorate to store the food items we collect. Thank you all in advance for your support as we seek to involve your children in helping the people who are in need in our community.

By the 17th of November, your child's teachers will be sending home his or her progress report. This report will provide you with an overall look at your child's personal and social, creative expression, physical, and cognitive development based on the Connecticut State Department of Education's Preschool Assessment Framework and the Connecticut Early Learning and Development Standards. Please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher if you have any questions about their progress at this time or at any point in the future. I hope you all enjoy a great November as you share your time with the people you are most thankful for!

Sincerely,

Elith Boothe Howard



Events

November 4 — [First Church in Windsor](#)
Book Sale 9 am—3 pm **Everyone Welcome**

November 5 — Daylight Savings time
(Set clocks back 1 hour)

November 7 — Half Day **CLOSED** for
Election Day

November 8 — [First Church in Windsor](#)
Cookie Bake 6-8 pm in Nelson Hall

November 10 — Cantar un largo (Sing-a-long) with Adrienne

November 11 — Veteran's Day

November 11 — National Young Readers Day

November 13-17 — We will collect non-perishable food items for the Windsor Food Bank

November 17 — Progress Reports sent home

November 17 — Scholastic Orders due to the FCELC office

November 23 & 24 — Closed for Thanksgiving Recess

SAVE THE DATE:
HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG
December 20th & 21st at 11 am

Here at First Church Early Learning Center the children have the opportunity to build using different types of materials including but not limited to magnetiles, soft and/or wooden blocks, Legos, etc... As **child engineers**, they invent, design, build, and test various types of structures to determine how well they work based on their overall functional goal. The children may build something and if it topples over, they have to figure out what happened and why so they can create a building with a better foundation or in a different shape to be able fit animals, park cars, or any other means and ways they would like for the structure to function. This type of critical thinking is encouraged in our classrooms as well as in our everyday world. It is great to think of our children being exposed to this type of analytical thinking and to hear and see their logic as well as they come up with problem solving solutions to put into action.

Child Engineers in the FCELC Half Day class



During building activities, the teachers are able to observe the children meeting different standards and benchmarks from the Connecticut State Department of Education Preschool Assessment Framework.

These benchmarks include but are not limited to: Personal/Social 1: Shows self direction with range of materials, Personal/Social 2: Sustains attention to task/goal that child has set out to accomplish, Cognitive 5: Compares and orders objects and events, Personal/Social 7: Interacts cooperatively with peers, and Creative Expression 1: Builds and constructs to represent own ideas.