

ACCOTINK

ACADEMY



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NEWSLETTER

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LETTER FROM OUR STAFF

It's hard to believe we just turned our calendars to November. This school year is zipping by and 2023 is just around the corner!

November is going to be wonderful. The teachers and students are digging deeper into learning and it is lovely to see all our classrooms humming along. It's clear there is something special happening within these walls.

And while we all have much to be thankful for this month, everyone here at Accotink Academy is especially thankful for, YOU, our wonderful families! To have our hallways full again, to see the smiles on faces at pickups and drop offs, the guest readers...all of it. We truly have the best families and we couldn't "*heart*" you more!

With Thankful Hearts,

The Accotink Staff



"No duty is more urgent
than giving thanks."

-James Allen



CALENDAR NEWS

Dates to Remember

● November 8th

No School For Students

● November 9th

Picture Day - Ms. Altman, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Sestak and Ms. Winston's Classes

● November 10th

Picture Day - Ms. Berry, Ms. Bajin, Ms. McNulty and Ms. Ali's Classes

● November 11th

Veteran's Day - No School for Staff or Students

● November 21st

Dress Down Day

● November 22nd

Dress Down Day

● November 23rd - 25th

Thanksgiving Holiday - No School for Staff or Students

● November 28th - December 2nd

Holiday Toy Drive for ECHO



MEET THE STAFF

3-DAY PRESCHOOL

CLASSROOM #105

MS. JOHNSON

Lead Teacher

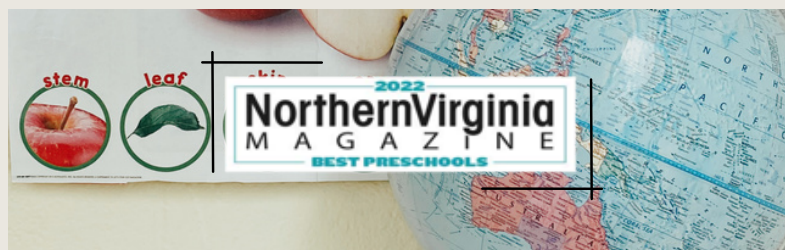
Ms. Johnson is in her 13th year here at Accotink! The thing that keeps her coming back year after year is seeing the joy that a student has when they accomplish a new feat or when they understand something new.

Outside of school, Ms. Johnson is married and has 4 kids, all grown up. The things she is most thankful in her life are her faith and family. At work she is most thankful for seeing children's joy and all of the smiles each and every day from the kiddos!

MS. STEINER

Assistant Teacher

Ms. Steiner, also known as "Ella's Mom" is new to the classroom side of Accotink this year. Originally from Georgia, she is enjoying her role as Assistant Teacher to the 3-day program. Her favorite part of teaching is getting to know the little personalities in their class. And in the spirit of November, she is most thankful for all of the fun adventures she gets to have with her sweet girl, Ella!





ACCOTINK ACADEMY
PRESCHOOL

2022 FALL PICTURE DAY

Victor O'Neill Studios

November 9th
Ms. Altman, Ms. Johnson,
Ms. Sestak and Ms. Winston

November 10th
Ms. Berry, Ms. Bajin,
Ms. McNulty and Ms. Ali

Uniforms Appreciated

Individual and Class Photos
will arrive to the parent
emails listed in Brightwheel



ACCOTINK ACADEMY'S

Holiday Toy Drive

November 28th ~ December 2nd

Help stock ECHO's Holiday Gift Store!

Bring in new, unwrapped children's toys or teen gifts to the front office.



ACCOTINK ACADEMY PRESCHOOL

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
SERVICE,
VETERANS!**

November 11th

Today we honor you
and all that you do for
our country.

Please Remember Jackets

Our playground time is starting to get chilly. Please make sure your child has a jacket so our playtime can be full of leaf crunching and exploring!

FALL HAS ARRIVED!

FROM THE LUNCHBOX

**CALLING ALL
FOOTBALL FANS!
THIS ADORABLE
LUNCH IS GREAT
FOR GAME DAY!**

FOOTBALL SANDWICHES

They look fancy, but if you are already cutting the crust off, why not cut a fun shape. Fill with your child's favorite ingredients and top with cheese for the laces!

APPLE LEAVES

Did you know the skin of an apple is full of nutrients? Make it more appetizing by using leaf shape cookie cutters!



LOCAL FINDS

Hot Cider Hustle

Nov. 5

5k and 10k run/walk at National Harbor.
Family friendly untimed fun-run categories.

Northern Virginia Veterans Parade

Nov. 11

Celbrate all those who have served.
11am in Old Town Manassas.

Bull Run Festival of Lights

Begins Nov. 11

Drive-through light display with a small
carnival and holiday village.

30th Annual Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show

Nov. 19-20

Demonstartions, Exhibits, Children's
Activities and More.



THANKFUL GARLAND

Supplies

1. Ribbon, Garland (Trader Joe's) or String
2. Clothespins
3. Thankful Tags (See Printable)

Instructions

Print and cut out the thankful tags on the following page. Over the next month fill out the tags with what your family is thankful for and pin to your garland with a clothespin. How many tags can you fill before it's Thanksgiving?



CULTIVATING GRATITUDE

Tiny humans with hearts full of thankfulness. Isn't that the end goal we have for all of our children? When our students walk through the doors of Accotink, it is clear to us that you, the wonderful amazing parents that you are, are raising children who are full of gratitude and thankfulness. We hear about it at circle time: "My daddy read me a book last night and did silly voices."

We hear about it on the playground: "My brother shares his trucks with me at home." We even hear about it at the lunch table: "Mommy's cookies make my heart happy!" They are gatherers of gratitude, from the miniscule to the magnificent. We see all the hard work you are doing! This Fall, why not document all of those thankful moments and string them up as a beautiful reminder?

