

# CONNECTION

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NEWSLETTER



of Jersey Village

## ELECTION 2020



Classroom and family discussions during election year can be difficult, but all students should have a safe space to develop trust, practice respectful dialogue and learn how to engage in the democratic process.

Experts say the following 6 tips can help do that in positive ways.

- 1. Encourage their curiosity:** Rather than assuming kids will not understand issues or processes, welcoming their questions can help give them a greater understanding.
- 2. Explain the right to vote:** Talk to kids about why people vote and how voting works. Then discuss it afterwards. Focusing on the right to vote is a positive way to spin the discussion.
- 3. Display respect for all parties:** Giving kids a breakdown of the general ideology behind parties can help them understand why people vote one way or the other. It is important that while children know that participating in the democratic process is important, and we may feel strongly about our beliefs, not everyone shares the same beliefs, and they have different experiences and backgrounds. Stress the importance of listening to understand and disagreeing without becoming insulting.
- 4. Prepare kids for opinions from peers:** Whether it is via e-learning or in the classroom, or during a play date, kids may hear their peers talk about candidates or policies. Ensuring what children are hearing from their peers is factual can help them navigate information.
- 5. Ease their concerns about particular issues:** Some kids may feel anxious, confused, or uncertain. Validate how they are feeling and normalize those feelings because so many other people are feeling the same way. Sometimes all our youth need is someone to listen and really hear them.
- 6. Warn kids about post-election responses:** Talk about how some protests can turn violent for a variety of reasons; this can be confusing to adults let alone children. It is important to emphasize to younger children that parents and teachers will ensure their safety. With older children, discuss how free speech is a protected right and can be used to speak out about injustices and grievances.

At Kids 'R' Kids of Jersey Village, children will vote for their favorite pet, so they get a better understanding of the election process.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### November

- November 1<sup>st</sup>: Daylight savings ends
- November 3<sup>rd</sup>: Election Day
- November 4<sup>th</sup>: Pajama Day
- November 10<sup>th</sup>: Young Reader's Day
- November 11<sup>th</sup>: Veteran's Day Wear red, white and blue
- November 13<sup>th</sup>: World's Kindness Day
- November 16<sup>th</sup>: America Recycles Day
- November 18<sup>th</sup>: Wear a Disney Shirt
- November 19<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Lunch
- November 20<sup>th</sup>: Ms. Heena's Anniversary
- November 25<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Shirts Day
- November 26<sup>th</sup>: Closed for Thanksgiving
- November 27<sup>th</sup>: Closed for Thanksgiving

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## Veteran's Day

In order to teach our children the important service that our soldiers provide for our country, we will have Veterans come to the school and talk to them about what it means to serve in the military.

We will be showing a video that we made with all the amazing veterans in our Kids 'R' Kids family.



## Employee of the Month

We want to recognize Ms. Evelyn Jackson for the incredible job she is doing in our school. Ms. Evelyn is always willing to help, she has an incredibly positive attitude and a big smile on her face. Children love to be on the bus with her!

Way to go Ms. Evelyn, we are proud of you!



Congratulations

## Thanksgiving Feast 2020

Unfortunately, this year we will not be able to host our annual Thanksgiving Feast in the school. However, we still want our children to have a traditional Thanksgiving meal. On Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>; Chef Chris will cook a delicious meal for all children to enjoy! We will have turkey, mashed potatoes, and green beans.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone from your Kids 'R' Kids family!

## COVID-19 Update

With so many questions about COVID-19, we thought we could post some of the things that we do each day to keep your children and our staff safe. We take this virus very seriously and have had great success by following all suggested practices by the CDC,

- 1) All employees are required to wear masks.
- 2) Nobody is allowed in the building without a temperature check
- 3) No outside vendors are allowed in the building
- 4) Any child or staff member showing signs of illness must leave the school and not return unless symptom free or a clearance note from a doctor or medical professional.
- 5) The entire building is sanitized every day and fully disinfected once a month by Dis-in fx.
- 6) Continuous use of proper disinfecting and sanitizing procedures in the classrooms. Handwashing, handwashing, handwashing and HANDWASHING!

