

Monthly Family Newsletter



November 2022

Cummings Families!



During the month of November, we pay special attention to what we are thankful for, especially those who bring joy into our lives when we most need it. It is important that not only at Thanksgiving but throughout the year, we take a moment to reach out to those who are special to us and let them know how much we appreciate them and the gratitude we have for them being in our lives. We can be thankful for many things such as our health, food on the table, a roof over our heads, and of course, our family and friends.

As we spend more time together as a family during this season, we encourage families to learn and read together to acknowledge Family Literacy Month. Literacy is not only knowing how to read but the ability to identify, understand, interpret, create, communicate, and process the material. Even if you aren't necessarily reading a book, creating a story still provides a literacy outlet. We hope that you find yourself very thankful during this season and take the time to learn and read together as a family!

We are Thankful for You!



Mark Your Calendars:

Important Dates



- **November 14:** Great Expectations Market Order Due
- **November 21:** Great Expectations Market Curbside Pick-Up
- **Now - November 30:** Fall Family Interviews

Meet the Cummings Family!

LASTASHIA BARBEE

Latashia has been working at Cummings Great Expectations as an Associate Teacher for three years. Her favorite color is purple and her favorite season is spring. She loves spending time with family, traveling, volunteering, and swimming. She is a big foodie, as she loves to try new foods and loves most food. If she could have one superpower it would be to replicate herself so there could be more of herself to do things that need to get done. Ashley's favorite childhood book was *Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister.

"I love working at Cummings Great Expectations because I enjoy sharing experiences, making memories, and learning with and from my families and children."

From Our Executive Director

JA'NEL JAMERSON

Reading together as a family has an immense amount of benefits. It can assist in language development, enhance comprehension, and foster the joy of reading. But, literacy is so much more! Research shows that when families read together, learning happens and memories are made that last a lifetime. Family literacy is about family members enhancing reading skills with things they do together. Family literacy should incorporate a variety of tools: books with words, picture books, storytelling, dramatic play and more. You can support family literacy at home by providing time, space, and a range of literacy activities for your family to experience.

Need some ideas? Try one of these:

- Exchange books at a local book exchange library
- Join the **Genesee County Literacy Coalition**
- Play word-based board games
- Read, read, and read some more
- Read signs and logos aloud while riding in the car
- Share the love and joy of reading
- Talk about what you've read
- Visit the **Flint Public Library**
- Write a note or poem



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Family literacy is something we are observing this month, but be sure to keep these habits in mind all year.