



SCHOOL DAYS

Norman Rockwell's 'Happy Birthday Miss Jones' is one of my favorites.

As I drove down to Pre-pack today, several schools were back "meeting the teacher" with class soon to begin. My mind dialed back to 6th grade, Walt Whitman Junior High in Alexandria, Virginia. Mrs. Laws was my Home Ec teacher and not only was she a stickler for the rules, she was ANCIENT! Though, now I imagine that she was probably a good 20 years younger than I am now! HA! She made you sift the flour and even it out with a knife. Use your finger as a leveler? Perish the thought! I learned what a seam ripper was, the difference between a $\frac{5}{8}$ ths and $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, to iron your freshly sewn seam, and to take pride in your work. I came out of that class with a tote bag, and two recipes that I still make today, 48 years later; lasagna and cheesecake. In complete honesty, some of her rules I do break. I do not always sift and I never level with a knife....Though, I can tell you her rules actually ARE very important when you bake, Baking is a science where cooking there is a lot more leeway. And I imagine Mrs. Laws would be tickled that I became a school teacher too, even with barbaric baking skills.

Here at Tiny Stitches we do have a few rules of a sort. We have so many new faces I thought I would go over a few.

- * If you go to the warehouse at a time we are not there, please make sure when locking the unit that it is locked by pulling up on the door. We do get a fine as a new lock is placed on it.
 - * Please sign the clipboard on the file cabinet if you are visiting the warehouse alone. Also, it helps inventory to say what and how many you have taken. (how many bolts of flannel, how many skeins etc.)
- We have over 200 volunteers and want to make sure everyone has access to the fabric.

- * Please sew items where both sides are indicative of either boy or girl. Bibs, quilts, changing pads make sure the back and front are both girl or both boy. This helps us when packing.
- * Check for loose threads when you finish and remove them. We do not check for this at pre-pack and don't want to send out a garment that isn't ready to wear.
- * At some point of the garment's journey, please launder the fabric or garment when it is done.
- * Please stay true to the pattern and fabrics noted in the pattern. Again, this is helpful for our inventory and purchase for new fabrics.
- * Items with snaps: once the garment or bag is finished, please test the snaps a few times to make sure they open and close properly.
- * Most of all, have fun. We are so blessed to volunteer in a group where our joy in the work translates to joy for the mom.

SEPTEMBER NEEDS:

Girl fabric caps
 Girl sleepers
 Girl lap-front shirts
 Girl diaper shirts
 Girl creepers
 Boy bibs (only, no girls please)
 Boy lap-front shirts
 Boy diaper shirts
 Boy gowns
 Boy tote bags (large ones)

2024 CALENDAR:

August 28th, Wednesday 9:00 Prepack/Pack
 September 3rd, Tuesday 10:15 Business Meeting
 September 25th, Wednesday 9:00 Prepack/Pack
 October 30th, Wednesday 9:30 (Note: fall/winter hours) Prepack/pack
 November 5th, Tuesday 10:15 Business Meeting
 December 18th *** different date for Prepack and Pack as the normal time falls on Christmas Day 🌲

Pre-pack at Midgard Self-Storage/ 130 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Sugar Hill
 Business Meeting Atlanta Sewing Center/ 2148 Duluth Hwy, Duluth

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