

St. John's Preschool Newsletter January 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

CALENDAR

January

1st – 5th Winter Break

8th Classes resume

15th NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr. Day

22nd Children's author Laura Gehl visits St. John's Preschool!

Community service

Thank you to everyone who participated in our December community service initiatives. Through our Angel Tree we helped over 16 children in our community to get exactly what they wanted and have a brighter Christmas.

In addition we were able to donate more than 20 individual gifts to the Stepping Stones Women and Child Shelter in Rockville MD!

One of the most exciting and rewarding momentss for me, was hearing one of our students say that now the child they bought a gift for, would be happy on Christmas just like them!

PRESCHOOL INFO

TAX ID INFORMATION

Our tax ID # is 52-1890498

If you need a statement of tuition paid for 2023 please email me or <u>treasurer@sjkidspreschool.org</u> TUITION PAYMENTS

Tuition is normally due on the first, but can be brought in on the 8th when we return to school. **WEATHER POLICY**

We follow MCPS for all weather related closings and delays. If they are closed, we are closed. If they have a two hour delay, we open at 10:00. If they close early, we close at the same time.

REENROLLMENT FOR NEXT YEAR OPENS JANUARY 16!

Reenrollment / registration for the 2024-2025 school year will open on January 16 for current families. To reserve your space you will need to complete the registration form and submit it with the \$80 registration fee. To finalize the space, you will need to submit the tuition for May 2025 by May 3, 2024. Enrollment will open to the community on January 29.

HELLO WINTER!

Winter is an opportunity to transform St. John's preschool into a magical haven, brimming with delightful experiences and fantastic learning opportunities. Our children dive into the wonders of snow, fascinating facts about winter animals and venture into diverse habitats, even exploring the coziness of igloos. There may be even a few edible treats along the way. The sparkle of art and creativity also play an important role as students joyfully craft their own Winter Wonderland.

Our activities take us both inside and outside. Going outside is beneficial in so many ways. The children learn things like why "smoke" seems to come from their mouth when it's cold, why leaves are so crunchy and what happened to all of the worms. Going outside has also been shown to reduce stress, build resilience and boost the immune system. And simply put... They LOVE it! <u>Please dress your child warmly and</u> <u>ready for the weather</u>. Make sure your child has a coat, hat and gloves or mittens (if you are in need of a coat, hat etc. please let Ms. Jackson know as soon as possible). We will go outside most days (using Maryland's outdoor recess guidelines). Unfortunately, we do not have the coverage to allow a student to stay inside when the rest of the class has gone outside. If it snows we will definitely try to go outside!



TSt. John's Lutheran Church Services

You are invited to come share with the congregation on Sundays at 10:00. You may join in person or virtually!