

JANUARY

Holy Family Pre-K 3

Letter from Director

Dear Parents,

The staff and I hope that your Christmas was fun and bright, but most importantly that the joyous season was filled with the gifts of Christ's grace, mercy and love for you and your family. Thank you so much for the gift certificates and the other presents. They are very much appreciated!

January is our reading awareness month. On January 8th, when we return from break, we will send home a book worm sheet. We ask that you read one story a day to your child and write the title of the book on the appropriate line. When the book worm is completed, return the form to school so your child can receive a surprise! Please return all book worms by January 31st. Our goal is to promote good reading habits.

Although no dates have been decided, we will have some special people in our community coming to school to read to the children during this month.

Reading to your child provides a valuable educational advantage. Children who are read to do far better in school, as they soak up everything they see and hear. Preschoolers tend to have favorite stories and may request the same book over and over. Repetition is important, as children are beginning their pre-reading skills. Checking their understanding and recall skills at the end of the book should be part of story reading. One thing your child will be doing in Pre-K 4 and kindergarten is sequencing. You can help your child with this skill by asking questions like what happened first, second, and last. When you read to your child you are teaching them much more than just the material you are reading. Reading aloud establishes a close loving bond between a parent and a child that can be forged in no better way.

Please make sure your child is dressed warmly when coming to school; coat, hat & gloves **with their names marked on the inside.**

The children need to go outside at recess to run off some of their energy so we do not keep them inside unless the temperature is below 40 degrees. Cold weather does not make them sick unless they're not dressed appropriately and also there are fewer germs outside. Some of the extra clothes we have for the children in case they have an accident are summer outfits; if that is the case with your child please send another outfit.

Next month we will have Open House & registration. Registration will be held February 1- February 28 and Open House will be on January 31st at 6pm at the Pre-K 3. Returning students and siblings of existing students are automatically accepted but must turn in a new application and all applicable registration fees. This ensures that we hold your spot. Please share this information with any friends or family that may be interested in registering. Entering children must be 3 by December 31st.

We will be sending home envelopes on the 25th. Please self address them (to parents, not child), place a stamp on them and return to school by the following Monday, the 28th. We will be walking to the Post Office in early February for the children to mail a special Valentine to you.

NOTE: Mrs. Kelsey will be out on Maternity Leave after the holidays. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as we wish for the happy and safe delivery of her baby boy.

Sincerely,
Leigh LeBlanc
Director

Curriculum

This month our unit will be on Reading Awareness & Fairytales. Our directional terms are front/behind & alike/different. Our color is white, and the shape is a rectangle. Letters for the month are N, O, P, and Q. Our nursery rhymes for the month are: Mary had a little lamb and There was an old Woman that Lived in a Shoe. The Character Critter to learn about this month will be Carrie the Caring Cat.

If anyone is a Construction or Utility Worker and would like to come visit as a community helper, please let us know.

Also, if any grandparents would like to come read to the children, we would love to have you!

Reminders to Parents

- Return to school
January 8
- Open House at 6pm
January 31
- Catholic Schools Week
January 28-February 1
- Registration February
1-28

This Week's Highlights

1/8

Return to School

1/8

Bookworm Begins (ends Jan 31)

1/10 & 1/24

White Days – Please wear white

1/15

enrichment

1/21

No School – Martin Luther King Day

1/25

Sending home envelopes (return Monday self addressed & stamped)

Birthdays

No January Birthdays :(