

# 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. A book worm sheet will be emailed to you. 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 complete, return the form to school so your child can receive a surprise! Please return all book worms by January 27th. Our goal is to promote good reading habits.

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 and **label all outerwear with their names.**

The children need to go outside at recess to burn 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. Additionally, there are fewer germs outside. Some of the extra clothes we have for the children in case they have an accident are summer outfits; please remember to send warm outfits.

Next month we will have Open House & Registration. Registration will be held February 1- February 28 and Open House will be on February 2nd 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 secure your spot. Please share this information with any friends or family that may be interested in registering. Entering children must be 3 by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

We will be sending home white envelopes on the 20th. Please self address them with parents name and address, place a stamp on them and return to school by the following Monday, the 30th. We will be walking to the Post Office in early February for the children to mail a special Valentine to you.

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, Q and R. 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 (outdoors and socially distanced), we would love to have you!

## Reminders to Parents

- Open House at 6pm  
February 2nd
- Catholic Schools Week  
January 30-February 3
- Registration February  
1-28

## This Week's Highlights

**1/4**

Return to School

**1/4**

Bookworm Begins (ends Jan 27)

**1/12 & 1/26**

White Days – Please wear white

**1/16**

No School – Martin Luther King Day

**1/10**

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**1/20**

Sending home envelopes (return Monday self addressed & stamped)

## Birthdays

Levi 2nd

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