



# Little Swatara Preschool

## January 2026



Dear Preschool Family and Friends,

Happy New Year! We are going to jump into 2026 with excitement, energy, and joy! I pray you had a beautiful Christmas with your families and friends.

It's exciting to begin a brand new year of growing, learning, and fun.

Students will continue practicing their Kindergarten readiness skills. We will focus on letter recognition, name writing, and learning numbers and shapes. Our Pre Kindergarten classes will begin their extended sessions this month and it will be an excellent opportunity to continue preparing them for their Kindergarten classrooms next year. Please follow the class calendars for specific information on stories, activities, and your child's weekly show and tell.

A few reminders: LSP will be in class on Martin Luther King Jr. Day (January 20th) and also on President's Day (February 17th). If you know your child will not be in attendance on either of these days, please remember to inform their teacher. Also, please be sure to notify staff if you have any changes to your home telephone numbers, contact persons, or those people given permission to pick up your child from preschool.

We are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of your student's early childhood education. Thank you for entrusting your precious child to our care. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about the program, please feel free to reach out at any time!

Blessings to you and yours,

Miss Sara



"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

### EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM



**Classes will resume on Monday, January 5, 2026.** The Extended Day Program for the Pre K classes begins Tuesday, January 6th for PreK 3 and Wednesday, January 7th for PreK 1. Miss Diana and Miss Sierra will lead the students as they experience a full day classroom schedule. This grants students the opportunity to expand the areas of structured science, math skills, life skills, phonics, and physical activities. On extended days, each child will need to **bring a packed, cold lunch**. If you have any questions please direct them to Miss Diana or Miss Sara. We are excited to spend these fun days with the students which will help better prepare them for Kindergarten.



The **Vision Resource Center** of Berks County will be offering a free vision screening to all of our preschool students in January. A permission slip will be sent home with each student and it will need to be completed and signed by the preschooler's parent in order to have the screening conducted on your child. The screening takes approximately 3 minutes per child and a parent does not need to be present at the time of the screening. This year, the students will view a program by "C-Well Bunny" to help them better understand what the vision screening is for in a child friendly way and what to expect during the screening process.

**Screenings will be held on the following dates:**

**Wednesday, January 21st: Preschool 1 class, PreK 1 class**

**Thursday, January 22nd: Preschool 2 class, PreK 3 class**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Miss Sara at [sara.bryant@littleswatara.org](mailto:sara.bryant@littleswatara.org) or call LSP @ 717-933-4500.



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We are sending a great big thank you to all of those that donated food for families in need at Christmas. The groceries that were collected by our students went to the Bethel-Tulpehocken Food Pantry. Your response was heart warming. The children were proud to be helping and caring for others by giving the gift of food. This is a great lesson to learn at an early age. Thank you for giving above and beyond what is expected. We would also like to say a big THANK YOU for the Christmas presents so many of you gifted to the Preschool program. We were incredibly blessed by the generosity and kindness you've shown and we are very grateful for our Little Swatara Preschool family.

Thank you also to each family that was able to join us for "Cookies and Carols." We had fun spending time singing, decorating, and celebrating Jesus' birthday with all of you. Lastly, thank you to PetSmart for donating the stuffed animals the students were gifted at our celebration. It is such a wonderful blessing to have so many friends to thank!

May God's grace fill  
your days and His peace  
be with you in 2026!

