



January 2019 Preschool News

I hope you each had a wonderful Christmas and winter break!

January will give us a chance to get back into the routines of the classroom.

This month themes include: Winter, winter animals, dinosaurs, and construction. The character trait for the month is perseverance.

January 21st: Preschool is closed for the Martin Luther King holiday.

This month, teachers will send home developmental reports. These are simple milestone developmental checklists for your child's specific age group. If you have any questions, let us know. A sign-up sheet will be available at your child's classroom, if you would like a conference. It has been our pleasure to work with them in centers each day. They have had fun and have grown so! We enjoy watching all of them grow.

Also this month, I will send home a mid-year assessment for you to complete. It is most helpful to us to get feedback from you and better understand your needs. Though we cannot meet all needs, we certainly will consider them and adjust if we are able. Please return them to my office, the mailbox, or a teacher. Thanks!

Beginning on January 22nd, there will be an early opportunity for our currently enrolled families to register for a space in the summer and/or the next preschool year.

You can choose to register:

1> for the year (June to June) 2> for the preschool year (no summer months) 3> for only the summer months (not returning in August). Your child's spot will be secured when you return the new enrollment forms and a \$50 non-refundable deposit. The balance of \$150 will be due by May 15th.

St. Matthew's Church members will be able to join early registration on February 11th and registration opens to the general public on February 25th. Once registration is open, all spaces will be available. Secure your space early!

Anyone ready for snow?



Bad weather can hit us this time of year. Listen to local radio and television stations for District 6 school closings and delays. We generally follow closings and delays for District 6 Schools but will use the runner on *local* WSPA, WYFF, and Fox Carolina television stations. Also, check the preschool Facebook page and the preschool Remind app. A decision to close or delay opening will be made according to the weather forecast and road conditions of that day. If we post a delay: 1-hour delay opens the early arrival program at 8:30 and preschool will start at 9:00, 2-hour delay opens for all programs at 9:30. If weather conditions occur or worsen during the day while your child is attending, we will contact you and expect you to pick up your child.

Teacher workdays in February and March are make-up days. We will be open as normal.

Finally, start thinking about competing and helping with the Annual Chili Cook-Off on March 7th!

More info will come this month but if you have a good traditional, spicy, vegetarian or game chili recipe, test it at the cook-off. There will be door prizes and silent auction, and of course competing or tasting. It's tons of fun and is our biggest fundraiser for preschool. Come on..... see you there!

Please remember to see online info at www.stmatthewsepiscope.org where you will find the calendar, menu, news and other information.

Blessings and love to each of you!
Barbara Coleman