



January 2021 Preschool News

I hope you each had a safe and healthy and 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. Focus color is white ... like snow?

January 18th: 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. Also let us know when you would like a parent-teacher conference. This year this may come via facetime or phone conferences. It has been our pleasure to work with them in centers each day. They have had fun and have grown so!

Also, this month, please return the mid-year assessment. It is most helpful for us to get feedback from you and better understand your needs. It has been a challenging year! This quality assurance tool will help us to consider your unmet needs 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. Enrollment packets will be sent home with your child this month. Please return the entire packet with a 50% deposit or the full enrollment fee by February 25th. I must know your intention to return by February 25th.

You can choose to register 3 ways:

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 only when you return the new enrollment forms and an enrollment fee. Please talk to me if you have any questions.

St. Matthew's Church members will be able to join early registration on February 10th and registration opens to the general public on February 25th. Once open registration starts, all spaces will be available.

Secure your space early!

What if it snows?



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 your classroom 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 morning preschool will open at 8:45, 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 promptly.

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

Blessings and love to each of you!
Barbara Coleman