



St. James' Nursery School News

Calendar of Events

January 2012

1/2: School Closed—Happy New Year!!

1/3: Back to school!

1/5: **Closed for Parent/Teacher Conferences**

1/9, 12 & 13: Two's Mini-Chapel Times

1/10 & 13: Bookmobile Dates

1/11 & 12: Chapel Times

1/16: **Closed. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday, Observed**

1/17: **AM Classes Only Closed and Full Day Class Delayed Opening at 11:30 – In-Service Planning Time**

1/17-27: In-house registration for the 2012-2013 school year

1/23: Annex Bookmobile Visit

1/27: Last day for In-House Registration

1/27-31: Kindermusik Classes!!

2/1-2/3: Alumni and Church Member Registration Days





Please provide winter coats, hats, mittens, etc for children to go outside. Names of children should be written in all outdoor clothing! The children will go out for at least a few minutes unless it is terribly cold or raining. Thank you!

eScrip

If you have not already done so, please register for eScrip on-line at escrip.com and choose St. James' Nursery School (group id# 155428931) to benefit from your purchases. Thank you!



I'm a Little Snowman

Song to the tune of: I'm a Little Teapot
*I'm a little snowman, cold and white
Standing in the yard day and night;
It it ges too warm, I better watch out,
'cause I will melt, there is no doubt!*

Registration for 2012-2013

Currently enrolled students and their siblings may register beginning 8:30AM on Tuesday, January 17th and ending Friday, January 27th at 3:00PM.

Due to our class scheduling, we are asking that our currently enrolled children to register during the first week of registration, January 17-20. Please note there is only one class offered for Pre-K 4's in the AM for three days at 2 ½ hours a day. We can only guarantee a spot for currently enrolled applicants whose registration forms, along with the \$75.00 nonrefundable fee, are received in our Main Street Office by January 20th at 3:00pm.

We will continue to accept registrations through January 27th at 3:00PM.

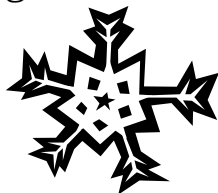
Applications are received on a first come first serve basis and while every attempt will be made to accommodate individual choices, we can not guarantee that you will receive them. Final class placement is at the discretion of the Director. Should you miss in-house registration, you will need to attend our community registration beginning on Monday, February 6th.

Registration forms are available in our office or on our website at www.stjamesmtairy.org. Please be aware that no registrations will be accepted prior to Tuesday, January 17th at 8:30AM. Forms presented in person will be processed first. In the event of inclement weather, please call the school for more information.

Inclement Weather School Closing Procedures



- When Carroll County Schools are closed due to bad weather, St. James Nursery, **both locations**, will also be closed.
- When Carroll County Schools open one **or** two hours late: All AM classes will begin at 10:00 and dismiss at 11:30 and PM classes are held as scheduled.
- If Carroll County Schools dismiss early, we will not hold PM classes.
- As always, your child's safety comes first. If you are uncomfortable with the driving conditions, we will respect your decision to keep your child at home or pick them up early.
- If you are unsure of closings, please call the nursery office at 301-829-0014 to hear the recorded message.



Kindermusik Classes Coming to St. James Nursery School

We are excited to announce that each class will be having Kindermusik sessions beginning at the end of January. These classes will be paid for with money raised in the Fall Corbi fundraiser! Each individual class will have a total of three sessions (a class in Jan., Feb. and March!). This will offer a great enhancement to our program as children work on beat, focused listening, creative movement, inhibitory control, language and cooperative participation. We are excited to have Ms. Debbie Henning, a Licensed Kindermusik Educator coming to our program to lead these sessions!

Upcoming Dates to mark on Your calendar!!

February 1-2

Carroll County Library Puppet Show
"Cinderella and the Winter Ball"

February 1-3

Mt. Airy Lion's Club Vision Screenings

February 6

PM closed and Full Day 12:00 dismissal

Week of February 13th

Kindermusik Classes

February 15-17

Cuddle-up & Read Book Selection

February 20

President's Day – School Closed

February 21-24

Preschool 3's Classes

Skyview Gym Fieldtrips

February 28-March 2

Scholastic Book Fair (Parent volunteers are needed for this event (email Pat)

The following article is provided courtesy of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

Raising a Reader

Children learn to love the sound of language before they ever notice the existence of printed words on a page. They coo or babble when you talk or sing to them, and as they grow, rapidly pick up the concepts and words they hear used. Reading aloud with children is an essential component to language development and is one of the most important activities for preparing them to succeed as readers.

As parents and caregivers, you can help lay down the foundation for a love of reading and nurture children's development. Here are some things you can do to raise a lifelong reader:

Talk, Sing, and Play

Babies delight in hearing language. Talk as you do simple everyday things together: recite nursery rhymes, and do finger plays, games and action songs.

Make Time to Read

Try to read with your child every day at a regularly scheduled time. If possible, choose a time when you can be relaxed and not rushed. If you have more than one child, spend time reading with each child separately, especially if they're more than two years apart. On days that are particularly hectic, bring a few books when you take children along on errands. Taking time to read to children on a regular basis sends the message that reading is worthwhile.

One More Time...PLEASE?!

As every adult who cares for children knows, they often ask to hear the same story again and again. They delight in knowing what comes next and often learn a favorite book so well that they can "read" it on their own. That favorite story may speak to your child's current interests and emotional needs, so it's important for the adults in their lives to be patient during this phase. Young children are eventually ready for different stories if they are continuously exposed to a variety of books.

Slow Down

It's not just what you read to children, but how you read that matters. If adults rush through stories or read without enthusiasm, children quickly lose interest. Try to read with expression and use different voices for the characters. Reading at a leisurely pace with occasional pauses gives children time to take in what they hear, mull it over, and imagine the people, places, and events. Pose a question or make a remark that will prompt the child to think, express himself, or relate the story to his own experiences. It's also a good idea to follow children's cues. Sometimes they are caught up in the story and don't want stops and detours along the way.

Choose Books with Care

Reading together often, you learn a lot about the kinds of books your child likes and understands. Visit the local library and involve your child in deciding what to bring home. Selecting books that relate to what's happening in the child's life at that time is a good way to ease transitions and allay fears about upcoming events. Topics such as potty training, new siblings, adoption, or moving to a new home are covered in a variety of books that are written specifically for young children.

Surround Children with Reading Material

In addition to library books, children also like having some books of their own that they can read whenever the mood strikes them. Affordable used books can be found at yard sales, thrift stores, secondhand book stores, and public library book sales. Consider subscribing to a good children's magazine--children love having something come in the mail just for them!

Don't Pressure Children About What or When to Read

Nagging children about their reading habits may cause them to resist reading all-together. Some school-age children choose to read only comic books or fan magazines after their homework is completed. Try not to criticize--after all, they are reading. If a child makes a mistake when reading aloud, don't interrupt. If the mistake doesn't change the meaning, let it go.

Show That You Value Their Efforts

Nothing is more important for fostering readers than showing genuine enthusiasm. Ask your child to read to you, a younger child, or a special visitor. Talk with him about what he is reading and respond positively.

Cuddle-Up and Target Reading!!



Thanks to a grant from Target the families and children at St. James' Nursery School will be participating in a reading program again this year!!

Each child will receive a calendar for three months this year: January, February and March!!

Draw a smiley-face on each day that you read together for at least 15 minutes!!
Cover at least 20 days with smiley-faces per month and your child select a new book complements of Target!!

Important!!!

Return the calendar to school at the beginning of the next month!!!