

Gentle Learning PRESCHOOL

January Newsletter 2019

Happy New Year! We hope you had a relaxing winter break and that your holidays were wonderful.

As we begin the second half of our school year, we find ourselves making preparations for next Fall. Preschool registration is coming up quickly! **Early Bird Registration will take place Wednesday, January 16th, beginning at 9:30am.** If possible, you will want to arrive early to hopefully secure your first class choice. Spots fill up fast!

On that day, stop at the front desk to pick a playing card. We will call you up by suit and you'll line up by number. This is how we will efficiently and fairly register each family.

Even though you already have a preschooler here, you will need the following with you to register that day:

- birth certificate (or copy) is required for proof of age
- proof of residency is needed for the Lisle resident discount
- \$50 non-refundable deposit.

Registration for the general public begins at our Preschool Open House on Wednesday, Jan. 23rd from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. We encourage you to spread the word to new preschool families! We are grateful for your support of our preschool program.

Enrichment Programs: Winter enrichment classes will be starting up again this month. Science, Math, Reading, Cooking, Art and a few new one-day classes are offered. Check online for dates and availability. We also continue to offer our Lunch Buddies Program where students can stay after their regular class for lunch and then head to their enrichment classes. This makes for a longer, fun filled day for your child.

No School: School is not in session on Monday, January 21st, as we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Annual Valentine's Day Mothers' Tea: One of the most treasured events in our preschool is approaching. Please mark Tuesday, February 12th and Wednesday, February 13th, at 11:00 am on your calendar for the Mothers' Tea Party. This event is a longtime favorite because the children are the stars and only the moms are the guests of honor. Dessert and tea will be served. More details will be coming your way as we get closer to the date.

Book Wish List: We are exceptionally grateful for the birthday books so many of you have donated. You are helping to fill our library with such wonderful new and beloved titles. If you are looking for a recommendation of a title to donate, we have a "Book Wish List" on the big bulletin board in our main preschool hallway.

A Reminder: Cold and Flu season is here and sometimes it's hard to know if your child is sick enough to keep home. Below is a list you might find helpful when making that call.

Keep your child home with:

- A fever of 99 degrees or more. This and a rash, earache, sore throat, lethargy or nausea, fever may signal a highly contagious infection or the flu
- A persistent cough and wheezing coupled with a thick or constant nasal discharge
- Persistent vomiting or diarrhea during the previous night
- Any undiagnosed rash, especially when there's a fever and behavioral change
- Any physical or emotional condition that would prevent him from participating comfortably in class
- Pink eye in which there's a white or yellowish discharge, often with matted eyelids after sleep, eye pain or itch, and redness
- Head lice. Stay home until treated
- Strep throat/Scarlet fever