



Happy Holidays from our family to yours

St. James Early Learning Center is made up of many families that share similarities and traditions. During this time of year, the holidays bring families together to share these traditions. Do you have a special or unique tradition your family celebrates this time of year? We invite you to share your family's holiday tradition with your child's classroom. Take this time to enjoy your family and friends, and let your children enjoy the joys this holiday season brings.

~Wishing you all a peaceful and blessed holiday season.



NEW FOR JANUARY

Our hopes are to open Preschool 2 (also known as PS2), starting in January. Ms. Danielle will break from the preschool trio and move with the children turning four or soon to be four to preschool 2. PS2 is designed as a transition room between preschool and Prek, to give children plenty of age-appropriate learning opportunities to challenge their growing needs, which are bigger than preschool, but not quite ready for PreK. Everyone in PS2 will go to PreK in the fall. Opening up PS2, will allow us to expand our enrollment with the many, many new siblings soon to be joining us in 2023.

ILLNESSES

Cold and flu season has arrived. The Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) has sent us information on the rise in cases of RSV. It is more than just a cold; it is affecting adults and children alike, causing difficulty breathing. Our goal is to keep everyone as healthy as possible. We are asking everyone to please be vigilant and err on the side of caution. If your child has had a persistent runny nose that has a color, cough, or just not acting like themselves. We are asking you to please have your child checked by a physician. We will be following our center's handbook, illness policy, and further recommendations from the DOH when warranted.



Wish Tree

Throughout the year many families often ask how they can help or what the classrooms need. We created a wish tree; each classroom has created Christmas Ornaments. These ornaments are all over the tree in the hallway. On the backs of each ornament, teachers have requested items that they would like to have in their classroom for all to enjoy. Please do not feel obligated to participate; this is just our way of letting you know how to help the classrooms.

How does it work:

~Choose as many ornaments as you would like. There is at least 1 ornament for every child in each classroom.

~Wrap your item up.

~Use the ornament as the gift tag and place it back under the tree by Monday, Dec.19th, or the latest Dec.20th.

CLASSROOM ORNAMENTS:

Infants: Christmas Balls **PreK:** Gingerbread Men

Young Toddlers: Stars **Kids Club:** Snowflakes

Older Toddlers (2's): Snowmen

Preschool: Santas

Reminders:

- Please complete our Holiday Survey, so we can schedule accordingly over the Holiday week
- **Dec. 4th-** Front Porch with Santa
- **Dec. 17th-** Breakfast with Santa @ St. James Church 8am-11am
- **Dec. 19th-** Wish Tree Items are due. Children will be opening gifts on Wednesday, Dec. 21.
- **Dec. 19th -Dec. 23rd-**Spirit-Week- More information to come.
- **Dec. 26th** Center CLOSED
- **January. 2, 2023** Center CLOSED