

St James Early Learning Center

NEWSLETTER



April 2024

CENTER HAPPENINGS

Wednesdays- Youth Group

Wednesdays are youth group days and are held from 3:30-5:00 during the school year. I hope this allows you to plan accordingly, for pick-up, as the parking lot will continue to be congested between 4:30-5:00.

Spring Weather

Our goal is to go outside daily. Please make sure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing. Spring weather is always up and down, so please make sure your child has a light jacket for outdoor play and walks. You can start to bring an extra set of spring clothes for your child's bins.

Spring Cleaning

We are in need of size 4,5,6 pants or shorts, and girls' underwear for our extra clothes bins.

Teacher Appreciation

May is just around the corner. Each year we like to have a daily drawing for teachers to receive little gifts throughout the week. We are looking for donations for these raffle items. Items could include gift cards, household decor, candles, trinkets, reusable cups, lotions, bags, stationary, or anything they would enjoy.

Fever Policy

Children with a fever may return when they have been fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication (Tylenol & Motion).

What's In This Month's Issue?

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- Spring & Summer Schedules
- Week of the Young Child Kick off Event
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SPRING & SUMMER SCHEDULES

Changes to your child's summer schedule must be in writing 2 weeks before any changes are made.

School Age / Summer Camp- If your child is enrolled in our school-age program, they will automatically have a spot in our summer program, and tuition will be adjusted accordingly. Summer options were sent to all families.



Week of the Young Child Kick off Event

Week of the
Young Child®

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 6th | 9 AM - 12 PM
James Gettys Elementary School

Plan to join us as we demonstrate the importance and value of strong community support for the young child and early learning. We will be introducing the 2024 PA One Book, *Slug in Love* by Rachel Bright.

Join the fun!

- ✓ Fun activities
- ✓ Face painting
- ✓ Door prizes
- ✓ Balloon animals
- ✓ K-Pets
- ✓ And much more!

Free Event!

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Important Dates

- April 2 | Wear blue for Autism
- April 6 | Week of the Young Child Kick-off Event @ James Gettys Elementary, from 9-12
- April 8-12 | Center Week of the Young Child Events
- April 22 | Earth Day
- May | Mother's Day Tea



Key Cards

As part of our updated security, we are asking all families to provide their key card numbers. Please use the link below.

<https://forms.gle/Jx5tcM5ZV1wZSfZ56>



Center-wide Week of the Young Child Events

April 8-12



MONDAY	Music Monday: Twos, Preschool & PreK will be enjoying different musical instruments from Mr. Jonathan our music minister
TUESDAY	Tasty Tuesday: Classrooms will have sign-ups for ingredients for a classroom snack.
WEDNESDAY	Work Together Wednesday: We will be taking donations for the Adams County SPCA. Boxes will be in the entryway. A separate donation list will follow.
THURSDAY	Artsy Thursday- We will be making a center-wide mural to display in the hallway
FRIDAY	Family Friday- join us at Hoss's from 5-8, or go on your own throughout the day to participate in our fundraiser. Present our fundraiser card at check out!
ALL WEEK	Guest Readers- Sign up all week long to be a guest reader in your child's classroom. Choose a book that you & your child enjoy and share with the class

Sponsored by NAYCE since 1971, Week of the Young Child has been a week-long celebration of young children and their families. Throughout this week, it is a time to encourage hands-on learning, creative art, music, and movement activities, and enjoy delicious healthy foods.

Our week is planned with different ways you can be involved and help us make the most of our fun here at St. James ELC!

FUN FACTS:

*The children we raise today, are the same children who will be the leaders, role models, and advocates for all the children who come after them!

*Music helps develop young children's language and early literacy skills!

*Cooking connects math with science exploration and more literacy skills!

*Children develop creativity and fine motor skills by exploring open-ended art projects/materials, where they can make their own choices, use their own imaginations, and be hands-on during their own learning!

*A child's family members are their most important teachers and role models from their very first day of life!

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