

St James Early Learning Center



NEWSLETTER

March 2024

CENTER HAPPENINGS

Wednesdays, Wednesdays, are continuing...

Wednesday dinners will begin at 5, so the parking lots will be busy with families attending dinner and picking up children from the 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.

Transitions

In a few weeks (March 18th) transitions will be happening throughout the center. We will have an in-house transition next week for children to get to spend a little time each day in their new classroom before starting on March 18th.

What's In This Month's Issue?

- Center Happenings
- Spring & Summer Schedules
- Assistant Director
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SPRING & SUMMER SCHEDULES

I know we haven't officially started spring, but I know many families are planning for their summers already.

If you are planning to make changes to your child /ren's enrollment for the summer, please let me know as soon as possible.

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. If you are not in need of summer care, please get in contact with me.



Assistant Director

After countless applications, interviews, and multiple offers, we officially have an assistant director. Her first day at St James was 11 years ago, and many of you know her. I am pleased to announce that our new assistant director is Ms. Kim!

Ms. Kim reminds me a lot of myself, she started in the field right out of high school, pursued higher education, gained her associate's degree, and has many many years teaching multiple different age groups. Now she is testing the waters of administration, while still being involved in the classrooms.

Ms. Kim is excited about her new responsibilities, meeting all of the families and advocating for Early Learning.

Please stop by and congratulate her on her new role!



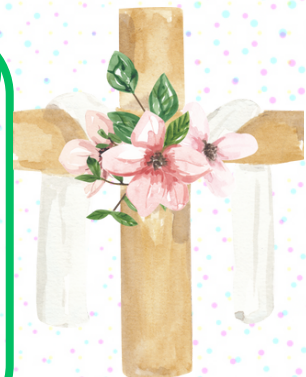
Key Cards

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

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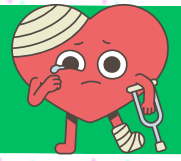
Important Dates

- March 4-8 | Read Across America Week
- March 10 | Day Light Savings Time
- March 17 | St Patrick's Day
- March 29 | Good Friday - Center CLOSED
- March 31 | Easter
- April 6 | Week of the Young Child Kick off Event @ James Gettys Elementary, from 9-12





Sick Policy



It is that time of year when illness is on the rise. We do our best to clean and disinfect our classroom and the toys and materials used among the children daily. However, if and when your children get sick we ask that you honor the 24-hour policy. If you see a doctor and receive a doctor's note children may return if they are not experiencing continued symptoms and can participate in the classroom daily routine.

Fevers: Temperatures over 100.4- Children may return to school when the child's temperature has been normal for a full 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.

Vomiting: May return 24 hours after symptoms are gone and can eat regular foods including the consumption of milk.

Diarrhea: May return to school 24 hours after all symptoms are gone. Bowel movement must be contained inside the diaper or the child can make it to the bathroom if they are potty trained.

Antibiotics- children should be on an antibiotic for a full 24 hours before returning to the center. This helps prevent the spread of illness and allows you to see if your child experiences any reactions to the medication.

We understand the importance of having your children with us, and we want them to enjoy being in school and participating in the daily routine. We want all of our children and staff to remain as healthy as possible. Ultimately we ask you to follow this policy to keep our staff as healthy as possible, so we can continue to care for everyone's children.



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**Week of the
Young Child**
April 6-12, 2024

