

St James Early Learning Center

NEWSLETTER



MAY 2024

CENTER HAPPENINGS

Center Wide Breakfast

Breakfast is served every morning from 6:30-8:00 A.M. If you would like your child to eat breakfast at school, please have them here before 8:00 A.M., so they have an opportunity to eat before breakfast is put away for the day. We also ask that parents do not bring in additional breakfast or alternative breakfast items. As a center, we provide a variety of foods that are part of our food program options. If you prefer that your child eats items that you provide, please make sure they eat their breakfast before being dropped off in their classrooms.

Spring Weather/Cleaning

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 ensure your child has a light jacket for outdoor play and walks. You can bring an extra set of spring clothes for your child's bins. If you find yourself needing to get rid of old spring clothing, we are still in need of size 4, 5, & 6 pants or shorts, and girls' underwear for our extra clothes bins here at school. We appreciate any and all donations!

Sunscreen

Classrooms will be spending more time outdoors as the weather gets warmer. Please apply sunscreen before dropping your child off. If sunscreen needs to be reapplied in the afternoon it is treated like a medication and will need to be signed in daily. Keep in mind if the feel like temperature is over 90 degrees we are not permitted to be outside.

Fever Policy

Children with a fever may return when they have been fever-FREE for 24 hours withOUT fever-reducing medication (Tylenol & Motrin).



What's In This Month's Issue?

- Center Happenings
- Summer Vacations
- Important Dates & Closings
- Key Cards
- Mother's Day Tea
- Teacher Appreciation Week



SUMMER VACATIONS

Vacation Week Credit - Families have the option for free vacation week during the summer. If you are planning a vacation, be sure to let us know 2 weeks before your vacation dates.

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



Important Dates

- May 6-10 | Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 10 | Mother's Day Tea 3:30-5:00PM
- May 12 | Mother's Day
- May 27 | Memorial Day (**CENTER CLOSED**)
- May 28 | First Day of Summer Camp
- June 3-7 | VBS "Stellar"
- June 14 | Father's Day Event



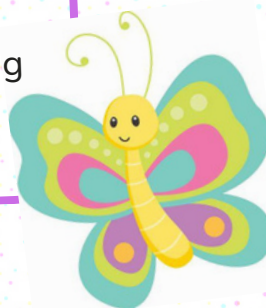
Key Cards

As part of our updated security, we are asking all families to provide their key card numbers. If you have not provided us with your number please do so asap. If a key card number is not provided, the card will be deactivated and considered a lost card.

As we update the system, building doors will be automatically locked at 5:30 PM and parent cards will no longer be able to unlock the doors. Please make sure your child is picked up prior to 5:30 PM. If you do not have a key card or have lost yours, there is a \$20.00 fee to replace & receive a new one.

Mother's Day

We are inviting all mother's, grandmother's, sisters, aunt's, & the like to our annual Mother's Day Tea, being held on Friday May 10th from 3:30 to 5:00 P.M. in the dining room. We look forward to seeing everyone there and celebrating all the mama's!



Teacher Appreciation Week

"Camping With The Stars"

May 6-10

MONDAY We are BEAR-Y thankful & BEAR-Y lucky to have teachers like ours! Staff will get to enjoy a hearty lumberjack breakfast provided by our church's board members!

TUESDAY If our teachers were FLOWERS, we'd pick them! Each child is encouraged to bring in a pretty long stem flower for each of their classroom teachers. By the end of the day, each teacher will have a beautiful wild flower bouquet provided by their students.

WEDNESDAY We CAMP thank our teachers enough for all that they do! Staff will get to enjoy a delicious outdoor lunch provided by our families! The main dish will be provided for them, and families are encouraged to bring in sides, desserts, and drinks. Please see classroom sign up sheets for what each classroom can help provide!

THURSDAY We are so PLAID to have teachers like ours & the world needs S'MORE teachers like them! Teachers can wear their most comfortable flannels and start their mornings off with some hot coffee from the kitchen!

FRIDAY We thank our teachers so much for making us such HAPPY CAMPERS! Staff will get to have a yummy sweet treat or create their own camping trail mix to take back with them to their tents! Families are encouraged to help provide sweet treats & trail mix ingredients, please see classroom sign up sheets for what each classroom can help provide!

ALL WEEK Teacher Raffle! Donations will be spread out on a table and throughout the week - teacher names will be randomly picked to have a turn choosing an item from the table to keep. This continues until all teachers have had a turn and all items have been claimed. The more items we receive, the better chance we have at making sure all the teachers receive something nice!