

# St James Early Learning Center

## NEWSLETTER

August 2024

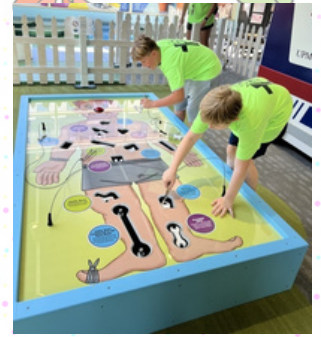
### CENTER HAPPENINGS

#### 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.

#### 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
- Weather Updates
- Important Dates
- Giving Spree
- Kindergarten Readiness

### SUMMER VACATIONS

**Vacation Week Credit** - Families have the option for a free vacation week during the summer. If you are planning a vacation, please 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.

### WEATHER UPDATES

#### Summer Weather/Cleaning

Our goal is to go outside daily. If the feel like temperatures is 90 or below we will be going outside. Please make sure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing. Please bring an extra set of clothes for your child's bins. If you find yourself needing to get rid of old clothing, we are still in need of pants or shorts for our extra clothes bins here at school. We appreciate any and all donations!

#### Summer Shoes

Please make sure that they are appropriate for running and walks. We recommend sneakers/closed-toed-shoes or Crocs.

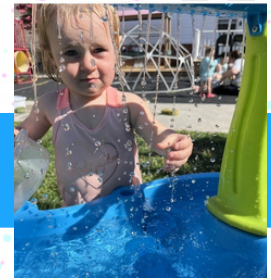
#### Sunscreen/Water Play

Sunscreen should be applied before dropping your child off in the mornings. If sunscreen needs to be reapplied in the afternoon, it is treated like a medication and will need to be logged in daily. Keep in mind if the feel like temperature is over 90 degrees we are not permitted to be outside.

#### Water Days

Classrooms will be having water days from now until the end of Summer. Children will need bathing suits, towels, water-appropriate shoes, and a dry outfit for after water play. Classroom Water Days are:

Infants, Young Toddlers, Preschool - Wednesday's  
Two's, PreK & Summer Camp - Friday's



## Important Dates

- August 15 | End of Summer Picnic/Meet the Teachers Night 5:30-6:30PM-Replacing Open House (See Flyer)
- August 23 | Last Day of Summer Camp
- August 26 | In-House Transitions Begin
- August 27 | First Day of School for Gettysburg
- September 2 | Center is **CLOSED** for Labor Day!
- September 3 | Official Start Date For Transitioning Children In New Classrooms (Schedule changes need to be in writing and submitted 2 weeks prior to transition time)



## Giving Spree

This year's Giving Spree is only a few months away! On November 7th, join Adams County in making a difference for our local businesses and organizations. St. James Lutheran Church Early Learning Center is an integral part of our Adams County community and we look forward to participating in the annual Adams County Community Foundation Giving Spree. Stay tuned for more information as it comes out.

### Giving Spree

Thank you, Adams County!

[ACCFGivingSpree.org](http://ACCFGivingSpree.org)

## Kindergarten Readiness

Starting school can be an exciting but anxious time for families. We already think to look at their academic and motor skills as part of their kindergarten readiness. However, other key factors to your child's success that you may not think about is their self help abilities and social skills. Here are a few ways you can help your child be ready for their new start to a new school year!

### Self Help Skills

- Proper handwashing
- Using the restroom independently
- Dressing/undressing, and putting on/off their shoes
- Putting on/off winter attire
- Zipping, buttoning, tying
- Opening/closing lunchboxes/backpacks
- Opening food packaging/drinks on their own

### Social Skills

- Knowing their first and last name (not a nickname) and their age
- Following simple rules/routines and safety expectations
- Separating from parent/guardian
- Interacting positively with others
- Asking for help
- Emotional regulation
- Completing short tasks independently
- Ability to sit and listen to stories/directions for 5-10 minutes

### Books

A few books to read with your children to prepare them for school (and there are MANY others out there as well!)

