

St. James Early Learning Center

NEWSLETTER



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.

Wednesday's: Youth Group begins on September 4th and ends at 5:00PM - this will shake up our parking availability around 4:45-5:15 on Wednesday evenings as children are being picked up. Please be patient with other families and plan accordingly.

Reminding all families that St. James ELC parking is located at the back of the building (larger vehicles - please park at the top of the lot closer to the road so other vehicles can still get through). We are not responsible for tickets, tows, etc. if you are parking elsewhere.

No More Water Days..

Days of playing outside in the water have come to a close for us here at school (but don't let that stop you from enjoying water days at home for as long as the weather allows!) We had a fun summer, but we are ready to get back into the school year routine! Water days will resume for us next summer! 😊

Fever Policy

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

Summer & Fall Weather/Cleaning

Our goal is to go outside daily. Please make sure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing and please bring an extra set of clothes for your child's bins. We understand that the weather has not changed quite yet, but to start preparing for the chillier months - children may bring in a light jacket to keep in their cubbies if ever needed.

Shoes

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

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What's In This Month's Issue?

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- Staffing Switch Ups
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Important Dates

- September 2 | The Center is **CLOSED** for Labor Day!
- September 3 | Transitioned Children start in their New Classrooms!
- September 4 | Youth Group Begins! Every Wednesday from 3:30-5:00 PM.
- September 11 | Chapel Begins! Every Wednesday for Preschool and PreK.
- September 22 | First Day of Fall! 🍂
- October | Picture Day, Vision Screening, Halloween!



Flu Shots

All children age 6 months to 6 years are required to have a flu vaccination. If you do not wish to have your child vaccinated please complete an exemption form located outside the office.



Giving Spree

This year's Giving Spree is only a couple of 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

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 many ways you can help your child continue to be successful in their routine of 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 couple additional books to read with your children to keep them successful in school.



Sam



Staffing Switch Ups

Now that we have started our new school year we will be having some staffing switch ups covering in different classrooms.

Ms. Samantha (Sam) will be opening in the preschool as well as helping with our school-age program, and floating as needed.

Ms. Adam's / (Ms. Morgan) will be staying with us, working with our school age program and floating.

Ms. Erika will come out of the PreK classroom and become a center floater, filling in for planning and any where she is needed.

Ms. Ashley B. will be coming out of the Young Toddler classroom for a little while, while her son attends. She will be trying out PreK until a permanent replacement can be found, and floating through the center.

Ms. Megs is back and will be working with Ms. Megan in the Young Toddler classroom.

Ms. Jess will remain in PreK, as we continue to look for her a permanent co-teacher.

Ashley B



Megs



Jess



Morgan



Erika



We Are Hiring...

Spread the word...

Do you know someone who wants to make a difference in a child's life, has an educational background, and has great classroom management?

We are looking for a PreK Teacher and Classroom Floaters! 😊

