

St. James Early Learning Center

NEWSLETTER



IMPORTANT DATES

- May 4-8 | Teacher Appreciation Week (See Flyer)
- May 8 | Mother's Day Tea 3:30-4:30PM (See Flyer)
- May 10 | Mother's DAY!
- May 25 | **CENTER CLOSED!** Memorial Day Weekend!
- May 29 | GASD's LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!
- June 1 | First Day of Summer Camp!!
- Staff Birthday's
 - Miss Ashton (1st), Miss Jess (21st), Miss Emily (26th), Miss Kathy (27th)
- Staff Anniversary's:
 - Miss Ashley D: 6 years on the 4th
 - Miss Kim: 13 years on the 14th
 - Miss Jess: 9 years on the 31st
- **Looking Ahead..** VBS, Father's Day, 1st Day of Summer!



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2026

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CENTER INFO



Doors/Gates, Adult Pick Up's

Children can only be released to parents/legal guardians that are pre-listed on their Emergency Contact Forms. Siblings are not permitted to collect children even when an adult is in the building - an adult must be present before staff can allow children to leave the room. Along with this, please make sure gates and/or doors are closed behind you or other adults/children that are with you. Doors/Gates are in place to help ensure safety to all children in the room.

Center Hours:

The Early Learning Center is open from 6:30AM to 5:30PM. Tuition rates are based on a 10-hour daily enrollment. Please plan accordingly to keep your drop off time NO EARLIER and your pick up time NO LATER than what is stated on your Fee Agreements.

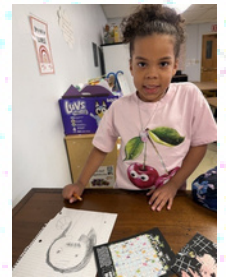
Breakfast:

Breakfast is served every morning from 7:00-8:00AM. If you would like your child to eat breakfast at school, please have them here before 8:00AM.



Naptime Items:

All naptime items need to be taken home on Friday's to be washed and returned by Monday. This will help minimize the spread of germs from week to week!



MOTHER'S DAY TEA



We invite all mom's, grandma's, sister's, aunt's, and mom's alike to our annual Mother's Day Tea! Held on Friday May 8th from 3:30-4:30PM in the dining room. Stop by and pick up your kiddos and join us for tea, light refreshments, and some mommy and me activities!



OUTDOOR REMINDERS

Recess (Outdoor) Time & Extra Clothes:

Our goal is to go outside daily if the real-feel temp is between 25-90 degrees. Please make sure your child has suitable outdoor clothing. (Sweatshirts/jackets for chillier days or classroom use if needed, or sunscreen applied before school if it's going to be hot, etc). If children have dresses on, please be sure to put shorts on underneath for when they are climbing, running/playing, and sitting on the floor.

Children need to have a sweatshirt/jacket on outside if the real-feel temp is 50 degrees or below.

Please check with your children's teachers that their "extra clothes" bins also have weather-appropriate clothing (and correct sizes) in case they need a change of clothes here at school.

Lastly, all children must also have runable closed-toe shoes every day! (See Flyer)



PARKING LOT



Youth Group is held on **MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS!** On both days, Youth Group ends at 5:00PM. This will shake up our parking availability around 4:45-5:15 on Monday AND Wednesday evenings as children are being picked up.

SCHOLASTIC



St. James ELC provides families with scholastic flyers each month that are FILLED with fun, interactive, educational, and holiday themed books, book sets, games, and activities for children of all ages! Use these flyers to expand your children's home libraries, to use as gifts for friends or family, and to work together to advocate the importance of books and reading!

Scholastic book order flyers are available in the hallway by the side door entrance. If you are interested in ordering books, you can order through the scholastic website by searching Gettysburg's zipcode (17325) and finding "St. James Early Learning Center", or Ashley Drechsler", OR by our center code: GZT46



Summer Schedule Changes



Summer 2026

Time is moving fast! Thank you to families who have reached out to let us know what their summer schedule needs were. We will use this information to help us finalize our summer enrollments and staffing needs.

Please keep in mind that all schedule changes must be in writing at least two weeks BEFORE any changes can be made. We will soon be reaching out to the community waitlist to start filling any spots that have not yet been reserved for our in-house children. If you missed the deadline to tell us what your summer days would be, there is no promise that you will end up with the schedule you would like. Thank you for understanding.

School-Age Families:

If your child is enrolled in our school-age program, they automatically have a full-time spot in our summer program, and tuition will be adjusted accordingly. Please confirm with the office if any changes need to be made or if your child will be part-time.






SHOES! SHOES! SHOES!



Clogs, toeless sandals
and flip-flops too
All the new styles-
colorful and new!!

These shoes look great
at home or at the pool.
But they're not very safe
for play here at school!



On the playground and in class
where we jump and run
We need to wear closed-toed shoes
to be safe and have fun!

Crocs are OKAY!

