



January 5, 2026

St Patrick's Preschool

January 2026 News

Happy New Year!

Welcome back and Happy New Year from St. Patrick's Preschool! We are excited to get back to learning and playing together. This session we will learn a lot about animals, life cycles, Fairy Tales, and taking care of our planet. Learning through art, play, books and discussion help young children to internalize and connect to bigger concepts and ideas. We will also continue to encourage independence and listening skills.

A few things you can do at home to promote learning and independence:

- Encourage your child to do things that you typically do for them, like carrying dishes to the sink, picking out clothes, putting on shoes, and cleaning up toys. It might take longer but will pay off!

- Talk to your child in the car. This is a time when your child is a captive audience. Take the opportunity to ask questions, point out signs and landmarks, and discuss where you are going and what to expect when you get there. These are all great ways to bond and increase vocabulary.
- Limit screen time and read books! Reading to children has proven to increase academic success. By reading to and with your child you are increasing vocabulary, encouraging reading skills, and expanding knowledge of the world. If your child will not sit still to listen to a book, let them play quietly with a toy while you read. Some children need to be busy, but are still listening and learning.
- Include your child in daily activities like cooking, cleaning, and shopping. They will enjoy the time with you as they learn new skills.

Registration for Summer and Next School Year

2026 -2027 Registration: Registration will open mid-January for existing families, and new family enrollment will open at the end of the month.

Summer program: Registration will also open for our 8-week summer program. Summer programs will run June 8th through July 3rd and July 7th to August 14. Summer programs will have theme based curriculum with lots of fun art activities and outside play.

Look for links and information regarding registration in your Brightwheel feed soon.

Please spread the word about St. Patrick's, as we would love to welcome more great families like yours!

Tax Reporting for 2025

If you need information regarding your preschool payments for your 2025 taxes you can download it directly from your Brightwheel account. If you have multiple children, repeat these steps for each child and then sum the total payment amounts together for the full amount you paid in the given year. Follow this link for information and instructions:

<https://help.mybrightwheel.com/en/articles/3673759-tax-season-reporting-for-payers#transaction-summary-for-parents>



Upcoming Events:

- January 5th - Back to School 2026!
- January 19th- MLK Holiday (**No School**)
- February 6th - Teacher Work Day (**No School**)
- March 9-13th - Spring Break

