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St Patrick's Preschool

January 2024 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 they are a captive audience so asking questions, pointing out signs and landmarks, and discussing where you are going and what to expect when you get there, 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

2024-25 Registration: Registration will open next week for existing families, and new family enrollment will open January 15th. Tuition for the 2024-25 school year will increase slightly. The increase will go into effect at the start of our summer session. As always, if increased fees pose a hardship for your family please let us know.

Summer programming: Registration will open next week for our two 4-week summer camp sessions. The first session will start June 3rd and run through June 28th. The second session will start July 15th and end August 9th. The two sessions will have a theme based curriculum with lots of fun art activities and outside play.

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

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

Tax Reporting for 2023

If you need information regarding your preschool payments for your 2023 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 payments amount together for the full amount you paid in the given year. Follow this link for information:

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



Upcoming Events:

- January 4th - Back to School 2024!
- January 15th- MLK Holiday (No School)
- February 9th - Teacher Work Day (No School)
- March 4th - Teacher Work Day (No School)
- March 25th/26th - Spring Photos
- March 29th-April 5th - Spring Break

