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St Patrick's Preschool

January 2025 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

2025-26 Registration: Registration will open mid-January for existing families, and new family enrollment will open at the end of the month. Tuition for the 2025-26 school year will increase slightly. The increase will go into effect at the start of our summer sessions. As always, if increased fees pose a hardship for your family please let us know.

Summer programming: Registration will also open for our 8-week summer program. Summer programs will start June 9th and run through August 1st. 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 2024

If you need information regarding your preschool payments for your 2024 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 6th - Back to School 2025!
- January 20th- MLK Holiday (No School)
- February 7th - Teacher Work Day (No School)
- March 10-14th - Spring Break

