



January 2019 Newsletter



Holy Cross Christian Nursery School

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January Happenings at Holy Cross...

Community Sing...

In January the children will focus on Peace, Being Kind and Staying Healthy. We will hear stories about New Year's, Martin Luther King Jr., Winter Fun, and Hopscotch (from Meridian Healthcare) will visit! Some of the stories we will hear are Young Martin Luther King, Jr., The Snow Tree, and The Mitten, which we will act out. When we learn about Martin Luther King Jr., we will talk about peace and kindness. Our goal is to show the children that we are special just the way we are and that it doesn't matter what's on the outside but it is what's on the inside that counts. What a great way to begin a new year!



Important Dates in January 2019...

January 2 – Welcome back from our break!

January 14 & 15 – A Visit from the Hopscotch & the Pawsitive Action Team, from Meridian Healthcare.

January 17 & 18 – Pajama Days!

January 21 - No School in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. (*childcare will also be closed on this day*)

January 28 – February 1 – Parent Teacher Conferences. Please see your child's teacher for times and to sign up.

February 4 & 5 – In-House registration information will be sent home for the 2019-20 school year.

Parent – Teacher Conferences...

Parent / Teacher Conferences are scheduled for the week of January 28- February 1, 2019. Look for the sign-up sheet posted outside your child's classroom on January 7. It will remain up until conference days. Your child should not attend this conference. If it is a day or time that your child is not in school, many parents make arrangements with friends in the class and sign up for conference times one after another. This way one parent can watch the children while the other parent is meeting with the teacher. If you cannot make any of the times posted, check with your child's teacher to arrange for another time to meet or to schedule a phone conference.

Conferences last 10 or 15 minutes. Please be on time for your conference. If you are late, the entire schedule is affected. If you are more than five minutes late, we may have to ask you to reschedule. If you have any questions concerning conferences, please ask your child's teacher or call the office.



During the chilly month of January, we will get cozy on our Pajama Days!! They will be held on Thursday, January 17th and Friday, January 18th. On your child's day, please send them into school in their cozy pajamas and a pair of slippers in his/her backpack (if they have them). For snack we will serve pancakes to enjoy in our jammies! YUM!

**** Just a few reminders ****

Please make sure your child has everything they need for school each day; extra clothes in their backpacks (be sure they are weather appropriate), spoons, forks, napkins in their lunchboxes, filled water bottles/cups for snack and please remember to label everything (including jackets). Make sure that you are packing healthy lunches and snacks for your children, to help them get through their busy days at school. Also.....Don't forget, **if the weather permits we will go outside**, so make sure your child has whatever is needed to stay warm on the playground.....thank you!!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

- Meghan Don, for another successful and fun Painting Party!! We raised \$500!
- Kathleen DeMaurio, for coming to read about her Pawsome friend, Posh!
- To the Lay family, for their gracious donation to our School!
- Another thank you to everyone that supported our Scholastic Book Fair! Check out the awesome new rug that we got with our Scholastic Dollars!



Celebrating HALF Birthdays...

If your child has a summer birthday, we can celebrate their HALF BIRTHDAY here at Holy Cross. Please determine when they will be at the half way mark and then let your child's teacher know what day you would like to bring a special snack (munchkins or cookies are the best) so that the children can celebrate! If you would prefer, we can also celebrate their birthday at the end of the school year.

Rhyming Fun!

Studies have shown that rhyming is a crucial early phonological awareness skill that is crucial for reading and spelling. In the preschool environment, we use rhyming all of the time! Our songs and poems rhyme and many of our stories rhyme as well! In January, our 4 year olds will be having fun with rhyming songs and games in their classroom, such as;

1. Rhyme Recognition: The ability to recognize that two words rhyme. The class will play a game called "I Know a Name that Rhymes With..."

2. Rhyme Completion: The ability to complete or predict the rhyme from a particular sentence structure. The class will play a game called "A-Hunting We Will Go".

Looking ahead.....2019 -2020 In House Registration

We will be starting our In-house registration on February 4th. This is to assure that all families within Holy Cross will have their 1st choice of classes and be guaranteed a spot for the 2019-20 school year. Once "In-House" registration is complete, our classes will be open to other families.

The dates for In House Registration are as follows:

February 4th & 5th: In House Registration information and forms go home

February 15th: In House Registration is over

February 19th: Registration is open to families outside the school

It's Tax Time... FYI our tax I.D. # is 521319755

The Staff at Holy Cross would like to wish you

all, a

Healthy, Safe and Happy New Year!

