

Newsletter

St. Catharine Early Childhood Center

Dear Parents:



Happy New Year 2018!!! We are ready to continue with all the excitement and wonder into the second half of your little ones pre k year. We hope you all enjoyed a spiritual Christmas and welcomed in 2018.

January is here and the children are ready for the winter season and what it brings. As the weather continues to be cold, new articles of clothing are worn. PLEASE label your child's clothing. Some hats and coats may be the same or similar and we want everyone to go home with what they wore to school. We will continue to go outside, so please dress the children for the weather with hats, gloves, etc. Thank you.



Of course, with the colder weather come sicknesses that cannot be helped. You can however help each other by keeping your child at home when they are sick. This includes fever, slight or high, stomach aches, etc. Please call the office if your child is sick so that we can let others know what may be circulating in our pre k. We try very hard to keep everything clean and germ free, but as you know that is not possible. We can only do the best we can to keep your little ones healthy.



January is health and safety month and many lessons and crafts will help to reinforce health and nutrition. Learning about different foods and making healthy choices is the beginning of independence for your children. Please continue to send in healthy snacks and healthy lunches. Together you and your child can discuss why some foods are not as good for you as others. What a great way to have your child be responsible for his/her body as they continue to learn and grow!

The children will continue to learn about proper hygiene and taking care of themselves. We all need to share, but one thing we never share is "GERMS"! The children will be reminded to always wash their hands with soap and water each time they use the bathroom and before they eat as well. They will also be reminded to use tissues and throw them in the garbage. (a job not just for Mommy and Daddy). Activities will be completed and we will all have lots of fun keeping ourselves healthy and strong.



Car safety is an important lesson and we will be displaying a large "Car Safety Chart" to help the children with this. All of the children will be bringing home a notice for you to sign when your child ALWAYS wears his/her seatbelt when riding in any car. Each child will receive a "heart" sticker when they return the notice signed by you. When all of the children have received a "heart" sticker and the chart is full, we will celebrate by having a "Safety Party". We may make ice cream sundaes (a favorite) or bake something very special. Whatever the children decide it will be a great way to remember the lesson of car safety. Hooray!



As we prepare for the next pre k school year of 2018 - 2019, (we can hardly believe it!) we will be having our Open House & Registration:

"Open House"

Tuesday, January 16th - 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and
Wednesday, January 17th - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
(snow date Thursday, January 18th
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m)

"Registration" for ALL children

Tuesday, January 23rd - 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 24th - 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.
(snow date Thursday, January 25th
9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.)

Your child will have first choice of the days and times that you would like him/her to attend St. Catharine Early Childhood Center. More information will follow. So mark your calendar for these important dates. You can go onto our web site <http://www.stcatharineprek.org>.

We will continue to follow South Orangetown Central School District for emergency closings or delayed openings due to snow or icy roads. The class parents will be called early before 6:00 a.m. if we are going to be closed or on a delay so that the class moms can let the other parents know of the situation (Sorry!). Calls must be made early so parents can make arrangements for their children, if necessary. There will also be announcements on the following radio stations: 100.7HUD(FM) and 1700 WRRCR(AM).



FYI: Progress reports will be going home in March for the 4 year old children, but information is being collected and all children have been and will continue to be observed. There will be a parent/teacher conference for all 4 year old children in March. The 3 year old children progress reports will be sent home to you in April. No formal conference will be held at this time for the 3 year old children. If you feel the need to have a conference or speak with me, you may call at any time.

So, as you can see, we are ready and eager to begin the second half of your little ones pre k year!

Happy New Year!!!

Sincerely,

Barbara Feeney
Director

January, 2018

A graphic featuring the words "Happy New Year!" in a large, blue, 3D-style font. The text is surrounded by several colorful, flowing streamers in shades of green, purple, yellow, and red, creating a festive and celebratory atmosphere.