

JANUARY 2022

St. Catharine Early Childhood Center

Dear Parents:



Happy New Year 2022!!! We are all striving to stay healthy so that we can continue with all the excitement and wonder of the second half of your little one's pre-k year. We hope you all enjoyed a spiritual Christmas and are ready to welcome in all the blessings of 2022.

January is here and the children are ready for the winter season and what it brings. As the weather continues to be cold, PLEASE remember to label all of 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 as much as possible, so please dress your child for the weather with hats, gloves, boots, etc. Thank you!



Our staff continues to be diligent about keeping our Center clean, but we need everyone's help in making St. Catharine's as germ-free as possible. As cold and flu season is upon us and Covid cases continue to surge, please keep your child home if he or she has any signs of illness. This includes fever (even slight), stomach aches, sore throat, runny nose, cough, etc. If your child displays any symptoms, they must be tested for Covid and a negative test result will be needed in order for them to return to school. Please call the office if your child is sick; we are required by New York State to document every absence. If anyone in your household is diagnosed with Covid, your child must be tested and quarantine for 10 days. Please continue to keep us informed.



January is health and safety month, and lessons and crafts will 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 want to 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. 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. Your child will be bringing home a notice for you to sign each time he/she wears a seatbelt when riding in any car. Each child will receive a heart sticker when they return the notice signed by you showing that your child ALWAYS wears a seatbelt. When all of the children have received a heart sticker and the chart is full, we will celebrate with a Safety Parade!



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 before 6:00 a.m. if we are going to be closed or on a delay so that they 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 a message on the school answering machine.

Please be sure to check your school calendar for your child's schedule for the remainder of the year. While we do follow South Orangetown for weather closings, our staff meetings, breaks, and end-of-the-year days are different. Thank you for your cooperation!

We are preparing for the 2022-2023 pre-k school year (we can hardly believe it!). We are in the process of planning a Virtual Open House for new families who would like to see the facility. More information will follow. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please ask them to email us for information: st.cprek@yahoo.com. Thank you ☐ ☐



Registration for next year will be on Tuesday, February 8 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Mark your calendar for this important date! Because you are currently in our program, you can fill out your paperwork and register when you drop off your child or at pick-up. Once you let us know which time frame you prefer, we will have a packet ready for you. You will fill out the paperwork in your car and return it to us with the exact amount of cash registration fee. Your child will have first choice of the days and times that you would like him/her to attend St. Catharine Early Childhood Center. If your child is returning next year or if they have a sibling attending, please be sure to register in February so we can ensure them a spot. We will be sending a letter home shortly with more specifics about the registration process.

As you can see, we are ready and eager to begin the second half of your little one's pre-k year!

Happy New Year!!!

Sincerely,

Barbara Feeney
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January 2022

Happy
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The image features the text "Happy New Year!" in a bold, blue, 3D sans-serif font. The text is arranged in two lines: "Happy" on top and "New Year!" on the bottom. The letters have a slight shadow, giving them a three-dimensional appearance. Interspersed among and around the letters are several thin, colorful streamers or ribbons in shades of green, purple, pink, brown, and blue, which appear to be floating or draped over the text, adding a festive and celebratory feel to the design.