

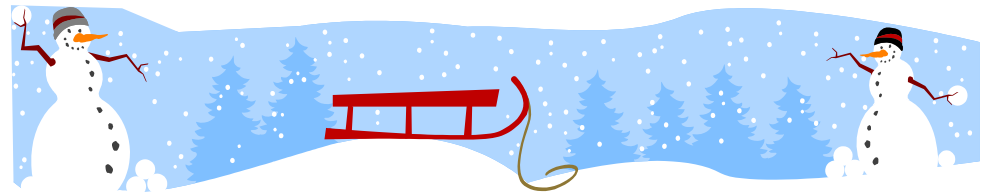


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Dear Parents,

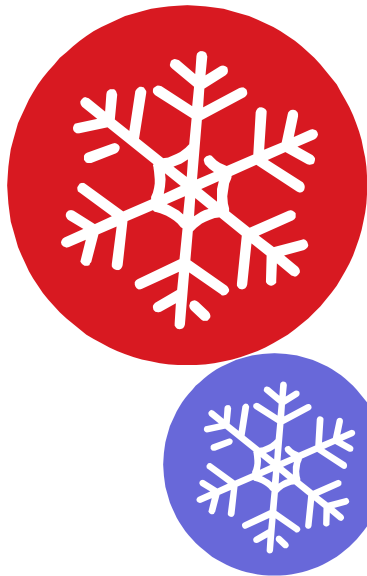
Happy New Year! Early this month our three yr. olds will hear a storytelling presentation entitled, "My Snowman is Smiling." Following that lead, allow me to give you a glimpse of what keeps me smiling...

One of our preschoolers telling about the 3 gifts of Christmas—"Gold, Frankenstein, and Fur!"

Overheard during classroom handwashing—"water, soap, water... It's kind of like a pattern!"

Preschoolers in the block area creating a puppet show—"Man, this is way better than playing!"

Is it any wonder that I love this job? Finally, let me share one more reason to smile... Please turn to page 3!



January Calendar

January 3rd
 School resumes

January 5th
 Storyteller, JoHo, shares "My Snowman is Smiling" for the 3's

January 3rd-6th
 Village Church enrollment

January 9th-10th
 Snacks with Stacey

January 9th-13th
 Current families enroll

January 12th
 Movement Is Fun begins for the 3's

January 12th- 13th
 KDO enrolls for preschool

January 16th
 NO SCHOOL - MLK Birthday

January 17th-20th
 Community enrolls for preschool

January 25th
 Parent Workshop

January 23,30, and Feb.6
 CBK Session 4

January 26h-27th
 "Monet and Me"

2012 - 2013 Enrollment

Enrollment time is upon us!! Our enrollment schedule is as follows:

Jan. 3rd - 6th Village Church families

Jan. 9th - 13th Current preschool families

Jan. 12th-13th KDO families

Jan. 17th-20th Community enrollment

Monthly preschool tuition rates for the 2012-2013 school year are:

T/Th 3's (2 days)	\$110.00
MWF 4's (3 days)	\$165.00
PM 5's (4 days)	\$220.00
EPD (1 day/week)	\$ 60.00
EPD (2 days/week)	\$120.00

To secure your place for next year, please return the enrollment form with the \$100.00 preschool registration fee along with your May 2013 tuition following the schedule above. Please remember that spaces fill quickly so your prompt action will hopefully ensure your first choice for preschool is available. The following days are available for EPD depending on the day your child comes to preschool. Please mark your form for the EPD days scheduled for your child and return with the \$100.00 registration fee along with the May 2013 for EPD following the schedule below. **Only one check for both preschool and EPD registration fees and tuitions!**

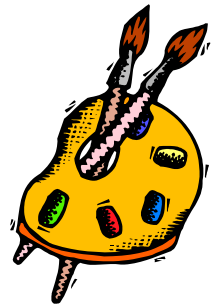
MWF 4's	MW afternoon	12:30-3:00
	W/F afternoon	12:30-3:00
T/TH 3's	T/TH afternoon	12:30-3:00
TWTHF 5's	T/TH morning	9:00-12:30

Two days will be available for EPD choices. We cannot guarantee that you will receive your first choice, depending upon availability, but will do our best to assure families spaces!



"Monet and Me"

We are excited to be creating art with all of the preschoolers in January. The 3's will visit the art room on Thursday, January 26th. The PM 4's and 5's will also create on Thursday, January 26th and the MWF 4's will have their art opportunity on Friday, January 27th. Each "Monet and Me" workshop has the children learning about a famous artist and then experimenting with techniques and styles indicative of that artist's particular body of work. This month our inspiration will be the Russian artist, Kadinsky, and part of our process will be painting to music!



Happy Creating, Debbie



"Creations by Kids"

Creations by Kids art classes Session 4 "Winter Wonderland" will be held on **Mondays**, January 23rd, 30th and February 6th. AM session 9:30-10:45; PM session 12:30-1:45. The cost for each session is \$30.00. Call Debbie at 671-2379 with questions.

Parent Workshop

Join our own nutritionist, Stacey Elattar, on January 25th for our 2nd Parent Workshop from 9:30-11:30 am. Stacey will share some nutrition "essentials" based on her years of work with the Dr. Sears' L.E.A.N. programs. Great information for your children **and** you!



Village Church Weekday Preschool Achieves a 5-Star Rating!

This is the news we were greeted with on the last day before our Christmas break! And it is good news, indeed—but more important than the rating is the validation of the qualities that we strive for as a teaching staff. And so I would like to share a bit of our program self-assessment document with you. As part of the KQRIS process, we met together as a staff to discuss and answer the posed questions which included the following:

What do you want children to experience while they are in your care?

“An environment that stimulates their curiosity, their creativity, and their independence. An opportunity to be part of a group, while learning to find their own voice. An environment that fosters the development of friendships and the development of self.”

What do you hope children will have when they leave for kindergarten?

“A positive perception of one’s self as a learner—with the ability to follow directions, attend to a task, ask for help, and take initiative in solving social or cognitive problems. A sound foundation for the continuing development of literacy, math, logic, artistic, and cultural understandings.”

How do the activities in which children are engaged support your philosophy? *“Activities are designed to be open-ended so as to accommodate a wide range of interest and ability levels, allowing for scaffolding practices in teaching. Activities are designed to be appealing so as to stimulate curiosity and initiative. Activities are designed to be plentiful and varied so as to allow for individual interests and encourage exploration.”*

What do you see as the most important role for families in your program?

“The role of partners in education with communication being the most important factor in maintaining the partnership.”

Of course, these answers are only as good as our actions prove them to be and in the end it is you who must determine if we are meeting our goals in a way that creates the environment you are seeking for your child. For several days in November an outside assessor evaluated our program and affirmed our approach—we hope, on a daily basis, you do the same!