



January Dates to Remember

4th: School Resumes

Welcome Back!

15th: No School

16th: No School

Looking Ahead:

2/8: No School (conferences)

2/9: No School

**2/14: Valentine Party
(Tues/Thurs class)**

**2/15: Valentine Party
(Mon/Wed/Friday class)**

2/19: No School

2/20: No School



Extra Clothes

Please bring extra clothes for your child's cubby. These items should include:

2 pairs of pants

2 shirts

2 pairs of underwear
& socks

Extra pair of shoes

If we use any of your child's extra clothes, please replace them by the next day!



ACH is Back

We are so excited to announce that we are accepting ACH for tuition payments. We apologize again for the inconvenience the delay has caused. If you have already filled out the form, please email or stop by the office to authorize the debits to begin. If you would like to start ACH payments but have not filled out the authorization form, you may stop by the office

to pick one up or we would be happy to email one to you. You must provide a voided check along with the form.

With the start of the new year and the option of paying by ACH, we will now be charging a \$10 weekly late fee if you do not pay by the 8th of the month. Please let us know if you have any questions!

Dressing Appropriately

Please make sure you send your child in clothes that are appropriate for the weather. This includes hats and gloves.

We will take your children outside to play so long as the weather permits.



January Themes

Jan 4-5- Welcome Back

Jan 8-12- Letter M
M&M math, monkeys,
macaroni necklaces

Jan 15-19- Letter S
snowflakes, spaghetti

Jan 22-26- Letter W
wishes, weather,
washing hands

Jan 29-Feb 2- Letter I
Igloos, Ice, Islands

Flu and Virus Season

In order to help prevent or lessen the severity of diseases and illnesses, please make sure you are frequently washing both your hands and the hands of your child. Getting plenty of rest is also important for your child.

When your child is ill and will be staying home, please call us to let us know that he or she will not be attending Wee Workshop that day. Also, please let us know what illness your child has, if known, so that we can

inform other parents of what symptoms to look out for.

We will continue to work as a team to help in our fight against these germs.



Registration for 2018-19

Registration for the 2018-19 school year will begin mid-January. Current families (and returning ones) have first dibs on enrolling. If you would like to enroll your child (or children), I have attached an enrollment form with the newsletter. If you know of anybody that is interested in joining our

school next year, please pass along the information to them. Your referral is the greatest compliment! Although school does not start until September of 2108, spots will fill up quickly!

Play Helps Socialization

We came across an article in the November/December issue of Healthy Living called "Play Helps with Socialization." The article was written by Kristin J. Carothers, Ph.D., a clinical child psychologist. It centers on the importance of playtime because it gives children the opportunity to socialize.

It is very important for children to socialize. Carothers says, "As a child learns to speak and communicate, they discover other people and how to elicit reactions from them. This

helps children relate to the world around them."

This is why play is so important. "Much of socialization occurs through trial and error, and playing with other kids helps a child learn what does and does not work as they learn to read social cues such as facial expressions and tone of voice," says Carothers. "By playing and interacting with other people, children learn how to relate to others."

Playing with other children helps reinforce a child's sense of self. Carothers says that it "allows a child to

individuate from parents and develop their own personality." This is especially important because we relate to others based on how we see ourselves. Playing with socialization is important because it gives the opportunity to learn just how to do that.

Carothers says that learning to socialize is important because it can "ease the transition [into school] and set them up for success down the road."