



South Church Preschool February Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents,

January has arrived and the New Year is upon us. Your teachers at South Church are excited to continue their work with the students.



Curriculum

- * Fun with snow People and snow science**
- * Playful Penguins**
- * Rhyme Time Week**
- * Polar Bear, Polar Bear what do you see?**
- * Valentine's Day and heart science**



Weather Conditions ... School Closings and Delays

We ask that parents please review the school closing and delay instructions before heading out with the students on snowy mornings.

When there is a 90 minute delay in our Glastonbury Public Schools, South Church will open at 10:30, for students who come 9-1:00. There will be NO SCHOOL for any students attending our 9-11:30 hours- in any of our sessions.

If there is NO SCHOOL IN GLASTONBURY for public schools, there is NO SCHOOL at South Church.

If there is EARLY DISMISSAL IN GLASTONBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, due to weather, **SOUTH CHURCH WILL DISMISS AT 11:30 FOR ALL STUDENTS.** Teachers will inform parents of this possibility on these days at drop off, but it will be the parents responsibility to call the hotline during the late morning hours to be notified. We ask that you post this number on your cell so you can have it with you at all times during the winter season.

Parents should call the hotline number 860-652-7853 for closing and delay information.

WE ASK THAT PARENTS PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION ACCESSABLE SO THERE WILL BE NO CONFUSION ON BAD WEATHER MORNINGS.





Sickness and Absent Days

This is the time of year when we have many students out sick. This particular year is a bad one for flu and viruses. We ask that if your child is showing signs of illness, you do not send them to school. The children spread the most germs when they are first coming down with viruses, so please watch for early signs of illness and make the decision of "when in doubt keep them out". Please help us keep the teachers and students well during this winter season.

PLEASE CALL SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE OUT FOR ANY REASON. YOUR CONSIDERATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.



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GYM CLASS SCHEDULE

3 and 5-Day Classes 2/6, 2/12 , 2/27,

2-Day Classes 2/1, 1/15



MUSIC CLASS SCHEDULE

2-Day 2/22 3/5 Day - 2/21



CLASSROOM VISIT SCHEDULE

Our classroom visit schedule for 3-day students has begun. We invite parents to sign-up to come in and read a story to the class and share snack with us, if they have interest to do so. We also welcome dads and/or grandparents to also sign up. Speak with your Head Teachers if you need a specific time or date that hasn't been posted. Teachers will do their best to try and get family members into the classroom by June. Please be patient and understanding when it comes to this process. We ask that you only visit once until all families have had a chance to come in and we request that you do not add any dates to the schedule if they are not already posted. Parents who have sibling issues should talk with their head teacher to see if bringing in the sibling would be possible.

Our 2-Day sessions will begin in February so look for posted available dates.



FALL REGISTRATION:

Our center is just about full for our 2018-19 school year. We still have a few spots left in our 5-day Pre-K session. If your child has a late birthday, and you are wondering if another year of preschool would benefit them, please speak with your Head Teacher as soon as possible. Teachers, who feel sure that another year of Pre-k would benefit your child, will be contacting you soon. Teachers will also be reaching out if they feel the session you have chosen for your preschooler may not be the right fit for them. We simply want each and every child to get the most out of our program. In the end, it is the parent's decision where the child is placed, as long as the birth date meets the cut-off, but we hope that our feedback will help you feel comfortable with your final placement



School Supply Donations

- * Purell
- * Paper towels
- * Sponges and Cotton balls
- * Glue sticks
- * Recycled yogurt cups
- * Empty Tissue Boxes ASAP

We thank you in advance for your generous donations. Thanks for helping us keep our school at its best! Your support is GREATLY appreciated.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Valentine's Day Fun **February 14th**
No school Winter break **February 19, 20**
Our 2-Day Winter Social **March 2nd**
No School Good Friday **March 30th**

Look for more information regarding these events later this month.



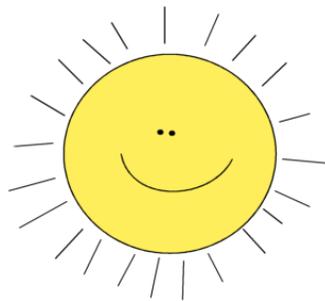
Parent Teacher Meetings

Teachers are in the process of collecting and putting together students observations and testing information. Parent Teachers will be held later in March. Conference schedules for students in the 3 and 5-day sessions will be posted this month. Please look for the schedules in our school hallway.



Playground

Since the weather varies throughout the day, please send in gloves and hats and layer the children's clothing for changing temperatures.



MARCH EXTENDED DAY FOR 2-DAY SESSION



Dear Parents,

*In March, families in our 2-day session will have the opportunity to extend their child's day to 1:00. If parents are interested in doing the, beginning in March, they **MUST** reach out to their Head Teachers to see if they feel that your child can handle the longer day and eating lunch at school. It is not unusual for a teaching team to suggest that a child with a young birthday may not be ready for the extended day in March. If your child naps, or is experiencing separation anxiety still, you also may want to think about not making their school day longer. If your child is still*

mastering toilet training, it would not be a good decision to extend their day until they can hold throughout the 9-1:00 session.

Some students are working so hard on their social interactions and circle time sitting that by 11:30 they have truly stretched their capacity and do need to return home. As much as our teachers would love to offer the extended day to all students, they will be the ones to make the final decision regarding the readiness of the student.

Therefore, if a parent feels that their child can handle a 9-1:00 session AND their teachers agree, then they will be able to begin the longer day in March. Parents and teachers can also discuss extending the day in April and/ or May, if the child is not ready to do so in March.

We ask that parents respect the teacher's evaluation in this matter. They have 18 students to attend to and eating lunch at school, and having additional circle time can be difficult if the child lacks the independence or maturity to do so.

Our center differs from a daycare setting in that there is a framework to our classroom day and we do not have a rest time. Sometimes teachers will allow one week as a trial setting before payment is due, just to see if a particular child can handle it. Speak with your teachers about the situation, if you have any questions about the extension.

The additional fee for the extension is \$60.00 per month. Parents may pay monthly or add the \$180.00 on to their tuition for the additional 3 months. Questions regarding price should go to myself and/or Claire McRae, my administrative assistant.

Stephanie Letizia

3rd Quarter Tuition is due this month.

Any questions regarding Tuition... call or email Claire McRae
Or speak with Director

Lunch Time Reminder

Again, we want to remind parents that juice boxes and/or push up yogurt pops should not be sent in with lunches. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Our Winter Units...

The children have been enjoying their winter units. They have been learning about winter birds, migration, hibernation and SNOWFLAKES! We have been enjoying our Ground Hog activities and have made predictions on what "Phil" will decide about winter.

We have been learning our deep breathing skills with Mrs. Wegner and enjoying our gym classes with Ms. Mary.

We have learned many fun winter songs in music with Ms. Kathye, and our 2-day students are preparing for their Winter Social where they will sing songs for their families.

We are coming along with our **phonics and letter recognition**. Our students are developing knowledge of **Sight words, compound words and blends**. **We are building our language skills and learning to rhyme**. We have been practicing **our number sequencing and one to one correspondence**.

We are practicing **writing our letters and our numbers**. The children have been making real strides with **writing their names independently**, and **pencil grips** are improving greatly.

We are excited to continue working with our upcoming units as we continue to forge through what's left of the winter months.