



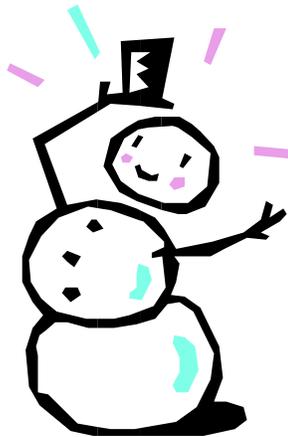
Winter 2021

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT LITTLE BLESSINGS

Open House

Our Open House was on January 9th from 9-11. We have several spaces still available. Please help us out by telling a friend and have then call us for a private tour.

A big thanks to each of you for helping to spread the word about Little Blessings. Please follow us on Facebook.



Ice & Snow

The hill to the lower parking lot will be closed during the winter. We have placed a chain at the top of the hill and ask you to enter through the gym doors. We don't want anyone to get stuck or worse, hurt due to the black ice that seems to form over night.

Thank you for all the donations to the school this year. It has helped our budget tremendously .

Thank you to :

Rutkowski family– Art supplies, stickers, wrapping paper

Danielewicz family- Gift card to Dollar Tree store

Grabowski family– Scholastic Book Club gift Card

Cortez family– Glue Sticks

Hatcher family– Holiday Plates

Cotto family– Clorax Wipes & Holiday napkins

Previti & Solek families– Water bottles for crafts

Chrzanowski family– Clorox Wipes and baby wipes

Walker family– Face Masks

Muller family– cleaning supplies and gloves

Special points of interest:

- **No School** - Jan .18 (Martin Luther King Day)
- **No School** - Feb. 11-16 Winter Break)
- **Pre-K 4 & 4/5 Conferences**

BY appointments starting end of January / early February.

PRE K 3 NEWS:

Happy New Year Families! We are so excited to be back in the classroom! We are having so much fun learning about Penguins, building caves, using our right and left hands, and going on letter hunts! Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will teach us about friendship and we will soon be blasting into outer space to explore the moon! Don't forget our jammie day at the end of the month! Valentine's Day is just around the corner! We have been strengthening those little hands so we can practice writing our names on them! Not to mention a canned food drive to show our LOVE to the community!! Our friendly dinosaurs will be making an appearance next month along with learning how to take care of our teeth for Pediatric Dental Month and celebrating Chinese New Year! So much fun!



Important Reminders:

- * When the weather is **above 32** and the playground is NOT icy, we go outside for play time. On those days, please dress your child appropriately. We love to play in the snow!
- * Scholastic books may be ordered at any time during the school year. Don't forget to use our school code **GZF8M** when ordering online so that the preschool may receive free books!
- * The yearly calendar, monthly class calendars, forms and newsletters are available online at:

Littleblessingsct.com

“What did you do at School Today?”

At preschool, much of our learning is through play and in developing opportunities for shared experiences. While children’s play may look simple, it is in fact layered with complexity. There are in fact many different kinds of play, and some of this play is complex and touches on every area of development. Children’s literacy, cognitive and creative development and problem solving skills are strengthened by being able to use their developing skills and understandings in play.

Complex play has several characteristics. This type of play involves the use of objects, ideas, people, and situations. This play also involves the children in situations in which they confront the ideas, beliefs and understandings of others. This then leads to the opportunity to negotiate new understandings or a new perspective; this may be on an individual level or it might be new learning or understanding, which is brought to the whole group. Negotiating roles and rules and learning others ideas about the world is how we learn to regulate our social understandings. Play also allows opportunity to gain mastery over equipment and tools such as sticky tape and scissors, providing yet another avenue for complex social play and role-playing.

Therefore, the ways in which we at preschool facilitate children’s play is diverse and complex. Part of this complexity comes also from planning for each of the children individually. So please don’t worry if your child doesn’t have anything in their cubbies or if they say all they did at preschool was play. I hope that you will know we are working very hard at preschool, playing.



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Pre-K 4 News

Students are focusing on letter recognition, fine motor skills and writing. Our themes are winter and Arctic animals, snow, ice and weather changes. We are also focusing on social skills and being great friends!

In Pre K 4/5 we have been filling each others buckets with kind words and helpful hands.

Children at the age of 4-5 are often lively, energetic and social. Children at this age begin to feel good about their basic skills, such as speaking, running, drawing, and making things. They are often interested in what everyone around them is doing, from the mail carrier to neighbors to random new faces on the playground. Some things you might notice your child doing at this age:

- * Count ten or more objects
- * Follow two-to-three part directions
- * Try different ways to solve a problem

Kindergarten Information for 2021-2022

Kindergarten registration information is unavailable at this time. The school districts will be notifying families in the next month or so with the dates for special programs and registration information.

Please contact your local schools to confirm they have your child’s name and address for Kindergarten registration forms.



Donations

We are looking for clean, plastic baby food containers and empty Pringle Chip cans, Kleenex, disinfectant wipes and kid size disposable face masks.

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