



Play and Prep Preschool Newsletter

January 2020

News from the Directors- Mrs. Halley & Mrs. Johnson

What a fabulous December we had at preschool! We learned about each others' cultures and holiday traditions. We also had class parties with our families.

Thank you to those that contributed to the Treasure Trunk collection. Solon United Methodist Church and the families that the Treasure Trunk serves appreciate your donations.

In January we will begin registration for the 2020-2021 school year. The registration form was sent electronically and is also available on our website. Current family registration begins on January 7, 2020 at 8:00 AM. Please feel free to share registration information with your friends. New family registration will begin on January 14, 2020.

Please send your child with snow pants, mittens, hat, and boots - we will be outside. The winter gear will keep them warm even if there isn't snow.

We really appreciate all those that have volunteered to clean toys. Let's keep our students healthy in 2020! Here's the link to sign-up:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49a9ab2ca6f49-play1>

Happy New Year!

Important Dates

Jan. 6- School resumes
Jan. 7- Registration for 2020-2021 starts for current families
Jan. 14- Registration for 2020-2021 starts for new families
Jan. 20- NO SCHOOL
Feb. 6 and 7th - Parent Teacher Conferences - no school
March 4th - all school field trip - save the date

Below are some easy ways to support our school:

Check out our fundraising page at **Mabel's Labels** at www.mabelslabels.com and click on Support a Fundraiser then find Play and Prep Preschool in the school listing. Play and Prep will receive a percentage from your order.

Giant Eagle Apples for Students

Register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card at GiantEagle.com/AFTS enter Play and Prep's School ID #5977.

Heinen's Tasteful Rewards School Program

Register Play and Prep with your Tasteful Reward Card at heinens.com/schools, In-store at the Customer Service Desk, or call Customer Relations Department at 1-855-475-2300 ext. 2337. Past participants must **RE-SELECT** Play and Prep by logging in to their Tasteful Rewards profile.

Oak- Mrs. Balog



Happy New year! Hope everyone enjoyed their holiday and break. We are starting off January with all things snow. We will be playing in it, creating with it, and painting it. Next we will learn about arctic animals and how they live in the cold weather. Next up we will explore space and planets. We will be creating our very own planets! The kids will really enjoy this. Ending our month of January, we will discover penguins. We will be making our own penguins out of geometric shapes. Lots of fun for January!

Pine- Ms. Cline



Happy New Year! We worked hard in December writing cards, creating special gifts, and learning our song and poem for our Holiday Party. Thank you to the parents who threw such an awesome party! As we get back into our school routine, we will explore various aspects of winter: snow, tracks, and what animals do in the winter. We hope to get lots of time outside to enjoy the snow too!

Maple- Mrs. Schofalvi



What a wonderful culture and tradition trip we took around the world. We learned about and celebrated in Finland, Russia, Turkey, China, India, Philippines, Taiwan, Africa, Italy and the USA. We tried some new foods, searched for elves, learned words in other languages, looked at photos of other lands, danced to music from around the world and partied with our school family. Our school party had us building (the Great Wall of China, The Eiffel Tower and The Leaning Tower of Pisa, etc.), throwing bean bags and snowballs, marching, crawling, tiptoeing and jumping with Jack Be Nimble, racing to put Humpty Dumpty back together, crafting snowflakes and many other activities. This month, we will enjoy winter and snow, learn what animals do in the winter and create polar animals.

Willow- Mrs. Pecherkiewicz



What a fun month we had in December exploring snow, gingerbread, and various holidays. The kids sure did have fun in our classroom bake shop and worked hard creating special gifts for you all! Looking forward to January we will be learning more about practical life skills. We are going to be learning about germs and how to keep them from spreading, reviewing our manners, and practicing positive relationship skills. We are going to be doing a lot of fine motor activities to help strengthen hands and really focusing on moving from a full fist pencil grip to a three finger grasp.

2's Class- Mrs. Pecherkiewicz



December had us busy baking in our classroom bake shop, building homes for winter animals, exploring gingerbread, and working hard on some special gifts for you all. In January we will be learning about germs and even doing our own experiment to see how important hand washing is to keep them from spreading. We will also be focusing more on independence skills such as assisting with dressing for outside, setting our places at the table, and sharing kindness with others.

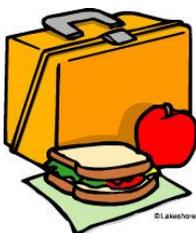
Messy Monday and Outdoor Class- Mrs. Juergemeier



Both Messy Monday and Outdoor class friends will start our year off by trying something new with something old. Discarded Christmas trees will fill our garden area as a new and unexpected material to explore and create with. We will see how long and how far the interest goes and then move onto snow, ice and winter sports activities to round out the month of January.

For Outdoor class students we will also be doing some extra classroom activities as we get ready for parent teacher conferences next month. Here is hoping for some bright, sunny, cold and snowy days ahead!

Lunch Bunch/Extended Day- Ms. Cline and Mrs. Perlberg



We have enjoyed creating collaborative projects this year. We are learning so much about working together and contributing our own piece to a bigger project. In January, we will be creating nature-based projects that will make their way to our outdoor garden space.



Science- Mrs. Chapek

The students will be learning about the three forms of water this month in Science. We will be performing some fun ice experiments. Ask them to demonstrate at home for you!



Woodshop - Mrs. Chapek

In Woodshop we will be working on a project to help out in Music class. Then the students will get to practice their hammering skills and create a fun porcupine critter.



Music- Mrs. Perlberg

We will be ringing in the new year with a glowing, light filled music class! We will be closing out January with the first of our musical instrument families-the percussion instruments.



Creative Movement- Mrs. Johnson

In December we acted like Gingerbread Men when we ran, jumped, and hopped as fast as we could in the Big Room. In January we will do some glow-in-the-dark activities. The Big Room will be transformed into Play and Prep Bowling Alley complete with cosmic bowling. We will also begin to explore cold weather sports like ice hockey.