



Play and Prep Preschool Newsletter

January 2026

News from the Directors

As we kick off 2026, we hope you enjoyed the time with your family over the Winter Break. The Play and Prep Staff thank you all for thinking of us with your gifts and well wishes during the holiday season. We are excited for 2026 and are making plans for Family Engagement Night, art show, and other spring events.

Thank you to all that donated canned and dry foods in December. The food drive supported the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and those that have food insecurities in our area.

Registration for 2026-27 is available here:
[Registration form](#)

Registrations can be put into our drop box on the playground fence or sent in with your child.

Jody Halley & Emily Johnson

Important Dates and Information

- Jan. 5 School resumes
Applications accepted for current students and alumni
- Jan. 12 Staff meeting - noon
Applications accepted for new families
- Jan. 19 NO SCHOOL - MLK Jr. Day
- Feb. 16 NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day
- Feb. 17 NO SCHOOL - Lunar New Year
- Feb. 19 **NEW** Family Engagement Night 5:00pm-6:45pm

Support Play and Prep Preschool year round with Mabel's Labels. 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.

School Calendar: [2025-26 Calendar](#)

Creative Movement



Happy New Year! In January, we will be playing ice hockey in the Big Room. We will use pool noodles as hockey sticks and peanut butter jar lids as pucks. Students will learn terminology for a sport that is new to most and will practice eye-hand coordination and crossing the body's midline. We will "skate" around and score some goals!

Emily Johnson

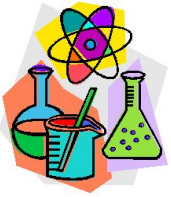
YOGA



Namaste and Happy New Year! We kicked off 2026 with a Holiday Yoga lesson. We reviewed items that we saw during the holidays, and practiced corresponding yoga poses. We continued with a Winter Workout aimed at large muscle movement. At the end of class we cooled down with some "Brrr" breathing.

Ms. Kiersti

STEM



Happy New Year, science fans! In our last STEM session, we investigated magnetism and built a tiny monopolar motor. For our January STEM lesson, we'll try some civil engineering and build bridges. Are some materials better than others? How strong can we make a bridge? Are all bridges the same style? And why are those billy goats so gruff?

Ryan Macy

Music



Music specials by The Groovy Garfoose will return this month after a break in December. We are looking forward to welcoming them back!

Scholastic Books



Thank you for supporting the Book Fair in November. Check out the books at Scholastic and order online and have them shipped to school or home. Feel free to shop on our school page: <https://orders.scholastic.com/WVTBR>

Class Order Due Date: 1/28/26

School Code: WVTBR

Family Engagement Night



Save the date...We are happy to bring back our Family Engagement Night on Thursday, February 19th between 5-6:45pm. Enjoy time with your child as we share a story, make a creation, and have fun with STEM and sensory activities. This event is for Play and Prep students and parents/caregiver (no siblings). We will have a sign up available soon where you can choose a session to attend.