
Week of January 15, 2018

Preschool News!

Happy New Year!

Welcome!

It has been a fantastic start to our new year with our new room and new friends. I am so grateful to my staff and all our families for making this transition a smooth one. We still have a few spots available for new students, so if you know of anyone who is looking, please send them our way!

Important Information

I apologize that Mother Nature has not been cooperating with our school schedule. This past week, I did contact families by email to let you know about our delay and cancellation. I will always try to do that, but when we have bad weather please check Indianapolis news, B97, and our Facebook page to see if MCCSC has a cancellation or delay. We will always go with their schedule. If there is a 2-hour delay, we will start at 9. Last week was a special circumstance. I anticipate a possible delay tomorrow, so please watch for that.

Your teachers should all be sending an introductory email within the next week to let you know a little bit about themselves and what will be going on in the classrooms. I will send a couple of newsletters a month to keep you all informed of happenings in the school. If you have any questions or concerns about anything, please do not hesitate to contact me or your teachers. We are here for your child and your family!

We have many exciting things taking place this month at Jill's House. This week we will be welcoming IU Early Childhood Education students for a practicum. They will be with us for around two and a half weeks. I also have an intern from The Academy named Maris Fish joining us this semester on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

Next week (1/22-1/24) we will be having a visit from PBS for a few days. They are working on a news series about living with Dementia. They are very interested in Jill's House and the Intergenerational component. They will primarily be filming upstairs, but want to capture our visits. I will have release forms that will need to be signed if you give permission for your child to be



Important Announcements

- Please keep your eye on the school closings and delays.
- Please make sure to read through your handbook so you understand our policies and procedures. Let me know if you have any questions.
- We have had a lot of sick kiddos. Please have your students come right in and wash their hands upon entering. This is a good habit for us to get into to avoid the spread of germs.
- Please make sure that your child is 24 hours fever free WITHOUT tylenol or advil before returning to school. Thanks!! 😊

Parents Resource

At school we are trying to make your child independent and help them perform tasks for themselves. They are clearing their plates, getting their own water, performing bathroom tasks, putting away toys. We are always here to help, but want them to know that they can do for themselves to! This week, try to think of one task that you could allow your child to perform at home. It could really help change some of the dynamics at home in a good way! Remember that they made need some encouragement and patience to start. 😊

filmed. If you do not wish for them to be filmed, then they will crop the shot or blur out faces so your child will not be seen. In tandem with PBS we are also going to be a part of an Intergenerational Robotics study through IU. IU will be bringing several Robots in for our children and residents to experiment with. This will be a 6-week long study. There will also be release waivers for this that will go home this week. They are hoping that this study may also lend itself to a documentary.

Please make sure to keep up with your tuition payments. This week was crazy, and I totally understand, but please pay on the Friday before or the Monday of the week of payment. If you would like to participate in the direct withdrawal, please come see me and I can get you the form to begin that process.

I would love to start a parent committee to help with the many decisions that need to be made while allowing our families to have a voice in our program. If you are interested, please let me know. We will begin our recruitment process for new families soon, and I would love to be able to have parents involved in that process. We are also still looking to expand for infants and a parent committee could be a huge asset for that expansion!

It seems that we never have a dull moment here at Jill's House Intergenerational Preschool, but I do believe that this is true because we are doing amazing things for our community by bringing our residents and children together. You are a part of something very special!