



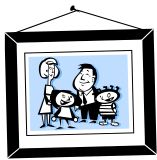
SJSU Child Development Lab Preschool Newsletter

January/February 2018

Happy New Year and Welcome Back

Note the Following Dates:

- * March 19 – Portrait Day
- * March 26 – 29: Closed for Spring Break
- * May 7: Last Day of Preschool Lab
- * May 7: Family Pot Luck Lunch 11:00-1:30pm
- * May 8 - 10: Parent-Teacher Conferences



Bring in a Family Photo for our Classroom Please bring in a family photo (or email me a photo). The wall as you enter the classroom is dedicated to family photos. As children interact with one other, sharing stories about a special photo brings confidence, conversations, and, of course, comfort.

Portrait Day We are going to have a formal portrait day! A photographer from Teddy Bear Portraits will be set up on Monday, March 19th to do individual photographs and a class photo for both the morning and afternoon sessions. This is an optional service with no obligations to purchase photos. The photographer will return on Tuesday, March 20th to show you photos of your child and you have the option to purchase. I'll give more information as we get closer to that date.



Birthdays If you would like us to celebrate your child's birthday, please let me know about a week in advanced. We may have children with specific allergies/medical conditions. Knowing ahead of time helps me communicate with those families to plan for an alternative. Preferable birthday snacks are fruits/veggies, muffins, cupcakes, etc.

Kindergarten Enrollment and Age-Eligibility Requirements Many of you will be enrolling your child for kindergarten this spring if your child is 5 years old on or before September 1, 2018. And some children with Fall Birthdates (September to December) are eligible for Transitional Kindergarten. Contact your home school or school district soon to verify their enrollment process.

Spring Tuition

Tuition is due the first week of the month. Please make checks/money orders payable to **SJSU**.

- Tuition for February, March, and April: Morning Class - \$290; Afternoon Class - \$265.
- Tuition in May: Morning Class \$75; Afternoon Class \$65

Illness and Health

Please do not send your child to school if they are suffering from any of the following conditions:

- * a cold with fever, runny nose, coughing or itchy throat
- * persistent cough
- * sore throat or trouble swallowing
- * infected skin, eyes or undiagnosed rash
- * headache
- * unexplained diarrhea combined with nausea, vomiting or abdominal cramps



Also – we play outside every day, even when it is raining (because we have a covered porch). Do not send your child to school if you do not want them to play outside.

Our Child Sign In Sheet

The Child Sign In sheet is not a requirement to enter the classroom. There are many intentions behind this activity.

1. It is a transition into preschool.
2. It will develop control of the small muscles of the hands (fine motor skills).
3. It allows children to make the precise movements necessary for forming letters.
4. It will improve hand/eye coordination.

All children develop as individuals. Some children may be able to write a scribble, some a letter or two, and a few their full name. Here are some age guidelines:

Age 3: Straight, zig zag and curved lines are all appropriate to practice. Encourage tracing from left to right.

Ages 4-5: Writing is good exercise for children just starting to print their letters. It gives a feeling of success, even working on just one letter at a time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns.
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**If you need to get a hold of me during class time, please call the kitchen phone.