

Strawberry Preschool News

December 2019

Happy December! Can you believe that this will be the last newsletter of 2019? It's just unbelievable how quickly time continues to fly by. We are all so happy with the smooth transition your children made into their new classroom. We have enjoyed watching them excitedly play with everything and explore all of the new areas. Of course, a transition like this can create some tears and apprehension. We are more than happy to give your kiddo some extra love throughout the course of their day.

Garden Families



Happy Holidays!

I am excited to announce a wonderful volunteering opportunity. We would love for you or a family member to come in and share a favorite holiday tradition! Whether it be a craft, song, food or story, we'd love to have you come in and open our minds to different celebrations.

Please feel free to email us to schedule a time before the holiday break!

Always reach out with any questions, concerns or volunteering opportunities:

garden@strawberrypreschool.org

Thank you for sharing your children with us,
April, Janelle, Michelle & Jen

Fish Families



We hope all of you had a nice Thanksgiving break and were able to have some quality family time. We have missed your children and look forward to seeing them grow and thrive in their new classroom.

For these next few weeks of December and with the holidays here, we will be talking a lot about "Love & Light" and how it can be found all around us.

If there is any special book or family tradition you would like to share with the Fish group, please let me know.

Looking forward to spending these next few weeks with your kiddos during this magical time of year.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

You can always email us at:

fish@strawberrypreschool.org

Thank you for sharing your children with us,
Jaime & Maggie

Driving Slow in the Parking Lot

Please remember to drive slowly when entering and leaving the parking lot. There are a lot of families that park and walk in and occasionally a child breaks free from their caregiver's hand and may run out in front of a car. Thank you for helping to keep our families safe.

Important Upcoming Dates

Holiday Celebration Potluck from 12:00-1:00:

- Tuesday, December 17th for the Fish Class
- Wednesday, December 18th for the Garden Class
- Thursday, December 19th for the Monkey & Sea Otter Classes

Gingerbread People Decorating from 2:00-4:00 on Thursday, December 12th & Friday, December 13th. Sign-up sheets are now posted in the main entry of the school and in the Fish & Garden class

Pajama Day:

- Thursday, December 19th for the Fish Class
- Friday, December 20th for the Garden, Monkey & Sea Otter Classes

Closed Monday, December 23rd-Friday, January 3rd for Winter Break. We will re-open on Monday, January 6th.

Holiday Potluck Celebration

We are looking forward to celebrating with you as we get ready to welcome 2020! Our Holiday Potluck Celebration is a great way to come together and enjoy delicious food. You should have received a flyer in your child's art folder or cubby earlier this week with additional information. Sign-up sheets are now posted on the clipboards. Please sign-up to bring a dish to share. We will be providing the dessert, cups, plates, napkins and utensils.

The Potlucks will be on the following days:

- Tuesday, December 17th from 12:00-1:00 for the Fish Class
- Wednesday, December 18th from 12:00-1:00 for the Garden Class
- Thursday December 19th from 12:00-1:00 for the Monkey and Sea Otter Classes

Pajama Day

Pajama Day is back! Your children are welcome to wear their PJ's to school on the following days:

- Thursday, December 19th for the Fish children
- Friday, December 20th for the Garden, Monkey & Sea Otter children

A special snack will be served both days.

Reminders

Winter is right around the corner; the days are getting shorter, the weather is getting cooler, and the rain is finally here. Also, please make sure to have your child come to school with a jacket. With the cooler mornings, jackets are oftentimes needed at the beginning of the day. Proper shoes are also important (please no boots, flip-flops, shoes with heels, etc). If your child is adamant about

Please remember that we are a nut-free school. Check all ingredients carefully, as many of the popular granola bars do contain traces of nuts.

If you are interested in volunteering at school, or driving on the PK field trips, please remember that you need to provide proof of the following vaccines: MMR, Pertussis (whooping cough) and the Flu vaccine. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

It's a state licensing law that the parent, guardian or caregiver dropping off or picking up a child be the one to sign them in/out. If you know that someone other than yourself will be picking up your child, please make sure to notify us by either telling a teacher or calling/emailing the school. If someone different is picking up, we will ask to see some form of a picture ID before releasing your child to him/her.

Letting us know of any changes in your child's behavior is helpful; anything from a hard night sleep, to a traveling parent can be written down by the staff and will greatly help us throughout the course of your child's day.

Please remember to label everything. Clothes, lunch items, rest items, bags and backpacks oftentimes get lost or put in the wrong place, and it's hard to find their correct home if the item(s) are not properly labeled.

Gingerbread People Decorating

This year, we will be decorating gingerbread people during enrichment from 2:00-4:00 on the following days:

- Thursday, December 12th
- Friday, December 13th

Sign-up sheets are now posted in the main entry of the preschool as well as in the Fish and Garden class. Feel free to sign-up for a day that works best for you. If you need your child to stay for enrichment both days, that is absolutely fine, but please know that he/she will only be able to decorate a gingerbread person on one of the days. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

*A Message From Our Financial
Administrator*

A quick reminder that invoices are sent out on the 5th of each month and will include this month's tuition and last month's childcare. Payments need to be made by the 25th. If you have any questions regarding your statements, or any difficulties, you can contact our Chief Operating Officer, Rose Lofrano, at (415) 246-4941 or rosetsp1@yahoo.com

*January Parent/Teacher
Conferences*

Our first conferences of the school year will begin the week of January 13th. Sign-up sheets will be posed in the main entry of the preschool for the Monkey & Sea Otter families and in the Garden & Fish classroom starting Tuesday, December 10th, please sign up for a time that works best for you.

Here's to a Great December,
Lisa Woods & The Strawberry Preschool Staff