

2020



Park's Edge Preschool

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A Letter from the Director...

Happy Birthday

Luke S.	12/02/2017
Noah V.	12/04/2010
Aidan B.	12/07/2017
Sofia J.	12/20/2016
Skylar J.	12/21/2015
Cameron S.	12/22/2018
Timothy E.	12/24/2012
Jenny K.	12/26/2015
Josephine S.	12/29/2013
Lucas G.	12/29/2017

Ms. Emily H.	12/3/????
Mr. James	12/16/????



December

Happy Anniversary!



Dear Park's Edge Preschool Families:

November was a time for reflection, evaluation, and thankfulness. I hope your family had a safe, healthy Thanksgiving weekend at home with loved ones. Park's Edge Preschool has a lot to be thankful for this year... especially our NAC Accreditation which was validated in October. In case you have not heard yet, PEP's Validation Visit was deemed 'successful' and is extended until October 27, 2024. Park's Edge Preschool has been NAC Accredited since February 26, 2010 and holds a 5-star highest quality-rating through YoungStar, since July 2011, when the State of Wisconsin implemented this rating system was implemented. Congratulations!!

Quality child-care is essential to the infrastructure of our society...especially during a pandemic! Each essential worker (teachers) of Park's Edge Preschool received a complete turkey dinner for their family in saying 'thank you' to them this year. We are thankful for every PEP staff member... they are truly essential to Park's Edge Preschool!

Speaking of reflection and thankfulness, November 1st, I celebrated my 16-year anniversary as Park's Edge Preschool's Director. Gee, time sure flies while I am having fun serving/working at Park's Edge Preschool! My Thanksgiving prayer this year... "Dear God,

thank you for giving me good health and happiness in serving You. Thank You God, for giving me the opportunity to embrace so many lives at Park's Edge Preschool...especially during a pandemic. Please Dear God, keep those families safe and healthy. Amen."

Who was not fatigued and frazzled this year? Wednesday, November 18th, eighty-eight 'frazzled' Park's Edge Preschool families were blessed to have Emanuel Church's Good News Group serve a safe and delicious meal-to-go. The menu consisted of heartwarming home-made chili, Hawaiian rolls, apples, and individual, commercially prepared cookies. Prayers and conversation cards completed every order. Three-hundred-and-forty-four single servings, of delicious chili, warmed little bellies that night. Park's Edge Preschool families truly appreciated the generosity and thoughtfulness extended to their families, especially during a pandemic. Thanks again, to the "Good News Group" of Emanuel Church and a special 'thank you shout out' to the volunteers who made it look easy and fun...Jeff Johnson, Jayne Larsen, Karin McElrone and Kristin Burr!

Celebrating the Christmas season is always a special treat at Park's Edge Preschool... except this year is going to be a bit quieter. Park's Edge Preschool All-Center Christmas Party for our families has been adjusted to a Christmas 'make and take' activity pack to be

sent home the week of December 14th. This annual holiday tradition of past years is Park's Edge Preschool's Christmas Holiday Open House, featuring Christmas activities in every classroom. A special visitor...Santa Claus...is photographed with every family too. Health and safety are our main focus this year, so we are having Santa Claus mask up and make an unannounced surprise visit during the day to keep all families safe and healthy and 'at home'! We will have to be safe and wait to see you next year!

Jesus' Birthday Celebration at PEP will be transitioned to a zip drive to 'take home' and share at home safely with loved ones. The plans are already underway for Park's Edge Preschool's Children's Christmas Program Play about Jesus' birth; dramatized by the school age children. Each classroom will contribute too by singing a Christmas Carol to support/celebrate the Christmas Story. Pastor Bill will share a Children's time 'Christmas story' like he too. Emanuel Church members are welcome to receive a copy of our annual tradition celebrating Jesus' Birthday. Let us know you would like to order one by calling Park's Edge Preschool at (414)427-9561. Celebrate Jesus' Birth through PEP this year and cherish the Christmas season by making new virtual memories with your loved ones!

Merry Christmas!
Ellen Kvalheim, Director

Love Bugs

Oh my I can't you believe it is December already? November flew by with a lot of exciting events. We would like to express our deep gratitude for the parents that attended conference night.

Our November brought a new and exciting sensory development for us. We made turkey feet prints. The paint was cold on our toes and we wiggled and giggled as we painted them.

If you take your child out in the snow this winter we would love to hear about it. Or better

yet, see a picture of it. Speaking of pictures please bring in a family picture for their cribs, the visual is wonderful for the children to see. They can be emailed to Ms. Kristin at

Kristin@parksedgepreschool.com
Our Love Bugs are growing so fast. Kaylie is reaching for toys, Eliza likes to growl and make noises at her teachers, Logan is scooting around the room, Benjamin is able to hold a rattle for a couple minutes and Evan has mastered sitting up by himself. Evan will also be moving to the Beautiful

Butterflies classroom, we are so excited for him.

Our child of the month will be Isaiah. Isaiah likes to roll around the room, smile at friends and teachers, and shaking all the rattles in the room.

We welcome a new friend to our classroom, Finn we are excited to have Finn and his family join us.

Park's Edge will be Closed December 24th, 25th, and January 1st. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas! Thank you for great a year see you in 2021!



Ms. Nicole & Ms. Terri



Hello Families and Friends! Parent-teacher conferences went great. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear what we have been learning and our upcoming plans for further growth. If you couldn't make it and want to schedule one, please let the office know. So we can set-up a 10 minute conference for you.

This month we say Happy Birthday Jesus. Remember Jesus is the reason for every season. Speaking of celebrations, this month we celebrate Luca's first birthday. Lucas moved to a new house, enjoys looking at Dr. Seuss

Beautiful Butterflies

Books and is crawling using his hands. We will also be celebrating our new friend Evan joining our classroom, we can't wait to get to know him. Logan has been enjoying the song 'Row, row your boat' and laughs every time we sing it. Logan waves hi and bye a lot to all friends that come into our

classroom. Vincent will be our child of the month. Vincent waves hi and bye, he smiles when doing art, and pulls himself up to stand.

The class enjoyed washing toys in the water tables, doing art, listening to drum sticks in the

church and our wonderful walks outside.

It has been cold outside, but we still go out for some fresh air (20 degrees or higher) so please bring in labeled hats, mittens, boots, snow pants and winter coats every day! Thank you so much.

This month we will be working on using our spoons and forks. Stay tuned for our progress.

We hope you all enjoy all the sights and sounds of the magical season.

Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

Darling Dragonflies

We can't believe December is already here. We hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving. November was full of love, and gratefulness. All About Me was our favorite theme. We learned how each person is unique and special in their own way. We colored different parts of a body and identified them as well as talked about their functions. We have a new All About Me Board come check it out before we change it.

Greer enjoys playing with babies and all things in the

dramatic play, Layla and Mason can complete puzzles with little to no help, Connor loves to complete file folder matching games, Declan points to his family and friends pictures and says 'there he go', Nora has a new favorite word 'okay', Fynn has enjoyed taking care of babies and puts them to sleep with blankets, Jackson is becoming more familiar with the room and routine everyday. Our child of the month is Mae. Mae is very adventurous and fearless. She enjoys sitting at the table and reading books or her

teachers lap. Mae is also a great hugger and gives them often to all.

Way to go Darling Dragonflies!

For December we will work on using utensils consistently with our lunch and snacks.

We are excited to explore the Holiday season with all our friends, we know it will have a abundant amount of fun!

Have a Happy and Great Christmas!

Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Speshial



Busy Bees



We've had a wonderful chilly November. We had a great time at conferences and eating our Frazzled Family Dinner.

We hope everyone had an awesome Thanksgiving and a good long weekend.

Busy Bees have enjoyed playing with babies in our dramatic play center. The children have done a great job putting the babies to 'sleep' and helping 'feed' them. We are trying to change the dramatic play area monthly. It has been a lot of fun to watch them play. We are also proud to announce how awesome our

class has gotten at flipping their coats on for outside.

With winter coming up and possible snow in the forecast we are hoping that together as a team we could work on practicing putting on our snow pants and boots. This is a great skill to start on and really helps the teachers and children. We do get outside at least twice a day.

Our class has begun decorating the classroom with Christmas decorations and we are looking forward to creating even more. To continue the fun at home, we will be making a count-

down to Christmas craft to hang at home all our friends.

Our child of the month is Ivy. Ivy enjoys playing with babies, reading books and cooking in the dramatic play center. Yeah Ivy, her smile and laughter is contagious. We look forward to seeing your pictures.

We hope you have a wonderful Holiday!

Ms. Emily &

Busy Bee Friends

Sunshine Room

Ho! Ho! Ho! Welcome December, it's our favorite time of the year.

Before jumping into the fun of December, let us tell you all about our November. Our favorite activity was going to the backfield to play with the trucks and push them through the leaf piles. We made beautiful art work full of fall colors. It was a great month. We know December will be just as much fun.

For December, we will be learning about the birth of Jesus and that special visitor who comes down our chimney this time of year. We will also be

counting down the days till Christmas, this is a great number skills for us. We will begin our special presents for our family and learn the art of giving by creating and wrapping these precious gifts.

Our goal for December will be perfecting our self-help skills. We will practice putting on our snow pants, mittens/gloves and our coats. Practice makes perfect.

Please check your child's cubby to make sure they have enough clothes in case of accidents or wet from playing in the snow. Please have snow

pants, boots, and 2 pairs of gloves for outside. We go outside everyday.

We are looking for each family to bring in a updated family picture if you have not done so. We will be talking a lot about our families and the time we spend with them, we would like to use these as references about these experiences. You can email Ms. Kristin these photos or bring them in. Thank You.

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ms. Mary & Ms. Emily H. & Ms. Anna



Fantastic Frogs

December already?! We cannot believe how quickly these months are flying by, but we know it's probably because we are so busy in our classroom! During the month of

November, the friends in the Fantastic Frogs worked together on flipping and zipping coats, using scissors, and glue ("Just a drop, not a lot!"). For Superhero Week we decided that we already have a lot of Superhero activity in our classroom, so we decided to focus on the superpower that we all share: the ability to be kind! The children did a wonderful job focusing on ways to be kind to their friends. Another favorite in November was reading "Not a Box" by Antoinette

Portis and using empty boxes to encourage the use of our imaginations. The boxes in our classroom magically turned into beds, trains, spaceships, houses, monsters, robots, and tractors. The children had some awesome ideas!

This month we will continue to practice flipping our own coats on, zipping, and putting on our winter gear (snow pants, mittens, boots, and hats). Please practice this at home, too. For example, flipping their coat on, putting mittens on, and putting their boots on. A fun way is to 'beat the timer.' We look forward to breaking some records. We are seeing a lot of proud faces lately!

We see even more pride when a child is able to teach a friend how to do something. It's really wonderful to see friends helping each other.

In addition to these self-help skills, we will kick the month off with some five senses fun and focusing on the importance of Jesus during this special season.

Thank you for your help!

Merry Christmas!

Ms. Caitlin & Ms. Sandra



Shining Stars

Oh my it's December already! I hope everyone had a wonderful and Happy Thanksgiving. We spent a lot of time talking about all the things we will eat at Thanksgiving, yum! We also talked about the difference in taste and smells of food all around us.

If you are able, we would love if you shared a favorite family recipe. We will be creating a recipe cookbook for our dramatic play center and we would love the personal touch, this will also help us enhance our 5 senses talk

and Christmas conversations. We can talk about how they are the same, different and the different measurements used to create the recipes.

December we will be working on talking about traditions and what they mean. We will also talk about how traditions can be started and how they are apart of our family and friends lives. This is a magical time for us and we look forward to sharing it together.

December brings a lot of math fun as well. We will be

comparing same and different items throughout the month and using words like more and less.

We will also continue learning how to get our snow gear on by ourselves and helping others learn. Please continue to bring in gloves, hats, snow-pants and boots as needed.

We hope you have a Happy Holiday and a Great New Year.

Ms. Melinda & Ms. Tori & Shining Star Friends



ATTENTION FAMILIES!!!

Christmas Holiday Schedule—regular tuition payment is charged. 2020 Vacation Vouchers may be used for sick, vacation or holiday time off. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Park's Edge Preschool's Christmas Holiday Schedule

Thursday, December 24th Christmas Eve Holiday—PEP is Closed

Friday, December 25th Christmas Day Holiday—PEP is Closed

Thursday, December 31st New Year's Eve—PEP closes at 3pm

Friday, January 1st New Year's Day Holiday—PEP is Closed

Slithering Snakes

Bussed Snakes

Why is 'u' the happiest letter in the alphabet? Because it's in the middle of FUN!- Jake C.

Thank you Jake that was a excellent one! Keep those jokes coming!

November we were really grateful for the opportunity to be together on Wednesday the 25th so we could make hand-turkey center pieces for the Hales Corners Senior Center.

December is upon us and that means short times outside but exciting projects and games. We will explore taking a part a computer and trying to put it back together as well as our super secret

project for the holidays. It's going to be a magical time. Please continue to sign up for days off.

Winter break will be

December 23rd- January 4th.

Sign up today!

While we will not be having our traditional Jesus birthday celebration, we still have a fun and exciting play planned so please stay tuned for the exciting details. We will also continue the tradition of Santa's Workshop where the students will have the opportunity to shop for their love ones at 3 for \$6.00.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ms. Jenele & Mr. Cody

Virtual Snakes

November is over and we are one third of the way done with the school year. This month we welcomed more children to our class and we are excited to have them. Their transition to the room was smooth and a wonderful addition.

We have also upgraded our internet system to accommodate a seamless virtual learning. November brought Parent-Teacher Conferences and it was a huge success and we are grateful for the support. Park's Edge annual Frazzled Family dinner warmed our souls. November was a great month for us.

December we will on decorating our room for Christmas with homemade ornaments and beautiful art work. We will also make snowmen outside weather permitting. Please bring in snow gear when the time comes.

This will be an exciting time for all of us and we look forward to spending it together.

Mr. James & Virtual Snakes



Safety First at Park's Edge Preschool!
Parents please hold onto your child's hand when walking through the parking lot at drop off and pick-up times! Drivers please slow down!

December 2020



Important Dates:

Monday, December 14th— Santa's Workshop starts
3 gifts for \$6! Children can have fun shopping and wrapping gifts for Family members.

December 23rd– January 4th— Winter Break for Whitnall Schools

December 24th-25th – PEP Closed for the Christmas holiday
* Regular Tuition Charges Apply*

December 31st— PEP Closes at 3pm

January 1st— PEP Closed for the New Years holiday
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A Pastor's Note

Themes w/ Christian Sub Themes

Upstairs & Downstairs Themes

Nov.30th-Dec.4th- My 5 Senses
Psalm 34:8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Dec.7th-11th – It's beginning to Smell like Christmas- Pine Trees, Gingerbread
1 Corinthians 12:1 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

Dec.14th-18th- Let the Countdown to Christmas Begin
Luke 10:27 "Love the Lord our God with all our mind, soul, and strength; and to love our neighbor as ourself"

Dec.21st-25th- A Child is Born
John 3:16-17 - "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

Dec.28th-Jan 1st- Diversity is One True Thing We have in Common. Let's Celebrate!
Revelation 7:9 After this I looked, and behold, a great number from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before God.

Creative God: create in us a bold and imaginative spirit.

As we face the limits on what Thanksgiving and Christmas can be, we are torn between longing and prudence, the pleadings of loved ones (including our children), and the haunting realities of what could happen if... We want to be with them; yet we want them to be safe.

So create in us bold, imaginative, creative spirits. Open our eyes to what is still possible, even if our dream holiday isn't. Help us find a way where we can't yet see a way.

Grant us also the wisdom to know that this year, our greatest gift may be the gift of our absence. But remind us again that Your greatest gift is Your calming presence through it all, for us and for those we love, and which no pandemic can diminish.

Amen!
Dale Stohre



NAC Nook



Parent-teacher conferences were held the evening of November 19th. Thank you to those families that had the opportunity to participate. Raising a child to meet their full potential is a team effort between parents and teachers. It is our priority to involve parents in their child's developmental/educational goals while attending Park's Edge Preschool. If you missed a chance to communicate with your child's teacher perhaps a conference by phone would work during naptime? Let us know and we will arrange to fit it into our schedule. Thank you!

Parents were also asked to reflect on Park's Edge Preschool's program by completing the NAC Parent Survey. The survey consists of 30 questions focused on the quality of our child-care services. The survey results are tallied and reported annually to the Association for Early Learning Leaders, which is the governing body of the NAC Accreditation. Early January the staff reviews the parent surveys and set goals for the upcoming year. It is a valuable opportunity to better serve our families. If you did not receive a survey to complete, please let the front office know so you can. Your opinion is valuable to the success of our program. Thank you!



SANTA'S WORKSHOP IS BACK!

'Tis the season for giving and Santa's Workshop is right around the corner! Monday, December 14th marks the grand opening. Gifts are gently used, donated items and the cost is 3 gifts for \$6. This is a great opportunity to allow your child the wonderful gift of giving while creating cherished memories and increasing their sense of accomplishment.

Sign-up sheets will be handed out in mailboxes so don't miss the chance to sign your child up.

Ages 2 & Up can participate



SCHOLASTIC

Hello families, December is here and we have some great deals in scholastics for this month. Books are perfect gifts and stocking stuffers. This month's Early childhood flier will be in your mailbox the second weekend of December and will be due December 18th. You can look at the different fliers for all age groups offered online.

P.E.P's online code is WL8NJ

We earn points whether you order online or through the catalog.

We would like to give a big Thank You, to all the families who purchased books from our first virtual Scholastic Book Fair.

Thank you for your continued support!

Ms. Sandra
Scholastic Coordinator



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