

2024



Park's Edge Preschool

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A Letter from the Director...

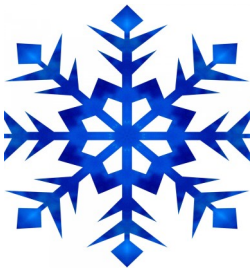
Happy Birthday

Charli A.	01/02/2019
Mia G.	01/02/2020
Ryker M.	01/04/2020
Declan P.	01/04/2023
Cedric T.	01/10/2011
Maxine W.	01/14/2020
Atticus R.	01/22/2020
Claire R.	01/23/2022
Cara B.	01/24/2012
Joseph S.	01/29/2021

Ms. Jenni	01/06/????
Ms. Haley	01/08/????
Ms. Jacque	01/24/????



January



Happy Anniversary!

Ms. Ruslana 01/29/2016



Happy New Year PEP Families!!!

We hope everyone had a fun Christmas season; we know we did here at PEP. Our family Christmas party was so much fun, and we enjoyed the crafts that the teachers provided for everyone! The children had a great time decorating cookies with Christmas colored frosting.

Our Jesus Birthday Celebration on December 14th was a huge success! The children had fun singing songs about Jesus' birth and listening to Pastor Josh's Christmas lesson during Children's time. We want to thank all of you for joining us in celebrating Jesus' birth and making the night so wonderful! We also want to thank Emanuel Church for letting us use their sanctuary for our event.

The children took

pride in picking out gifts for their family during Santa's workshop December 14th – 20th. They were literally jumping up and down for joy! We hope you and your family enjoyed the gifts the children picked out.

As of January 1st, 2024, we will be on our new rates. The rates went up \$2 per day (\$10 per week). Please ensure you hand in your packets by January 5th, 2024 (tuition agreement card and health history). If you have any questions let us know.

Our Purple Moon Room is opening January 8th and Ms. Mariah will be the lead in that classroom. She is excited to start this new venture in her new classroom with her new students! Ms. Kasey and Ms. Taylor will remain in the Sunshine classroom. We are so excited about the changes and hope you are too! Let

us know if you have any questions. The coat drive was a success this year! About 110 coats were collected for those in need. Thank you to all who donated. Thank you to those who gave us treats, gifts, and snacks! The teachers enjoyed cookies, Danishes, and more! It is always gift each day to teach your children and give them a fun learning experience they will take with them for the rest of their lives! Thank you for trusting us with the most precious people in your world!

I hope everyone is having a great start to their 2024 and we look forward to another amazing year with you all at Park's Edge Preschool!

Sincerely,
Haley Bigger



Love Bugs

Where do you find google during January? The winternet!

Here is a recap of what our babies are mastering in the classroom. Miss Independent Ariya is standing without support. Smiley Declan P is cruising along the toy shelves. Our foodie Hazel is eating our menu food. Our comedian Cooper is finding his voice by laughing and cooing. Tech master Cassidy likes to

press buttons on light up toys. Harrison is getting stronger by the minute and can sit up without support. Happy little Declan A. has been crawling all over the room. Evelyn is showing off her skills by drinking from a sippy cup. Our child of the month is Declan A. We will hang up his adorable pictures for everyone to see!! Santa came to visit the classrooms and all the babies got to sit on his lap.

Good job Babies!

This month we have some new babies starting so we want to Welcome, Emmett, Kaden, Connor, Thomas and Logan which means we have to sadly say goodbye to Evelyn, Declan P, Cassidy and Ariya as they head over to the butterflies.

We look forward to a fantastic 2024 and we wish you all a very happy new year!

Ms. Terri, Ms. Ruslana



Beautiful Butterflies



Happy new year!

A fresh start, and time to achieve new resolutions, goals and milestones.

We are so proud of the babies, growing so quickly into toddlers.

They are talking and walking, and expanding their minds everyday.

Sharing and cleaning up toys was a big focus last month. Seeing the little ones working together has been wonderful.

A favorite activity of last month was crawling through an activity tunnel and dancing to music.

Speaking of dancing, did you catch the babies singing and dancing at Jesus' Birthday Celebration? We were so proud of our Butterflies and their performance at the show.

Aaron will be our baby of the month for January. Aaron communicates a

lot. He likes building with blocks and Duplo Legos. He enjoys books, bouncing to songs, and he claps and thanks us often.

Please continue to provide weather appropriate clothing. We do take the children outside during the colder months. It's been a pleasure to watch your children learn and grow everyday.

Ms. Julie, Ms. Holli

Darling Dragonflies

What's the best food to eat in January?

Brrr-itos!

In December, we had a fun-filled month with holiday activities, including a great Christmas party and joyful celebration of Jesus' Birthday. The children enjoyed singing carols as well as doing art projects to

give as gifts. In the new year, we are excited for themed weeks focused on winter sports and Arctic animals.

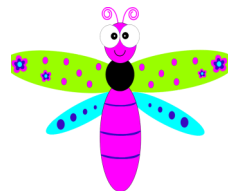
Our goals for this month include promoting independence with utensils, drinking from open cups with two hands, and encouraging kind gestures among friends.

We are happy to announce

that Michael is our child of the month for January. He loves the color green and has a passion for dinosaurs and cars.

Lastly, please remember to bring waterproof gloves as well as any other winter gear for your children for the more snowy days outside.

-Ms. Jacinda and Ms. Jacque



Busy Bees

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a great Christmas, and New Year.

We got to see Santa in December, and worked super hard on our Christmas gifts! We hope everyone enjoyed them. We also worked really hard on our Jesus's Birthday Celebration song. We learned how to flip our coats on and got pretty good at it. It was a busy month!

We are excited for our upcoming themes, but

especially our Winter Sports and Teamwork week. We hope we finally get some snow for sports! Please check cubbies for warm gloves and hats. If possible 2 pairs of waterproof gloves will help.

For January our main objective will be to work together as a team in having the children clean up their toys after themselves. Some ways we do this is by putting on music, or making it a game. "Can you put away all the

blocks before the song is over?" Or "Can you pick up all the stuffed animals before the timer goes off?" We will also be working on putting our winter gear on by ourselves.

They really feel joy when they get dressed all by themselves.

We hope that everyone has a safe and fantastic start to their New Year.

-Ms.Emily, Ms. Linda



Sunshine Room

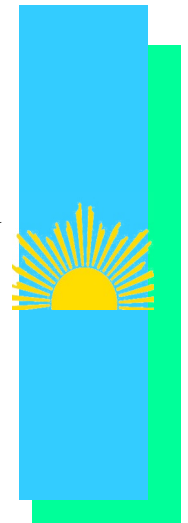
Hello Sunshine Families! December was filled with fun activities surrounding Christmas. Our favorite themes this month were Gingerbread Cookie week and our Christmas celebration week. We discussed the true meaning of Christmas and all of the fun festivities that come with our celebration. During our Gingerbread Cookie week, we decorated our very own gingerbread cookies. It was so fun observing each child's creative mind when it came to how they decorated their cookie.

Our Sounds of Christmas week was so fun, too! We sang Christmas songs and learned new ones as well. We did an awesome job during Jesus' Birthday Celebration performing Jingle Bells for our families! We even had a visit from Santa himself before he went back to the North Pole to get ready for the big night.

We can barely wrap our head around the fact that 2023 is coming to an end, but we are excited to welcome 2024 with open arms! January brings more

fun themed weeks such as New Year's Celebration, Arctic Animals, Winter Sports and Teamwork and Healthy Bodies. We have been working on teamwork with our friends when it comes to cleaning up or helping out a friend with a task. We love to lend a helping hand when we can, especially when it comes to helping our teachers clean up after mealtimes!

We hope everyone has a fun and safe New Year and we're excited for what 2024 brings! Miss. Kasey, Miss. Taylor and The Sunshines



Fantastic Frogs

Happy new year! Hoping everyone had a blessed Christmas with family and friends. What a wonderful time we had this past month. The weather was not too bad and the events we had here at Parks Edge Preschool were fun and memorable. Thank you to everyone who came to our annual Christmas party. The pictures with Santa turned out great. The children did a wonderful job playing their drums for baby Jesus at our Christmas program.

The children practiced a lot of large motor development this past month while learning about the gingerbread man. The outdoors consisted of running, hopping, skipping and chasing as the children took turns being gingerbread cookies. They mixed, scooped, and rolled the wood chips outside as they pretended to be

bakers. Their imaginations ran wild. It was great seeing them act out the story in their own creative way. They also decorated gingerbread houses, and although they couldn't eat them, they enjoyed sampling the gumdrops and sprinkles.

We have great themes planned for the month of January. The children will explore the signs of winter and all the fun winter activities that are done outdoors. They will learn about arctic animals, their habitat, and what animals eat in wintertime. Winter is a time for getting warm and cozy and snuggling up with a good book. This month we will be reading books from one of the best children's authors, Jan Bett. It isn't

winter without reading some of her best children's books such as "The Mitten", "The Hat", "The Snow Bears", and "The Snowy Nap". If you have not gotten a chance to read these books to your child, this winter is a perfect time to start.

As a reminder we ask that you label your child's name on their winter gear, such as mittens, hats, snowpants, and boots. Make sure that your child has these items along with a winter coat. Please check your child's cubbies periodically to make sure they have these items. Thank you to all the families for your continued help and support. We love and appreciate all of you. We hope everyone has a blessed month! Ms. Sandra and Ms. Jenni



Shining Stars

Happy New Year everyone! I hope everyone had a wonderful start to the new year. This has been a fun school year, we have learned so much and made great progress. We are doing so well with our numbers and letters. We understand that all people are different, and we need to use our words to tell them what we need or want. Everyone has become great at putting puzzles together and working as a team in some areas.

With excitement we are having some of our older children move to the purple

room with Ms. Mariah! We will miss having you in the classroom, and we are so proud of you all. We will be getting a few new friends from the Fantastic Frogs and are excited to show them our classroom routines and all the fun we have in here.

With the New Year we are going to talk about how the calendar works and focus on numbers. This includes counting up to 30, groups of 10, and saying the months. We also will continue to focus on writing letters, getting dressed by ourselves and more self-help skills.

Please make sure your children

have weather appropriate extra clothes and warm clothes for outside. If you have any questions please reach out to Ms. Mariah or myself. You can always talk to us in person, on the app, or call during nap time between 1-3.

Can't wait to see what the New Year will bring. As a family activity talk with your children about goals and what goals everyone in the family wants to accomplish. One of my family goals will be to clean out/up the basement so there is more room to play games.

Thank You,

Ms. Melinda and Ms. Maria



Reminder:

We would like to take a moment to ask for your help in keeping Park's Edge healthy and clean. As a classroom we are washing our hands constantly and cleaning toys. If you could help us in this endless endeavor by helping your son/daughter wash their hands when they enter classroom, it will truly go a long way in efforts to keep happy healthy classrooms.

Slithering Snakes



Why do birds fly south for New Year's Eve? Because it's too far to walk.

Hello! We are so glad to be ringing in the new year with you all, and cannot wait for the experiences it has in store. Any opportunity to expand our horizons is one we shall take gladly, and this coming year is no exception. We have an exciting new schedule of themes to dive into, exploring a litany of new and returning topics, such as Our Favorite Authors, and a week of emphasis on cooking and baking. As our room takes on a new shape, with our new lead teacher as well as a new year, we would love to hear about any activities you and your children enjoy! We will certainly seize upon any ideas that will brighten our room and fill it with a zeal for learning.

This December, while mild and very unwinter-like, passed in a flash. Even though we didn't get to experience the beauty of fresh fallen snow, we still took every opportunity to discover the natural world around us. While more often than not rain kept us firmly squared away inside, we had a rich variety of activities to occupy us. Our play was a success, and a wonderful opportunity to interact with the younger children of the center, and our visit from Santa, or his "helper" depending on who you ask, was a wonderful moment of togetherness. Even though we have yet to receive any substantial amount of snow, please be ready to equip your child with the necessary gear, i.e snow pants, gloves, and boots. We hope you all had a happy holiday, and we thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the trips you took, and the mighty haul of gifts you happily received. We would also like to thank you for your generosity, and truly appreciate that you considered us this gift giving season.

Best Wishes,

Mr. Cody and Ms. Nicole

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Important Dates:

Monday, January 1st– PEP closed for New Years. 2024 tuition rates go into effect. * Regular Tuition Charges Apply*

Tuesday, January 2nd– No school Whitnall-Be sure to sign up

Friday, January 5th– Signed Tuition Forms due back to center.

Thursday, January 11th– 2024 Vacation vouchers will be handed out.

Monday, January 15th– Martin Luther King Jr. Day– No school Whitnall

Thursday, January 18th– Classroom story time with Pastor Josh

Wednesday, January 24th– Coffee with the Director 7:30am-8:30am

A Pastor's Note



As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains of the last year. Let us live this year each day in the most loving way, the God-conscious way, the Way of Love. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color, creed, sexual orientation, and gender and gender expression

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May our year be filled with peace, prosperity, and love. May God's blessings shower upon us and bestow upon each of us a bright, healthy, and peaceful new year.

Adapted by Pastor Josh from *Rev. Marcy Sheremetta's New Year's Prayer*

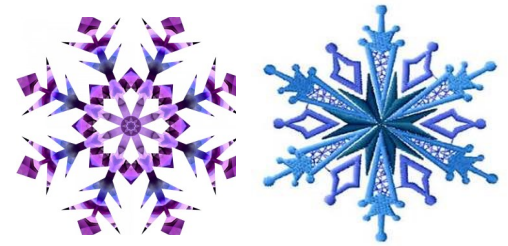
Santa's Workshop Fundraiser Update:



We are pleased to announce that Santa's Workshop was success again this year raising \$486.00! The children had a blast shopping for their family members and wrapping the hand picked gifts. The money will be used to help purchase classroom supplies.

Santa's Workshop is an annual 'fun' draiser that has become a fun holiday tradition here at Park's Edge Preschool.

NAC Nook



The new year is here and we are excited about our NAC visit coming up this Spring. We just sent in updates on our validation request packet. The updated paperwork was accepted and no more tasks were given. I was informed that we would hear here within the next few weeks about our first window for validation visit. With the first window coming up we are continuously working on observations in the classrooms. We look forward to getting our first window for our NAC visit!

Thank you all so much for your continued support!

Haley Bigger

Themes w/ Christian Sub Themes

Upstairs & Downstairs Themes

1/1-1/5: New Year's Celebration

Psalm 118:24 "This is the day the lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it".

1/08-1/12: Arctic Animals

Genesis 2:19-20 "Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals"

1/15-1/19: Winter Sports and Teamwork

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 "Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor: if either of them falls down, one can help the other up"

1/22-1/26: Healthy Bodies

1Corinthians 3:16-17 "Do you know that you are God's temple and that God's spirit dwells within you?"

1/29-2/02: Shadow where are you?

Psalm 17:8 "Keep me as the apple of the eye; Hide me in the shadow of your wings".



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