



December 2025



### **Directors Corner**

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe we have already arrived at the final month of 2025! The holiday season is such a magical time, filled with family traditions and special activities. Amid all the excitement, it's important to remember that young children thrive on predictability and consistency. With so many festive events and activities this time of year, it is helpful to balance the excitement with consistent routines and adequate rest. Although staying up late for a holiday movie may be tempting, saving it for another day allows your child to stay on track. A predictable routine strengthens self-regulation, an important foundation for learning and lifelong success.

As we prepare to wrap up this year and welcome a new one, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to every family, staff member, and community partner for your continued support. Jack and Jill is such a special place, made even more

meaningful by the diverse backgrounds, kindness, and shared dedication of everyone involved. It's truly inspiring to see how we all come together to nurture and support our children and one another.

Wishing you a joyful, peaceful, and wonder-filled holiday season!

Katrina



**Progress Reports & Conferences**  
Progress Reports for all classes will be sent home the week of 12/15. Your child's teacher will discuss the progress report with you during family-teacher conferences on **Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Day and evening conferences will be offered.

Childcare will be available for daytime conferences ONLY.

Please make other childcare arrangements for evening conferences. During daytime conferences, childcare will be held in the early drop-off room. Mrs. Haynes will

be here to care for your children during your conference. Each family will have a 15-minute conference.

Please check your email on 12/5 for the Sign-Up Genius link to sign up for a conference time with your child's teacher; this is the only way to sign up. We will only be offering in-person conferences.



### **Literacy Month**

#### **Update**

Our Reading Race has been going well, thank you to all the families who have been participating and reading to your children at home! We love seeing the excitement build as each class adds to their totals. The final results and announcement of the top class will be shared the week of December 1st. Keep reading and cheering each other on!

#### **Holiday Break**

Jack and Jill will be CLOSED for our holiday break from Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>! See you on Monday, January 5, 2026!



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We know the holiday break can feel long for our little friends!

Here are some playful, screen free ideas to keep little hands and minds busy until we're back together again:

**Snowy Science:** Fill a bin with snow (or ice cubes) and add spoons, cups, and small containers for scooping, melting, and pouring. Try sprinkling salt to see what happens!

**Build a Blanket Fort:**

Gather pillows and blankets to create a cozy reading nook. Bring in flashlights and favorite books for "campfire stories."

**Kitchen Creations:** Let your child help stir, measure, and pour while you bake or cook. Talk about textures, smells, and counting ingredients.

**Sticker Sort:** Give your child a sheet of stickers to sort by color, size, or shape. Great for fine motor control and early math skills.

**Indoor Obstacle Course:**

Use pillows, painter's tape, and chairs to make a course to crawl under, jump over, or balance on.

**Family Talent Show:**

Encourage everyone to share a "talent" — singing, dancing, joke-telling, or magic tricks!

**Nature Walk Collect &**

**Create:** Bundle up and take a walk to collect pinecones, sticks, and leaves. Use them to make a winter nature collage.



**Spaghetti Supper and Candy Bingo**

We are excited to announce an upcoming fun-filled family event! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 24, 2026**, and join us for Spaghetti Supper and Candy Bingo!

This evening will be a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community, enjoy a delicious meal, and have some exciting Bingo fun with sweet treats as prizes. It's an event the whole family will love, and we can't wait to see you there!

Stay tuned for more details as the date approaches.

**Cold Weather Outdoor Play**

A reminder that we do go out to play every day! Please send your children with warm coats, hats and mittens every day. When you arrive at school, mittens are placed in your child's hat and the hat is placed in the sleeve of their coat. Please do not leave hats and mittens in backpacks. Please label all items so that it is easy for us to figure out what belongs to whom! Also, keep in mind that mittens are MUCH easier for our friends to put on and take off!



**Family Cookie**

**Swap**

Please join us for a Family Coffee & Cookie Swap on Wednesday, 12/17, right after drop-off! Bring 2 dozen cookies to share and head home with 2 dozen assorted treats. Children are welcome to attend. Homemade or store-bought, whatever works for your schedule!

An RSVP form will be sent out after Thanksgiving



break. We look forward to spending this sweet morning with you!



### **Personal Care**

#### **Donation Drive**

During the month of December, Jack and Jill will be collecting personal care items to support members of our community in need. This drive was inspired by Sandra, mom of Leandro, in the Older Preschool class and we are grateful for the opportunity to give back together during this season of caring.

If you are able, please consider donating any of the following items:

- \* Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- \* Shampoo and conditioner
- \* Soap or body wash
- \* Deodorant
- \* Lotion or hand cream
- \* Combs and hairbrushes
- \* Shaving cream and razors
- \* Feminine hygiene products
- \* Tissues and toilet paper

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- \* Hand sanitizer or wipes

Donations can be dropped off in the collection bin located near the family mailboxes.

Thank you for helping us spread kindness and care this holiday season!



### **Looking Ahead**

**to 2026**

**DO NOT LET THIS SCARE YOU!**

This holiday season, take time to relax and enjoy special moments with your family. That said, please note that registration for the 2026-2027 school year opens on January 14, 2026.

To help families plan for the upcoming year, I will be hosting a Family Information Session to discuss the differences between our classes. This will provide valuable guidance as you consider the best fit for your child. This will be held on **Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 9:00 AM** and will be an RSVP event. I am also available to discuss options individually starting the week of January 5<sup>th</sup>.

For families with children graduating from Jack and Jill and heading to kindergarten, we will ensure you are kept informed! As we receive updates from local public schools, we will share everything you need to know to make this transition as smoothly as possible.

We are here to support you every step of the way



### **IMPORTANT**

#### **DATES:**

**12/1** PJ Day  
**12/5** Conference Sign Up  
Genius Opens  
**12/10** Tuition Due  
**12/15 & 12/16** Holiday Sweater Days  
**12/15** Board Meeting  
**12/17** Family Cookie Swap  
**12/22** Conferences  
**12/22 – 1/2/2026** School Closed  
**1/5** School Reopens  
**1/24** Spaghetti Supper and Candy Bingo