



## Jack and Jill Pre-School Monthly Newsletter

### Mrs. Lay's Corner

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we are in the final month of 2022! Holiday traditions and activities are fun for all, but keep in mind that young children handle life best when they stay in their usual routine! It can be tempting to watch that 8:00 holiday special but you and your child will both benefit from the DVR! Stay on track with routines to help your child learn to self-regulate, an important skill for us all.

During family teacher conferences we have been talking a lot about fine motor development. Here are some gift ideas to help our friends build those small muscles in their hands.

- Silly putty, play dough, modeling clay and slime
- Small writing utensils
- small hand held water games
- small hand held magna doodles
- tweezers and small objects to pick up and sort
- beads and string
- small chalkboards and chalk
- small dry erase board and markers
- coloring books
- stress balls
- small stickers to peel and stick

As we approach the end of this year and look forward to a new year I want to thank each family, staff member and community member for their continued support. Jack and Jill is a special community filled with people from many different backgrounds and it is wonderful to see us all come together.

Be well, Katrina



### Literacy Month Wrap Up

Thank you for your amazing efforts during literacy month in November! In total our families read over 1,000 books! I love to see all the different books that are read at home!

Our class totals were: Pre-K 1 161; Pre-K 2 93, Mixed Age 298; Enrichment 378; 3's 160! Our Enrichment class wins the special reward party!

#### Our top readers were:

Pre-K 1           Alaina Ferris & Addy Jones

Pre-K 2           Olivia Legare

Mixed Age       James Monson

Enrichment     Kelsea Sullivan

3's               William Montalto

### Health & Wellness

As the cold weather approaches, cold, flu and other illnesses comes along for the ride! Please consult your parent handbook for a full description of our health policy. It is imperative that you keep your child home if they have an elevated temperature (over 100 degrees), cough, body aches, discharge from eyes or nose, body rash or 1 or more episodes of vomiting or diarrhea. Your child must be kept home until they are symptom free for a **MINIMUM** of 24 hours. Your child must be fever free without the aids of fever reducing medications for at least 24 hours before returning to school. Your full support and cooperation is appreciated!

A current doctor's note **MUST** be on file for any student with a chronic cough or runny nose due to diagnosed allergies. Please remember to call or email us if your child is going to be out sick!

## Holiday Break

Jack and Jill will be CLOSED for our holiday break from Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> through Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>! See you on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We know that the holiday break is long for our little friends. Here are some ideas to do at home to pass the time, until we are back together again!

**Ice Block** – freeze a bunch of small items in a block of ice and give the kids some salt water and an eye dropper to melt the ice and retrieve the goodies.

**Puzzles** – great for concentration and small motor development.

**Playdoh play** – this will keep their small muscles moving.

**ABC scavenger hunt** – this can be done as you are waiting in a check-out line or while driving in the car. Give your child a letter of the alphabet and ask them to point to as many as they can find.

**Eye Spy activities** – books, puzzles, games that require children to find specific items.

## Cupcake Charlie's

We are excited to try a new fundraiser with Cupcake Charlie's! Information and order forms will be sent home this week. Cupcakes are sold in 6 packs and cost \$20, Jack and Jill gets \$1 per cupcake sold! You are able to mix and match cupcake flavors. Please reach out with any questions.

## RaiseRight Fundraiser

Our gift card fundraiser is going on now! This fundraiser allows families to shop from the comfort of their home and benefits the school at the same time! The order forms have been distributed and emails have been sent. Additional order forms are available in the office. The school earns a portion of each gift card sold. Orders are due by Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Orders will be distributed the week of 12/12 during drop off.



## Important Dates

**Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

Angel Tree Items Due

**Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

Cupcake Charlie's Fundraiser Starts

**Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

Gift Card Orders Due

**Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

3's Evening Conferences

**Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

No School 3's class ONLY – Day Time Conferences

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

Holiday Sweater Day

**Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

Holiday Sweater Day

**Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

No School – Professional Development Day

**Tuesday, 12/20- Monday 1/2/23**

School Closed

**Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

School reopens & Cupcake Charlie's Orders

## Outdoor Play

A reminder that we do go out to play every day! Please be sure to send your children with warm coats, hats and mittens each day. When it snows please send snow pants, and boots as well! 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!

## Looking Ahead to 2023

### **DO NOT LET THIS SCARE YOU!**

Take the time to enjoy your family this holiday season! But, do keep in mind that our registration for the 2023-2024 school year begins in mid-January. I will host a parent informational session on the differences between our 4 year old programs to assist families in making a plan for the next school year.

If your child will be graduating from Jack and Jill, and heading to Kindergarten, we will inform you of everything you need to know! We will share all information we get from the public schools.