

# st. john's christian PRESCHOOL

Newsletter

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## Learning My Way

By Jean Feldman

When I listen to stories and books each day,  
I'm learning to read in my own special way.  
When I sing a song or say a rhyme,  
My listening skills will develop in time.  
The small muscles I use when I work a puzzle or play with clay,  
Will help me to write a sentence one day.  
When I jump, wiggle, and run the day long,  
My muscles are growing strong.  
When I put away my toys or pass out snacks at school,  
I'm really doing my math, too.  
Making bubbles or looking at the clouds in the sky,  
Will develop my scientific skills by and by.  
My coloring, painting, and gluing may look a mess,  
But they all encourage my creative best.  
When you read to me, talk, and listen, too,  
I'll learn to love books and language, it's true.  
As you give me choices and let me go,  
Into an independent adult I will grow.  
When you accept me for whom I am and cherish what I do,  
I'll learn to love others and respect them too.  
Every minute of every new and exciting day,  
I'm learning and growing in my own special way!



## **“Sharing” this Month at SJCP**

**January 8-9:** a gift you have received

**January 15-16:** something white

**January 21-22:** child's choice

**January 29-30:** fits in a mitten



### **Snack Fee Reminder**

Snack fee for the second half of the year is due now.

Please leave payments in the mailbox in the office or pay on Brightwheel. Thank you!

MWF: \$28.00

TTh: \$20.00

## **Preschool Birthdays**



Grayson	MWF- Hanson	Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup>
Myles	TTh - Downing	Jan. 30 <sup>th</sup>

## **Outdoor Play**

The days have gotten colder and we have snow! Please have your child bring the following clothing to preschool each day that it is 20 plus degrees, so that we can enjoy God's creation this winter! Thanks.

Warm Coat  
Hat  
Mittens or Gloves  
Hat  
Boots  
Snowpants



## **S.J.C.P. 2026-27**

We are looking forward to sharing another year of love and learning at St. John's Christian Preschool! We realize that many families are also considering plans for next school year. We are happy to answer questions and discuss possible options with you. Of course, we invite you to re-enroll your child for the next school year at S.J.C.P.!

If you know other families that may be interested in preschool, please encourage them to check out SJCP. We encourage current families to register early as classes often fill quickly.

## **Preschool Registration 2026-27**

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Currently/Previously  
Enrolled Families  
St. John's Members

**February 9<sup>th</sup>:** Open Registration

## **SJCP Open House - COMING SOON!!**

Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup> 1pm-3pm we will host an open house at SJCP. Families will have a chance to visit our classrooms, meet our teachers, and learn about our program.

## **Epiphany is here! Let your light shine!**

The Bible, tells us that Jesus came “...to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” What an amazing thing for us! During the month of January, we celebrate the church season called Epiphany. The Epiphany of our Lord is the recognition that the little baby in Bethlehem wasn't only a human baby, but a savior, the savior who came to save us from darkness and lead us throughout our lives. The image that is used to demonstrate this is light.

This “Epiphany”, this recognition of Jesus as our savior, is not only about the light of the star the Three Wise Men followed, but more importantly, it is about how Jesus *is* light for us. Jesus is the light of the world, as we hear in John's Gospel: “The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness can't overcome it!” Light and darkness: these polar opposites are used in the Bible to help us to know that Jesus is the one who shatters the darkness in our lives and brings us to a place where we can find peace.

All of us know darkness. Beyond the metaphor, we all know sickness, frustration, difficulties, and even suffering. We see that the world is not the way it should be and we know that there are children in this world who are in need. The darkness needs the light of the world to help dispel it and eventually, when all of God's promises come to light, Jesus will conquer it completely for us. The darkness will not have the last word.

That, I think, is the important thing to teach your children this January. Give them the metaphor of light by lighting candles, playing games in the

dark with flashlights, and teaching them songs about light such as "This Little Light of Mine". Even though the metaphor will not be fully understood at their age, your children will learn the salvation story which is this: Jesus, the light of the world, will not leave them in the dark even at the lowest times of their lives. For, this is a God who will go the distance, all the way to the darkness to save us, even to a place that seems to have no light at all.



So, teach your children the story of the Magi/Wisemen who follow the light of a star to see the light of the world in a manger. For, this light, a little piece of Christ himself, has been given to each and every one of God's children, so that no one may be alone in the dark...ever. Peace to you at this time of light!

*Pastor Christine*

## **Shrove Tuesday** **February 17<sup>th</sup>**

4:30-6:30 pm at St. John's



SJCP will be hosting a festive event that your whole family will enjoy! Current preschool families, former preschool families, and St John's friends gather to share an evening of fun and food. This pre-lent event has been a favorite tradition here and has been a great way to raise money for the ongoing ministry of St. John's Christian Preschool.

## **Shrove Tuesday is...**

- known as "Fat Tuesday" or "Mardi Gras".
- a traditional time for feasting and fun before the church season of Lent begins the next day on Ash Wednesday.
- Celebrated from **4:30-6:30PM at St. John's** and include a **Pancake Supper, Carnival Games, a Cake Walk** and **Silent Auction**.

## **SJCP needs your help!**

SJCP Board appreciates your help with this annual fundraiser! We will be using Sign up Genius for sign-ups again this year. I will send out the sign-up code through Brightwheel, this event is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we need lots of helpers!

- Working in the Dining Room/Kitchen
- Leading a Carnival Game
- Baking for the Cake Walk
- Donation for the Silent Auction

**Mark your calendars and plan to bring friends and family to this fun evening!**

## **Upcoming Dates to Remember**



Jan. 19- No Preschool (EC schools closed)

Jan. 23 & 26- No Preschool (EC schools closed)

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026-2027 Preschool Registration

Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Shrove Tuesday Fundraiser

# January

Sunday	Monday				Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Happy New Year!		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Epiphany		Sharing: a gift you have received		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Library Storytime 			Sharing: Something white		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	No Preschool		Sharing: Child's choice		No Preschool	
				Library Storytime 		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	No Preschool			Sharing: Fits in a mitten		

