



# NEWSLETTER



3, 4 & 5 Yr. Olds and All Pre-K Classes



## Notes from the Director

The Christmas parties were a huge success. The gifts that were donated to The Perseus House were picked-up and distributed to their clients.



Your generosity was greatly appreciated and will go to good use.

Please be sure to come in to sign up for a face to face conference or a phone conference. Teachers have been saving children's work samples to show you to complete the picture the progress report gives you. We will begin registration for the 2010-2011 school year in February. We hope you have a great new year.



## Tuition for January

is now due. The third quarter tuition payment will be due Feb. 1. The nursery school salaries and expenses are met entirely through your tuition payments. Please be prompt with payments. Make out checks to St. Stephen's Nursery School and send to the church at 1070 W. Dutch Rd., Fairview, 16415.



The holiday parties were hard to beat this year!

## Upcoming important dates

**Early Dimissal**  
**January 11-12**

**Board of Advisors Meeting**  
**January 13 – 7:00 pm**

- Vision Screenings — Jan. 14-15
- No School — Jan. 18  
Martin Luther King Day

**No School**  
**January 28 and 29**

Parent conferences at the school. Please enter the building to sign up for your appointment time. Listings for each teacher will be posted on



the bulletin board by the church office. Do not wait until the last minute. Please make other arrangements for the care of your children and any other siblings as there will not be staff available to baby sit. We can also make arrangements for phone conferences.

## Why have parent teacher conferences when your child is not having any problems?

You can see the classroom setting, get to know your child's teacher better, explore the many different toys, games and learning activities the teacher uses, ask what we plan to do for the rest of the year, find out what we think school readiness is, share your concerns and joys of your children with the teacher, learn just what we are evaluating when we make a number reference or a check mark in a box.



We realize that everyone is busy, but this is your chance to ask all those questions you have stored up since September. Please find the time to come for a conference or to call to arrange a phone conference.

## End of first semester progress reports and conferences

The first semester ends January 29. Teachers have evaluated your child's progress in the various curriculums and set up a schedule for parent teacher conferences.



## Dressing for outdoors

Always send children with boots, long pants or tights, gloves, jackets and hats. Please put names on everything.

**Do not send snow pants. We will only need snow pants on our special snow play day**

## A reminder about snow days

If the Fairview School District cancels school because of bad weather conditions, St. Stephen's Nursery School will also be closed. Announcements will also be made over local radio and T.V. stations. If the Fairview School District delays school, the nursery school will make its own decision to remain open or to close.

Please listen for announcements for closing over the morning radio stations. If school must be canceled at the last minute, room mothers will call to notify you. If you want another phone number listed along with your home phone number, please contact me as soon as possible. You are urged to use your own best judgement about sending your child to school or venturing out on the highways yourself. We try hard to keep school open for those who live close.

## Flu precautions

Please do not send a child who appears sick or is coughing or sneezing. Toys are sprayed with a bleach water solution or wiped with a Lysol wipe when contaminated or at the end of each class. Please remember, if you think your child might be coming down with something, keep him/her at home.



## Snow play days

Weather permitting we will contact you ahead of time with more information. All events are based on the presence of enough snow. They can be spontaneous last minute events. Please dress children appropriately for the snow play day. We will be outdoors for approximately one hour. **Children in four year old classes may bring their sleds or saucers to school.** Please put your child's name on sleds. We'll have hot chocolate with snack. Helping parents will need to dress appropriately as well.

## Things we need at school.

Soft lumber scraps, especially pine lumber scraps, long nails with flat heads, baby food jar lids, spools and other junk suitable for children to use at the carpentry bench for building projects here at school during the winter.



**Remember** Sign up sheets for conferences are on the bulletin board outside the office. Please come in to sign up.

## Mother's Day Out

begins January 4. We will continue with our Monday, Thursday Friday program. Sign ups are at the front door.



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