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FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Happy 2024, KSPC! We hope you had a wonderful holiday and your family is as excited as we are to be back at school! As you are making your New Year's resolutions, please consider adding "being involved at KSPC" to your list! We are so appreciative of all the time, energy and support our families give and we would not have the wonderful school we have without your involvement. Our upcoming Valentines Dance is the perfect place to begin!

As a teacher and parent I always enjoy January and February because things seem to calm down after the holidays and we are able to get back into our routines. It is a great time to accomplish many things at school and see SO MUCH growth in our students. Unfortunately, the weather has not cooperated, however, it has been so nice for our students to have some fun in the snow! Just a reminder, if the weather gets too severe, please be sure to check NBC 10 for updates on delays and closings. You can sign up to get text alerts from NBC 10. I will also be sending a school email blast to inform you of important information. If school is delayed, the morning session will be from **10:00-12:00**. The afternoon session will remain the same, **1:00-3:00**. Please note that we usually follow Kennett Consolidated School District's snow closing/delay schedule, but sometimes we do make different decisions since we do not have school buses.

January has been busy because it is enrollment time for our current and alumni families. By now you should have received your placement for next year. If you have not, please see me as soon as possible. Several of our classes did go to lottery due to the large numbers of students who enrolled. This is always difficult and I wish it were possible to give everyone their first choice. Unfortunately, we do not have the space to open more classrooms. We are very excited about some of the new changes we have made to the structure of our school day and we hope our families are too! Please remember that September's tuition is due by March 11th. This will secure your child's placement for next school year.

Each year during the months of January, February and March we spend time assessing students on the important preschool skills we have been working on throughout the year. Our curriculum is based on the PA State Standards and what the surrounding school districts tell us is needed to prepare our students for kindergarten. This information will be shared with you during our conference time scheduled for March 21st and 22nd. On your child's scheduled conference day there **will NOT be school for students**. Stay tuned for more information to come.

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We hope you will join us for our Family Valentine's Dance on Thursday, February 8th from 5:30-7:00 in The Parish Hall (or, as our students call it- "The Big Room"). The event is very similar to our Halloween Family Event that was held early October (only inside). Our wonderful committee has planned a special evening for your family filled with dancing, games, craft activities, refreshments, a photo booth and a FOOD TRUCK! Thank you to all who have signed up to contribute to this fun evening! We could not do these events without the help of our cooperative families!

February is a shorter month, but it is filled with fun themes like Dental Health Month, Valentine's Day, Healthy Heart Month! Our teachers have planned wonderful lessons and activities to help our children learn about these themes. We will be having a special visit from Pediatric Dentistry to learn about taking care of our teeth. Of course the highlight will be our Valentine's Day parties! Each student will be bringing in Valentine's to exchange with their classmates. Our students LOVE Valentine's Day as much as Halloween and Christmas!

Start cleaning out your children's closets and playrooms because we plan to hold our Children's Consignment Sale this spring! Not only is this a great chance for you to clean out and earn a little money, it is also a chance to get some great deals on children's clothing and toys! This event is scheduled to run April 24- 27. Stay tuned for more information. If you are a committee member, please check your calendars now to be sure you are available to help. **Please email Jenn Pannulla (committee coordinator) committeeskpc@gmail.com if you have conflicts.**

As always, please DO NOT hesitate to reach out to myself or your teachers if you have any questions or thoughts to share. We want you to know that we are ALWAYS here to help and support our families. The success we have experienced for over 65 years is because we have worked together as a school community. Please stay warm and most of all, stay healthy!

Warm regards,

Jen Augustine



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TEDDY BEAR PICNIC DAY

I LOVE Teddy Bear Picnic Day!!! It is always such a fun day for our students and staff! This year was “beary” fun! The students (and teachers) were thrilled to bring their favorite bears to school. Some bears were bigger than me! We enjoyed reading bear stories, singing bear songs/fingerplays, playing *Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear* (a fun following directions activity), measuring our bears using cubes, weighing our bears, sorting bears (based on color, shape, size, type), making “bear dens” to hibernate in and more! The best part was having our bears join us at school for the day! Be sure to check out the pictures included on our Facebook page.



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Mrs. Augustine, Mrs. Augustine,
what do you see?



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I SEE SO MANY WONDERFUL THINGS
GOING ON AROUND ME!



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What is STEM?

“STEM” stands for science, technology, engineering and math.

STEM can refer to the subjects individually or one or more working together, but can also mean a way of doing things that includes solving problems, asking questions and exploring the world around us. For example, children learn about the concept of technology when they’re exploring tools or simple machines. These can be items they use every day like a pair of scissors, or things they might see like the wheels of a car as they walk outside.



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For example, children learn about the concept of technology when they're exploring tools or simple machines. These can be items they use every day like a pair of scissors, or things they might see like the wheels of a car as they walk outside. For young children, we focus on STEM through exploration, play and building curiosity about the world and the way things work. STEM learning is important for everyone and can happen anytime, anywhere. The real-life skills that people develop when learning STEM help make everyone better problem-solvers and learners.



For parents of children who are learning English or speak another language themselves, talk about STEM in your home language, in English, or both. Research shows that bilingual children have an easier time understanding math concepts and developing strong thinking skills. When families use their native language, it helps children foster a rich sense of self. Bilingual students have certain cognitive and social benefits that facilitate success in school and life.

If you would like to read the full article to learn more please use this link:

https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ecd/stem_toolkit_families.pdf

Source: Zelasko, N., & Antunez, B. (2000). If your child learns in two languages. National Clearinghouse for Bilingual Education.

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WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN THE SNOW?

Mrs. Harten's Three-Years Old Classes

MWF AM Class

Mena	Make a snowman
Caleb	Make a snowman
Dominic	Have a snowball fight
Jameson	Go sledding
Jackson	Have a snowball fight
Luke	Go sledding
Lizzy	Build a snowman
Blake	Build a snowman

T/TH AM Class

Nicky	Make a snowman
Eloise	Throw snowballs
Emerson	Throw snowballs at people
Ben	Have a snowball fight
Gabe	Sled down the hill
Dallas	Make snowballs
Anthony	Run in snow
Claire	Make snow angels



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WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN THE SNOW?

Mrs. Belton's Three-Years Old Classes

MWF AM Class

Aaron	throw snowballs
Henry	play and find ice pieces
Isla	make snowballs and sled
Joey	throw snowballs at Daddy
Logan	have a snowball fight with Mom
Mark	watch the snowplows
Natalie	make a snow angel and a snow dog
Trevor	throw a lot of snowballs at Daddy

T/TH AM Class

Brody	go sledding and crashing through the ice
Ella	catch snowflakes and make a snow house
Emmie	build snowmen and throw snowballs at Daddy
Giavanna	make a snowman
Josh	go sledding
Nehemiah	build a snowman
Nicholas	go sledding and break and stomp the ice

