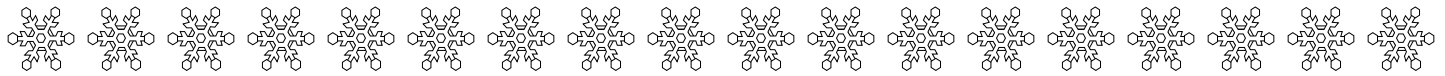


January Newsletter

Sonshine Corner Preschool



**Our spiritual theme for January is Mercy and our verse is:
God will bless you and use you to help others. 1Timothy 4:16**

We'll be talking about being merciful to others this month through various bible stories.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A new decade has begun and we are excited about the months ahead here at SSC. We'll be talking about many winter related themes such as winter birds and animals, as well as many other others. The fives' class has a month long Outer Space unit! We will probably be playing indoors most of the month, because the temperature and wind chill temp needs to be 15 degrees or above for us to go out, and it is January in Minnesota! You can check the temp each day at wcco.com yourself if you'd like. We check it at 8:45 and again at noon for the afternoon classes and EC. Sometimes it warms up enough to go out in the afternoon, so send outdoor gear along if your child stays for the lunch bunch.

Highlights

THANK YOU! Thanks to all of you who contributed to our Hat and Mitten Tree and Food Shelf this year! Interfaith Outreach was happy to receive all of the items. God bless you!

NEXT YEAR'S CLASSES: We are able to offer next year's schedule with NO tuition increases!! The only change will be to increase the registration fee to \$55. We will be offering the same schedule next year with just a couple changes. Our MWF morning EC room will turn into a MW Tots class and a NEW Friday "Tiny Tots" (two years old by Sept. 1) class- all with Miss Cori! There will no longer be a MWF morning EC option because of this. There are five day options for 3's, 4's, and 5's available. Extended Care sign up will begin in August.

REGISTRATION: SSC is excited to offer online registration for the 2010-11 school year. Current SSC families and WFC attendees will be able to register on January 19 at 8am. On January 25 at 8am, registration will be open to the community.

Our class offerings list is available on the registration page of the website (www.sonshinecorner.org/registration.htm). Once registration opens you will be able to click on the Register Online button and begin the process. You will need to pay by credit card in order to complete your registration. If you want to pay directly from your bank account, you will need to set up a Paypal account in advance. This process takes approximately two days to complete. A guideline sheet explaining the entire process was sent home before Christmas break and can also be accessed on our website. We hope this process will be easier for our families to get the class that they prefer, and not have to stand in line in the cold!

SCHOOL CLOSINGS: We will be closed for the day if Wayzata Schools are closed or have a late start due to inclement weather.

STAFF CHANGE: Many of you know that Miss Jami will have stepped back from her TTH Extended Care position due to the nearing due date for baby number 3! Cori, Lynette and Lynn will be stepping in until a permanent replacement can be found. Jami will continue on in her morning aide position until March when baby is due. The "Lunch Bunch" will miss you Jami!

Dates to Remember :

January 18:	MLK Day - No School
January 19:	Registration begins for current families
January 25:	Registration begins for the community

Notes from the Teachers:

Miss Cori (Tot's Class) says: Hello Tot families. The children and I enjoyed learning about the meaning of Christmas during the month of December. Thank you all for coming to our Christmas celebration! Our other themes of winter, shapes and snowmen will make brief appearances in January. Our new themes will be: Minnesota, animals, manners and transportation. I hope everyone has a restful break and that your Christmas holiday provides you with many opportunities to reflect on God's great gift to us. We will see you on January 5th!

Miss Sharon (3's Class) says: Happy New Year! After the busy but wonderful holiday season, we are eager to see everyone again and settle in for lots more fun and learning. One theme for January is winter: we'll learn what animals (especially bears) do during these cold months. Another theme is being healthy: we'll stress habits like eating well, brushing teeth and covering up when we sneeze. In January and February we'll have special themes on Thursday like Hat day and Sports Day; check your monthly calendar. Please bring your child's outdoor clothing every day and in a separate bag so backpacks can be used for art and other important stuff. We (some of us at least) are hoping for lots more snow!

Miss Linda(3's Class) Says: We had three birthday celebrations in December. Darren and Audrey turned four years old. Jesus' birthday was our main focus and we celebrated all month. Thanks you parents for donating hats, mittens and food. We have the best parents at Son-Shine Corner! January will bring lots of fun and learning. The topics we will study are bears, snow fun and healthy living. There are two special days, Pajama Day and Wear Black and White Day. Show and Tell will be bring your favorite book. The Bible topics are Joseph and his brother and being merciful. I do hope the weather gets warmer so we can play in the snow!

Notes from the Teachers:

Miss Lisa (4's Class) says: Welcome back to school and Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday with your family. December in our class was busy with all the things that make it such a special time of the year; the Christmas art projects, telling the Christmas story, our birthday party for Jesus and of course the children singing at our program. The month of January will start out celebrating WINTER and then warm up the next week learning about Hawaii. We will have a fun Hawaiian Luau Day (more details to follow). We will end the month learning about Dinosaurs. Our letter for the month will be "S" and "D". The spiritual theme will be Mercy. We are looking forward to fun snow days on the playground and the "snow hill" in the back of the parking lot. Lets hope the weather cooperates!

Miss Mary (4's Class) says: December was an exciting month as we celebrated the birth of Jesus. The Christmas program highlighted the children's enthusiasm and joy. I am so proud of them! It was a very special way to show our love for Jesus! It was so nice to see all of you and wish you a Merry Christmas! We have lots of fun planned for January! The first day back, January 5th, will be Winter Celebration Day. Hopefully we'll have snow and it won't be too cold! Please dress your child for extended outdoor play time. The following week we'll need to take a break from the cold and warm up on the beach. So, we've planned a "trip" to Hawaii. Aloha! It will give the children a fun opportunity to wear their flip flops, shorts and swimsuits in January! We'll spend the rest of the month learning all about dinosaurs! A special guest will be coming to SSC from Mad Science to talk about "Dandy Dinosaurs" and show us real dinosaur fossils! We'll continue sharing on Thursdays, so please remember to bring an object beginning with one of the letters of the month, S or D. Can't wait for a new year of learning and fun! See you at school!

Miss Lynn (4's Class) says: Happy 2010 to all and welcome back to SSC. I hope your Christmas and New Year was blessed. Hopefully you enjoyed the Christmas projects your child brought home, especially the Nativity scene. It was an amazing experience to share our Lord & Saviors birth story with your child. And wasn't the Christmas program awesome and so much fun? I was so proud of our class. We will begin the first week of January celebrating Winter, and hopefully it will be warm enough to go outside have some fun in the snow. The following week we will travel to and learn about Hawaii, including a beach party and Luau. We will end the month learning about Dinosaurs, and have the "Mad Scientist" come and share about Dinosaurs. We will study the letters S and D, numbers 11,12,13 and continue learning our phone numbers and last names. We will also celebrate the birthday's of Anna, Dylan, Kasey, Adam and Lily. Whew, January will be a fun and busy month.

Miss Joy (5's Class) says: Happy New Year to all from Miss Joy's Pre-K class! I hope you all had a blessed Christmas and enjoyed a long snow-filled winter break! I'm sure there are many angels and snowmen decorating your lawns. As we start back to school on January 4th, we hope to be able to continue outdoor play, so remember to send snowgear with your child. Our main unit for the month will be Outer Space. We will learn the names of the planets in our solar system and the important roles the sun and the moon play. We will be making predictions about craters and stars and then experimenting and playing around with snowballs! Another focus will be on money-counting coins and discovering what they are worth. We will start to read about Jesus' life and learn how to live like Him. Our virtue is mercy-God helps and protects us wherever we go.