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From The Office

IMPORTANT DATES

January 1st
 Closed

January 2nd
 CTK Closed

January 21st
 CTK and EEC closed

January 22nd
 Re-Enrollment night for
 Infant and Toddlers

January 24th
 Re-Enrollment night for
 Preschool and
 School Age

January 27th-Feb 1
 Catholic Schools Week

** CTK refers to Christ The
 King School

** EEC refers to the Early
 Education Center

Can you believe it is already 2019? We hope that all of you were able to celebrate and enjoy your family time over the holidays. Thank you for your generosity and kindness toward both our teachers and the office staff. We appreciate the treats and gifts.

We would like to remind parents that starting this month Tuition Express enrollment is mandatory in order to pay balances on your child's account. We will still accept Point-of-Sale (Debit/Credit) transactions in the office as a way to pay. **Cash and checks will no longer be processed after January 4th!** Tuition Express will be processed weekly on Thursdays. You will receive information on how to set up your online account to see your billing/transactions ledger, receipts, tax information, etc. If you have any questions please speak with us in the office.

Please mark on your calendars for **at least one parent** to attend the re-enrollment designated for your child(ren)'s age group. Families with more than one child will only need to attend one night. Infants, Toddler 1, Toddler 2 East & West will need to attend Tuesday, January 22nd at 6:00 pm. Preschool 3, Preschool 4, Prekindergarten, Combination Prekindergarten, and School Age parents will need to attend Thursday, January 24th at 6:00 pm.

As a reminder, CTKEEC is closed Monday, January 21st for Professional Development Day. There is no School Day Out Care for elementary students that day either.

For Catholic Schools Week January 26th -February 1st we will join the school in collecting canned good items to donate to the local *Let's Help* organization. If you can donate, there will be collection boxes in each EEC classroom.

Dawn, Ashley, & Melissa

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Wish List

- Canned Food Goods for Catholic Schools Week



Important Information

Payments

Starting January 1st, 2019

All payments to the EEC will be made as a point of sale (in the office) or through the Tuition Express program. If you have not signed up for the Tuition Express program, please do so now.



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Doris's Dose of Fun

Blessings Jar...for you (and your family)

- Get a large jar or container. Preferable the jar is clear, so you can see it fill up throughout the year.
- Place your blessing jar in a visible location and keep it there all year long.
- Place a pen and a stack of 3x5 cards or paper pad next to the jar. Also consider carrying some in your brief case, book bag, purse, etc.
- As soon as possible after you experience a blessing write it down. As soon as you are near your blessing jar place the paper into the jar. Each blessing is written on its own card or piece of paper.
- At the end of the year, set aside an hour or so to read through each blessing.
- Bonus Tip: On discouraging days throughout the year, read a few of your blessings and be encouraged. Be sure to put the blessings back in the jar for the end of the year.





Infants & Ones



INFANTS

Mila is steady on her feet and starting to take steps, she loves to say “hi, bye, all done” and “thank you.” We will be working on adding steps and more words to Mila’s skills. Camila has begun to pull herself up to stand on objects and we will work on encouraging her to cruise around on her own. Emmett and Emma Kate are both on the move scooting and crawling around, we have been working hard with both of them to get into a sitting position on their own. It has been a delight getting to know Monica, she enjoys tummy time and talking. James will be joining us very soon. Happy birthday to Mila on the 8th! Make sure to keep an eye on our parent board right inside the door as every month we will post a monthly theme, recipe, sign language photo, and local events!

-Ms. Ashley & Ms. Bayly



ONES

OH, Baby, it's cold outside. We will be talking about those animals that love the cold and where they live and what they like to eat. Going along with the cold theme we will discuss ice cubes, snow, and explore ice cubes in our sensory table. We will create snowflakes using various art materials.

- Ms. Brenda, & Ms. Jacy

Natalie enjoyed some quite play time with the nativity scene in the lobby.



Brooks tamed the blue horse in Toddler one.



Mia worked on her gingerbread house during National Gingerbread Day.

Colton enjoyed some of his gingerbread house before putting it together.



Emmett slid the dinosaurs down the hill in the Infant room.



Toddler Two's



2 EAST

Welcome to 2019! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday. We are excited to see what this new year brings us. This month we will work on recognizing the colors red and yellow and the shape of a square and a circle.

We are sad but excited to see three of our friends moving on to the next stages of their journeys. We look forward to seeing how much they grow and learn. We are excited to welcome a new classmate, Vivienne! We will also welcome a hermit crab in our classroom later in the month.

- Ms. Jamie, Ms. Gabbi, and Ms. Kamryn

2 WEST

Happy New Year!!

Our themes are Happy New Year, it is cold outside, Penguins and Art is Fun. We will be talking about how cold it is outside and will experiment with ice and water in our sensory table. Make sure to ask about the yummy cooking projects we will be doing this month.

We want to welcome Elliot, Max, and Elizabeth to our class this month.

Please make sure that your child has a hat, gloves, and a heavy coat as we go outside every day. You may bring an extra hat and gloves to keep in their cubbies if you would like.

- Ms. Tammy



Eli received some help putting on his shoes.

Michael and Kennedi showing off their gingerbread houses they built during National Gingerbread Day.



Toddler 2E used wood and blocks to paint.



Preschool



PRESCHOOL THREE

Wishing you a happy, healthy and safe 2019! We cannot express our gratitude for the abundance of classroom gifts our class received. We feel very fortunate and blessed. We are very sad to say goodbye to Grady who will be moving to the preschool 4 room on January 7th. We will miss him a lot but know that he is ready for this next chapter in his life.

Letters for this month are: F, G, H, and I. The children will continue to work in their get set for school books, participate in a painted flowers experiment, taste different color grapes and make a guitar out of a Kleenex box for letter G. During letter H week the children will make houses using different shapes, practicing using helpful hands and doing a hamburger/hotdog graph. For letter I, we will be making marshmallow igloos and oh so very yummy ice cream.

Our themes for Second Step are managing anger, managing waiting, fair ways to play and having fun with friends. Everyone has been doing such a great job working together using what they have learned in the Second Step discussions and activities. One child loves the Second Step cards so much she put it on her letter to Santa. We thought that was so sweet and it shows how much the children are relating these scenarios to their everyday life, and how important these social skills are. Thanks for allowing your child to grow with us.

- Ms. Di, Ms. Deana, and Ms. Kristina

PRESCHOOL FOUR



Hallie learned about milking a cow in Preschool 3.

Happy Birthday to Kristina, Brantley, Beckham, Amara, Nash, and Mason this month. We want to welcome Grady to our class this month too. We will work on the letters N-Q and the numbers 14-17. Some areas we will talk about during learning time will be winter, the snow, and if it is hot or cold outside and how we can tell this. We want to welcome Sabryna as our new Assistant Teacher. She is off on Mondays. Please stop by and say, "Hi." Mr. Jesse will be going to the Prekindergarten room.

- Ms. Katrina, Ms. Sabryna, and Ms. Kristina



Logan showed off his building skills with the blocks.

A lot of helpers prepared the cookie dough for the cookies that Ms. Dawn and Ms. Melissa delivered before Christmas.



Enjoying the nativity set during centers.



Pre-Kindergarten & Combination



PREKINDERGARTEN

Happy Birthday to Jack and Sawyer this month. We will talk about animals, their homes, and if they hibernate or stay awake during the winter. We will talk about Kansas and what makes it unique. We will also participate in Catholic Schools' Week.

The new year brings a new classroom arrangement and new learning experiences in our different learning areas. Watch for cooking projects during our group time and more hands-on science experiments.

As the month comes to an end, we will talk about our pets and what makes them special/different. We would like for each child to bring a picture of his/her pet for the share during the month.

- Ms. Liz, Ms. Moni, and Mr. Jesse

COMBINATION

Happy Birthday to Josie, Kendrick, and Vayda this month. We will learn about Doctors and Dentists, Authors and Artist the first part of our month. We will end the month talking about Nursery Rhymes and Healthy Food and Nutrition. Watch for our cooking projects to go along with our healthy food week.

- Ms. Christine, Ms. Skylar, and Ms. Tera

CTK CONNECTIONS

PRE-K

- January 10th CTK Library
- January 24th CTK Music 12:30
- January 14th CTK PE 10:45
- January 9th Cougar Buddies 8:20 in the classroom



Combo worked on their fine motor skills by decorating their mini tree.

COMBO

- January 10th CTK Library
- January 24th CTK Music 10:40
- January 15th CTK PE 8:30
- January 9th Cougar Buddies 8:20 In room



Combo enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate after recess time.



Zoey read to her friends before lunch.



Pre-K worked on their gingerbread house on National Gingerbread Day.

Aftercare

CTK is closed on January 21st. We do not have care on that day as the EEC is closed for a Professional Development Day.

We want to welcome, Micah to our aftercare group (he started right before Christmas.) He attends Washburn University and plays football.

We will have re-enrollment night on January 24th (please watch for times.) This is to fill out 2019 paperwork for your child's file that is required by licensing.

- Aftercare Staff



From the Kitchen

Maple Mini Muffins

1 1/2 c. flour
2 tbsp. sugar
2 1/2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
3/4 c. milk
2 tbsp. maple syrup
2 tbsp. butter, melted
1 egg, lightly whisked
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon



DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Spray a mini muffin pan with cooking spray.

In a large bowl, stir together flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Then stir in milk, maple syrup, butter, egg, vanilla and cinnamon. Fold in mini chocolate chips until just combined

Divide batter evenly between mini muffin cups.

Bake for 8-10 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature, with maple syrup.

CTKEEC STAFF



Jamie 31st Toddler 2E
Kristina 3rd Preschool Float



Jackie 4 years Pre-K

ATRIUM

If we want to help the child grow near to God, we should, with patience and courage...seek to go always closer to the vital nucleus of things. This requires study and prayer. The child himself will be our teacher if we know how to observe him." Sofia Cavalletti

All About The Atrium

Why is it called "Atrium" anyway?

The word "atrium" actually means "portico, or porch, entrance to a large house." The Atrium was a term given to this space by Maria Montessori. It was chosen because, in the ancient church, the atrium was a gathering space between the Church Proper and the street. It was the place where the catechumens, those preparing for initiation to the Church, would receive instruction. The Atrium has a similar purpose for our children, as it is a place to help them enter into full, conscious and active participation in the liturgical and communal life of the Church.

What is a "prepared environment"?

The prepared environment is a Montessori concept that the environment can be designed to facilitate independent learning by the child. In a prepared environment, children work with materials of their own choice and at their own pace. They experience a combination of freedom and self-discipline in a place specially prepared to meet their developmental and spiritual needs.

Where can I read more about the Atrium?

32 Points of Reflections Several of our characteristics, or points of reflection (found on our website <http://www.cgsusa.org/about/offer>) insight into life in the Atrium: #3. The atrium is a community in which children and adults live together a religious experience which facilitates participation in the wider community of the family, the church and other social spheres. An atrium is a place of prayer, in which work and study spontaneously become meditation, contemplation, and prayer. An atrium is a place in which the only Teacher is Christ; both children and adults place themselves in a listening stance before his Word and seek to penetrate the mystery of the liturgical celebration



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2. Enter your email address, password, zip code, select preferred store and check the box if you desire to receive email communication from us
3. Click on "Create Account" at the bottom of the page
4. You will receive an email confirmation to your inbox, to activate your account click on the link in the body of the email and enter your sign-in information to confirm

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