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Heaven Sent Nursery School 🗇

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to a new year! If you are like me, this new year brings much hope of peace, quietness and good health. We hope that your holidays were happy and safe and that the new year will bring God's blessings to all of you.

Just think what wonderful things will be happening in the coming year. Some of your children will be starting kindergarten (real school!) before the year is out. Some of you will be sending your "babies" to us to begin their very first classroom experiences. Some of you will be adding to your family as new babies arrive. A new year always brings some sort of change...change that may be wanted or unwanted. I encourage all of us (including myself) to focus not only on these anticipated changes, but to the One who never changes. It is when we focus on God that we will find the most contented peace and joy through the changes that may be going on in our lives.

As the hustle and bustle of the holiday season leave us, we look forward to a quiet, more relaxed month. January finds us getting back into the routine of normal classroom activities as we pick up letters, numbers and resume work on kindergarten readiness skills again for our kindergarten bound angels.

Blessings, Jennifer Bujno

JANUARY BIBLE VERSE

"God cares for you" 1 Peter 5:7



Upcoming Events

January 2

Open Registration begins for 2024-2025 school yr/ January Tuition Due

January 3

Classes resume

January 15

School Closed – Martin Luther King Day

January 25/26

Sunglasses Day 3s

January 26

Beach Day 4s

January 30/31

Mid-year assessments go home



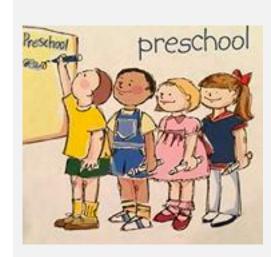
Does your child have a slight fever? Any cough? Are you wondering whether to keep him/her home? Due to our illness policy, you absolutely must. If your child is home due to a communicable disease, we must have a doctor's note stating when they can return to school or must be symptom free. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.



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REGISTRATION NEWS

January is the month that we begin our open registration for next September's admissions. If you have not returned an intent to return form to us for your "current angel" AND/OR a completed application and registration fee for other children in your family, it is important that you do so immediately. If you did not register last month, we unfortunately cannot guarantee you a spot next year anymore. Our classes are filling up rapidly, and if you want your children here, we must know ASAP!! If you have friends or neighbors who are considering Heaven Sent for their children, please urge them to contact us as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Thanks for your continued support.



If you have a younger child whom you would like to enroll in Heaven Sent for either a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ year old, 3 year old, or 4 year old class, please see Mrs. Marsh to

fill out a sibling intent form. We will keep it on file until December of the year preceding his/her entry into our program. We currently have a file for siblings who will not be enrolling until September 2027, so it is never too early to sign up!

DO YOU LOVE HEAVEN SENT NURSERY SCHOOL?

We will give a \$25 Target gift card to those who refer a new family that enrolls their child in the 2024/2025 school year. We are so grateful for our wonderful families who spread the news about our school!!

DELAYED OPENINGS

Q) When do you close school or call a delayed opening?

A) We issue a delay or closing when weather conditions make transportation dangerous.

Q) How will I know if school is delayed or closed?

A) Call the school's answering machine after 7:30 am and a message about the status of school will be on it. You will receive an email and a Remind text if school is delayed or closed. You can also check out the school's Facebook page.

- Q) What are school hours for a delayed opening?
- A) 3yr old programs: M/W/F 10:30-12:30; T/TH 10:30-12:30
 4yr old programs: M/T/TH/F: 10:30-12:30; M/W/F: 10:30-12:30
 2.5yr old program: T/TH: 10:30-12:30
- Q) What if I can't get in to school?
- A) We understand if you prefer not to drive in inclement weather.

Teaching our little Angels:

GIVING YOUR CHILD ADVANCE NOTICE CAN HELP AVOID TANTRUMS.

Moving from one task to another is a critical skill for children to learn before they begin school. And few children come by it naturally. "Rachel, put the crayons down. We're leaving right now!" often leads to a screaming fit and a lot of wasted time. Pave the way by letting your child know what's coming a few minutes in advance. Many children like the chance to say "Bye-bye" to what they've been playing with. "Say goodbye to the blocks, we will be leaving as soon as I turn off all the lights and get my coat." It also helps if you can turn your child's attention to what's coming next. "After the story, you can help me pick out some good foods for breakfast. Maybe we can get a box of your favorite cereal."

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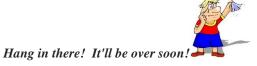


OUTDOOR PLAYTIME

We love it when the kids can play outdoorsespecially with our wonderful playground. A reminder that if the ground is clear of snow, and the temperature is at or above the 32 degree mark, we'll try to spend at least some time outside. <u>Hats and</u> <u>mittens are a must now!</u> Please be sure to send them in with your child.

MEMORIES

We were remembering that just a few short months ago, drop-off time was often a pretty noisy and hectic timewith crying and tugging on mom's leg (and heartstrings!). What a pleasure it is for us to see the children come in with such bright and happy smiles now! BUT.....remember that we may have a little trouble with separation after our long Christmas break.



BEACH DAY

We have a special day planned for the month of January:

<u>Our 4 year old students</u> will have a ball with **Beach Day** in winter. On this special day, have your angel dress for the beach: swimsuits, short & tee shirts, flip flops, sunhats and sunglasses, beach cover-ups....whatever you'd like! We'll boost up the heat and have fun surfing, playing in sand, and using our imagination. More information will be coming about this fun day.

Any concerns?

If you have a concern you would like addressed, you can always contact our Board of Trustees by writing: Heaven Sent Board of Trustees 298 Main Street Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Because they cannot be answered, anonymous or unsigned letters will not be considered.

Are your child's toys safe?

You can check for hazardous toy and other safety information, including recalls, by logging onto: http://www.cpsc.gov/ The site will help you to learn about toy, health, safety, and other information from the US Consumer Product Safety Commission We use the site here at Heaven Sent to be sure that what we're using is not hazardous to our angels.

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