

## Welcome to 2nd Semester!



We're hoping everyone had a fabulous holiday break and that 2025 is off to a great start.

Miss Molly has already had an exciting 2025 - pictured hosting a round at The Bluebird. We couldn't be happier for the opportunity she received or more proud of the performance she gave!

### Important Reminders



We had a staff meeting over the winter break (pictured above). While reviewing procedures and rules and regulations, we came up with a few items we also wanted to review with all of you.

1) We are required to have your signature on file when you drop your children off in the morning and when you pick them up in the afternoon. DHS does review this when they visit. If you leave your phone in the car, whoever is doing dismissal will be asking you to either go get your phone or sign out on the tablet. Either method is fine, but we could receive disciplinary action if we do not have your signature. Please know this is a DHS regulation and not just something we're doing for fun. We know many of you and we know our staff know you...but the rules are the rules.

2) Similarly, we are required to have your students wash their hands before and after snack. We recognize that the restroom break after snack is problematic for those of you who pickup around that time. We promise we are doing all we can to spend the minimum amount of time in the hallway. You can help us by encouraging your students to walk quietly and to handle their restroom and handwashing expeditiously.

3) It is cold outside, but if it is tolerable, we will still spend about 20 minutes outside in the afternoon. Please make sure your students bring their coats to school and that they have appropriate shoes, etc.. Please encourage them to be sure they remember to bring these items to aftercare.

Hopefully none of these items is too difficult and we can work together to keep JGEC compliant and to make your lives and those of your students easy.

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From learning about volcanoes and geodes to exploring possible future careers...from programming to catching snowflakes falling from the sky... we had a blast over winter break! While these days are far from the attendance numbers of aftercare, we are appreciative of those who send their students to spend time with us. We really enjoy the opportunity to do some more in depth activities and also to get to know those students in a less chaotic environment. We hope you will consider us for future extended days and for camps over spring break and summer (sign ups coming soon).

We would be remiss not to add...that while we love sharing time with your children and creating memories, it is cold and flu season and we do not want to share any germs.

Please work on teaching/reminding your smallest household members to cover their coughs and sneezes, to keep their hands away from their faces, and to wash their hands frequently (especially after using them to cover coughs and sneezes) so we can all stay healthy and safe!

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**Thank you for a great 2024 - we're excited to kick off 2025 with you!**