

Jack & Jill January Newsletter

Happy New Year!

It's difficult to believe that we are half way through our school year. We have lots of fun learning activities planned for your child this month.

Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Riggins, Ms. Shawna, Mrs. Spicer, Ms. Kelly, Miss. Cindy, & Mrs. Whalen

Bad Weather

If bad weather closes the Derby Public schools, Jack & Jill will be closed, too. Listen to local TV and radio stations for closings.

Parking Lot Safety

Please take care when driving, parking & backing out in the parking lot. The children are often difficult to see!

Slipper Tree

Thank you to everyone who donated slippers for Operation Holiday. We collected 33 pairs and those children will have some warm tootsies come Christmas morning!

Enrollment for the 2020-2021 School Year that begins in Sept.

2020 –Children who are currently enrolled, siblings of current students, and children of Woodlawn UMC members may begin enrolling on Jan. 6, 2020 for the Sept. 2020 through May 2021 school year. On February 1, 2020 we will open enrollment to the public. If your child is returning for a second year at Jack & Jill, you do not need to turn in a new Health Form and Medical Form.

Update Important Information

If you have had a change in your email, home address, home or cell phone, or any other information, please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible so we may update your child's file.

Scholastic Book Orders

Book orders are due Friday, Jan. 17.

School's Out

There will be no preschool on Monday, January 20 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

6 by 6 Ready to Read – Take Time to Rhyme!

Children love to play, & when they play with words & the smaller sounds in words, they are developing an early literacy skill called *phonological awareness*. Recognizing when words rhyme & hearing the beginning sounds of words are parts of this skill set. Taking words apart into syllables & putting them back together again also contributes to this skill – & that’s exactly what happens when we sing! Babies will babble & coo, while older children will be able to recognize & repeat thymes & songs.

Try these activities with your child . . .

*Make silly words that sound alike:
Michael Motorcycle, Emily Bemily.

*Use our letter of the week’s sound & have fun naming all of your children’s stuffed animals or dolls with names that begin with that week’s letter sound.

*Clap out words into their parts or syllables. “Monkey” gets two claps.

- Play word games that change the first sound in words. “What word would “book” be if we took off the ‘buh’ sound & made it a ‘puh’ sound? Pook!

Themes & Letters of the Week

Jan 6-10: Theme – Winter/Snow/Letter S

Jan 13-17: Theme Transportation Letter J

Jan 20-24: Theme – Opposites #2

Jan. 27-31: Theme – Kansas Letter D

Jack and Jill Parent Board

You are invited to our next board meeting on January 9, 2020 at 7 pm. At Jack and Jill Preschool and yes, children are welcome to attend.

Basket Raffle

Thanks to everyone who purchased raffle tickets. You raised about \$400 for classroom educational toys for your child’s classroom. A big “Thank you!” goes to Gabe Johnson for organizing this fundraiser. Congratulations to the winners –

Yellow – Linda Petre

Green – Becky Stansfield

Orange – Brook Hansen

Purple Mandy Fogle

Red –Holdyn Sherman

Blue – James Harting

Rainbow – Courtney Broberg