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## Happy New Year!

Now that we have officially moved on from 2020 we would like to reflect and express our gratitude to all our wonderful families, students, and staff. 2020 was a challenging year for so many in a multitude of ways but through our commitment to one and other we have come out on the other end transformed, bonded, and stronger. We look forward to finishing this school year strong, continue to grow, and walk together as a family.

We are so excited for our fresh start this January and what better way to kick it off than with a new newsletter. We will now be sending out monthly newsletters to be sure that information is clear and concise. If there is news for an independent classroom or something for immediate attention then we will send out new blasts when needed.

Another exciting change that we have here in the office is a new website. We now have a new and more secure website. On our website you will be able to download documents, pay tuition, find local resources, and more.

## **Opening Doors**

With the successful launch of our before school program we will be returning to our original starting times for when doors open for drop off. We will no longer be permitting families to drop of children who are not enrolled for the before school program until 8:58 am as stated in our Parent Handbook. Should you need your child(ren) to be dropped off prior to 8:58 then we are more than happy to enroll them in the before school program for \$5 a day so that they may arrive as early as 8:30 am. This allows our teachers enough time to ensure they have all the supplies and materials they need for the day to be out and ready for use before their students arrive. Thank you for your understanding.

## **Registration Reminders**

For children starting kindergarten this fall please know that registration for the Douglas County School District is open. Please <u>click here</u> to be taken to their website for more information.

For families with children returning to Little Blessings in the fall, our registration will begin in February and more information about summer camps will be available in late March.

## **New Faces**

As many of you know we have added a new classroom. This means that for some your child may be in with new students and for others they may have a new teacher ;and room all together. We made this change so that We have added two new teachers to our family:

We are so happy to introduce Chris Holliday, our new Pre Kindergarten teacher in Heavenly Delight. Ms. Chris has been and early childhood educator for 15 years and especially enjoys coming alongside children as they discover and learn. She lives in Elizabeth with her family, 2 horses, and 2 dogs. Spending time with her family, going on walks in the country, and watching British TV is her joy. She loves knowing that we have the opportunity to make a difference, encourage a mind, touch a heart, and be grateful for each day.

We are also excited to introduce Ashley Chewning, our new Co-Teacher in Creation Park with Ms. Aly. Ms. Ashley has worked with early childhood for 5 years. She has worked with toddlers for three years and other age groups for about the two other years. Ms. Ashley was also a assistant director and a director at another facility prior to coming to Little Blessings. Ms. Ashely has her bachelor degree and is currently working on her Masters. She has one son who will be 9 this month and recently got married in October. I'm from many different states as my father was in the navy. Ms Ashley loves animals, the ocean and going to museums and learning about science. Science is her favorite subject!

We will be closed January 15, 2021 for Martin Luther King Jr Day.



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