



Agape Montessori School

December Newsletter

Christmas/New Year Holidays

The school will be closed from Friday, December 24th through Friday, December 31st. We will reopen on Monday, January 3rd. As stated in our Parent Handbook, full tuition is due during this time. Families who are eligible for a vacation week will receive a separate email to confirm whether you would like to use it over Winter Break.

Holiday Program, Activities, and Party

We are very excited to be heading into the Holiday Season. We know this is a busy time and want to make it enjoyable for you and your child.

- **Christmas Program Rehearsal and Performance (Children's House ONLY):** We are very excited about our upcoming Christmas program for all Children's House students. The program will be full of Christmas Carols, poems, and stories. The rehearsal and program will be held at Pioneer Trail Middle School located at 15100 W 127th St in Olathe.
 - o Christmas Program Rehearsal: Thursday, Dec. 9th from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
 - o Christmas Program: Friday, Dec. 10th 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.Please have your child arrive by 5:45 p.m. We encourage all children to dress in their Christmas best. Also, since there is limited seating, we ask that you limit guests to no more than 6 members per child.
- **Christmas Parties:**

Each classroom will host a party from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 17th. We will read Christmas stories, play games, and make fun crafts during this time of celebration. A Signup Genius will be sent out in early December with items that can be brought to help make the parties a success!
- **PJ Day:**

Thursday, December 23rd is our last school day of 2021. We will have a fun-filled day by inviting everyone to wear their comfy, Christmas PJs. We will be watching the movie ***Polar Express*** in Children's House. Please let us know if you do not want your child to participate in this activity. This is also an In-Service Day, so there will be no formal school this day.

Inclement Weather Policy

With the snowy season approaching, I want to remind you of our inclement weather policy. While we do make every effort to be open on snow days, we will shut down for 3 reasons: (1) The Governor of Kansas declares a state of emergency; (2) the city of Olathe instructs us to close, or (3) if we cannot get enough staff into work due to impassable roads or safety concerns. If Agape is going to close for inclement weather, we will send out a mass email through Sandbox and post the closing on our Facebook page. We will try to give as much warning as possible, but please understand that the weather can sometimes be unpredictable.

Dressing for the Season

If the "feels like" temperature is 40 degrees or less, the State of Kansas requires children to wear heavy coats, hats, and gloves when going outside. The State also requires that children spend time outside everyday if the temperature is above 20 degrees. Please make sure your child has the necessary accessories to go outside to play.

We wish you all an incredibly happy and safe holiday season!

Miss Becca