

News from Strawberry Preschool December 2025

Dear Strawberry Families,

It's hard to believe that this will be the last newsletter of 2025; time really is going by so quickly. Next week we are going to start talking about winter and what changes are happening during this time of the year. We will be singing a lot of songs and creating wonderful art projects connected with this magical time of the year. For children, however, much of their excitement is focused around the holidays. We value the many traditions that are celebrated during this time, so we will also be spending time talking about the different holidays that are celebrated.

Thank you to everyone who donated food to our food drive. We did great with 5 full boxes!!

Pajama Day: December 19th is Pajama day for all groups.

Spirit Day: We are loving our monthly spirit days!! Next spirit day is December 9th

Travel reminder: If you will be traveling before the Holiday break please email your child's teacher and let them know.

Rain Boots: It is officially rain boot season! Children LOVE to wear their rain boots to school. If your child really wants to wear their rain boots, that is fine, but please have them bring an extra pair of shoes, as rain boots can be very difficult to play outside in (children tend to slip, trip and fall more easily when wearing them outside). We will make sure the children change into their shoes when it is time to go outside. Thank you for your help! Please do not send umbrellas to school.

Safety: Please remain in your car for drive up and remember to sign in and out. Also, please do not sign in before 8:00am.

Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year: I know it's hard to believe, but the registration process for the upcoming school year has started. Please let me know asap what program you would like for next year and any sibling information. Just a heads up that TK was approved for next year in the Mill Valley school district.

Health Reminder:

*We ask that you keep your child home if he or she is not feeling well. If your child looks to be under the weather when he or she wakes up, please give your child a day at home to rest and make sure he/she is well, as symptoms can worsen as the day goes on. If children come to school sick, not only will they spread germs, but your child will not enjoy their day at school feeling sick and recover may take longer without proper rest.

*If your child suffers from allergies, please inform the teacher. Even with allergies, children may not be at school with severely runny nose or cough, as it can bring discomfort to the child. When allergies are acting up, and are not under control, children are just not well enough to participate in school activities.

*If a child starts to show illness symptoms at school, a teacher will isolate with the child away from the rest of the group and contact the family for pick up. Parents must be able to be at the school right away or have someone on their emergency list who can come pick up a sick child within a short time frame. We will clean and sanitize the areas where the child has been playing. Children who are sent home with a suspected symptom must check with the director to make sure the illness is not contagious.

*We now follow a 24-hour health policy. If your child is home sick, or was sent home due to illness, your child needs to be symptom-free and/or on antibiotics for at least 24 hours before he or she is able to return to school. This guideline helps ensure everyone is healthy at school and exposure is kept at a minimum. Expect more restrictions if there is exposure to COVID-19, as we will follow the Health Department guidelines. We are already getting alerts about covid exposures, so please help us keep everyone safe at school. Thank you for helping to keep our school community healthy!!

Lice are back in the area!! Students must be lice and nit free to attend our preschool. Unlike elementary schools who allow children to attend with nits, preschool students work and play in close contact, so they must be both nit and lice free. We will alert families if we have cases in the classroom

Billing: For billing questions, please contact Rose Lofrano, our Chief Operating Officer. Her contact information is 415-246-4941 and rosetsp1@yahoo.com.

As we wrap up the year, we're grateful for the generosity our community has already shown—thank you! As a nonprofit preschool, we're eligible for many employers' donation-matching programs, which can double the impact of your support. We're also able to accept gifts of stock for those who prefer to give in that way. If you'd like more information, please reach out to Rose via Brightwheel anytime

Upcoming Dates:

- * Winter Break: December 22nd-January 2nd.
- * January 5th-No school Teacher in Service day
- * Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Monday, January 19th - School closed

Here's to a great December,
Lisa Vaillancourt and the Strawberry