

ST. GEORGE'S APPLE SEEDS

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A monthly Preschool update
for parents, teachers,
and friends

What is Kindergarten Readiness? by Martha P. Howlett

Kindergarten readiness is...

A child who listens

- to directions without interrupting.
- to stories and poems for five to ten minutes without restlessness.

A child who hears

- words that rhyme.
- words that begin with the same sound or different sounds.

A child who sees

- likenesses and differences in pictures and designs.
- letters and words that match.

A child who understands

- the relationship inherent in such words as "up" and "down", "top" and "bottom", "over" and "under", "little" and "big".
- the classification of words that represent people, places, and things.

A child who speaks clearly and can

- stay on the topic in class discussions.
- retell a story or poem in correct sequence.

A child who thinks and can

- give the main idea of a story.

- give unique ideas and important details.

A child who adjusts

- to changes in routine and to new situations without becoming fearful.
- to opposition or defeat without crying or sulking.
- to the necessity of asking for help when needed.

A child who obeys

- classroom rules as established by the teacher.
- safety rules on playground.
- fire drill rules quickly and quietly.

A child who plays

- cooperatively with other children.
- and shares, takes turns, and assumes his share of group responsibility.
- and can run, jump, skip, and bounce a ball with comparative dexterity.

A child who works

- without being easily distracted.
- and follows directions.
- and completes each task.
- and takes pride in his/her work.

Dates to Remember

**WED. JAN. 7 &
THURS. JAN. 8—Story
time with Ms. Karen**

**THURS. JAN. 15. &
FRI. JAN. 16 -
Pajama Days**

**MON. JAN 19. - NO
SCHOOL— MLK'S
Birthday**

**TUES. JAN. 20 —NO
SCHOOL—
Inauguration Day**

**WED. JAN. 21 &
THURS, JAN. 22 —
Chapel**

**MON. JAN. 26 &
TUES. JAN. 27—No
School for students—
Parent-Teacher Con-
ferences**

**SUN. JAN. 18 & SUN.
JAN. 25—Preschool
Registration for
Church Members**

**MON. FEB. 2 &
TUES. FEB. 3—In-
House Preschool Regis-
tration**

**WED, FEB 4—Open
Preschool Registration**

**MON, FEB 2—Spring
Session Extended Day
Classes Begins**

PRESCHOOL
REGISTRATION FOR
2009-2010

It is almost time to register for the 2009-2010 school year! Registration opens to St. George's congregation on two Sundays - January 18 and January 25. Registration then opens to the preschool's currently enrolled students and their siblings on Monday and Tuesday, February 2 and 3. Finally, on Wednesday, February 4, the preschool opens registration to the community.

St. George's Preschool is offering the following classes for 2009-2010:

- Tues/Thurs 2 ½ and Young 3's class - \$155.00
- Mon/Wed/Fri 3-year-old class - \$210.00
- Mon/Wed/Fri 3 ½-year-old class - \$210.00
- Mon-Thurs Transitional classes- \$240.00

There is a registration fee of \$80.00 for each class. All classes meet from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon except the Tues/Thurs class. . They meet from 9:00 - 11:45 am. For more information, please contact the preschool office.



A Few Seeds from the Director

Happy 2009 to everyone! The preschool is back in swing and we are busy learning about winter, snow, and hibernation.

It is almost that time again! We are preparing for registration for the preschool's eleventh year – 2009-2010! Please read the information in this newsletter about registration. I will also be sending home registration forms next week. We are very excited to offer a new Music and Movement program in the upcoming school year. This program will have a Music and Movement Teacher and will be part of your child's school day. The teacher will incorporate developmentally appropriate movement with fun music and instruments. It is a program that your children will love!

Also, a big reminder to all parents: there is no school for students on Monday and Tuesday, January 26 and January 27, but the teachers are conducting their parent-teacher conferences. Please look outside your child's classroom to sign up for a time. These conferences are a great opportunity to ask questions about your child's progress and address any concerns you may have.

Please make arrangements for someone to take care of your child during this conference, so everyone can speak candidly.

The Spring Session of our Extended Day classes begins February 2nd. There are a limited number of spaces still available. If you are interested in registering your child, please see me or Linda. The extra hour and a half of class time is a great way to warm up for that longer kindergarten day that is right around the corner!

Thank you for sharing your children with us and have a fabulous 2009!



ST. GEORGE'S PRESCHOOL SNOW POLICIES

**If Fairfax County Schools are cancelled due to snow, our preschool is also cancelled.

**If Fairfax County Schools open ONE HOUR LATE, St. George's Preschool opens ON TIME.

**If Fairfax County Schools open TWO HOURS LATE, all classes begin at 10:00 a.m. unless parents are notified.

**In the event Fairfax County Schools close EARLY, St. George's Preschool will close at 11:00 am unless parents are notified.

**Snow days are not made up.