

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD EARLY LEARNING CENTER JANUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT INFO.

SNOWY MORNINGS...Due to dangerous road conditions on snowy or icy mornings our opening time may be delayed until 6:45 a.m.

ARRIVAL...an adult must accompany all children to the classroom after being signed in.

LEAVING...When taking your child at the end of their day please let the teacher know you are here. Several children have gone in to go to the bathroom and leave with their parents without alerting us. This is a safety concern. Please help us by alerting us when you are taking your child.

CLOTHES...Each child needs a labeled change of clothes (or two) in their cubby. We are running very low in our lost and found for accidents. Please don't forget to dress your children appropriately for cold/snowy days.

TUITION PAYMENTS...Please don't forget that Early Learning Center tuition payments are due monthly at the beginning of the month. Month end statements are produced only as reminders of what has been paid. The dismissal of your child from the Center may occur for the delinquency of an account overdue by two weeks.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of the families who participated in our Family-to-Family Program! We appreciate all of the time and money that was spent helping with our program. Thank you also to all the members of our Parent Board who coordinated the project, including delivering the gifts!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri., January 7 th	Parent's Night Out
Tues., January 11 th	Book Order Due
Mon., January 17 th	Closed for M.L.K. Holiday
Wed., January 26 th	Pre-K Conferences
Thurs., January 27 th	Pre-K Conferences
Mon., January 31 st	Catholic Schools Week
Thurs., February 3 rd	MPB School & ELC Prospective new families Open House 9:00a.m. To Noon

BENEFITS OF PRESCHOOL

DID YOU KNOW?

The majority of brain development occurs before kindergarten yet our society spends comparatively little on children during this important period. Preschool and Pre-K programs help our children prepare for a lifetime of learning.

- Almost 80 percent of brain development occurs before age five. Quality preschool programs provide children with an educational environment where they can learn and grow.
- Quality preschool programs lay the foundation for knowledge, social skills and confidence, paving the way for successes throughout their school year and later in life.
- A study of adults who had once participated in high quality preschool program showed they were arrested less often, had fewer births out of wedlock and were less likely to use welfare than their peers.
- It has been shown that young adults who went through early childhood programs are less likely to smoke and generally make better personal health decisions.
- Students receiving quality early education are more likely to graduate from high school, increasing their earning potential.

PRE-K CONFERENCES

The Pre-K Conferences will be held on Wednesday the 26th, and Thursday the 27th. Please check for a sign-up sheet outside your child's classroom in early January. We do not schedule conferences for the preschool children, but will be sending home a developmental report at the end of January. If you would like to set up a time to meet with your child's teacher before the reports are sent home please contact your child's teacher.

LATE CHARGE

Although we appreciate your call, students picked up after 6:00 p.m. will be charged an additional fee of a dollar per minute per child payable immediately to the teacher in charge.

ILLNESS UPDATE

Please notify the Early Learning Center Office as soon as possible if your child has been diagnosed by a doctor with a contagious illness. It helps us keep other families informed when we are able to post a SOS Health Alert on our Parent Board. We also ask that your child be kept home if they are ill so they are not spreading germs to other children.

We are also required by Human Services to have a permission for medication form filled out by your child's physician before we can give any medication. We need this form for over the counter as well as prescription medication. **If you do not have the medication form we cannot administer any medication.** The forms are available in the office, and in the back of the parent handbook.

PAPER DONATION

The teachers go through a large amount of paper each week while making copies for homework, class work, and color sheets. We would be grateful for donations of copy paper (new or used). If the paper has a small amount of print on one side we will copy on the opposite side.

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. Happy New Year!

