

January

A.M.

I hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I would like to begin by thanking all of you for attending our program "The First Christmas." I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did. I thought the children did a wonderful job of acting out the story as well as singing all of the songs. I hope we helped all of those attending to get in the holiday spirit. January always seems to bring a renewed energy to the classroom. The children seem to come back recharged and ready to learn. We will begin 2025 identifying our last names and perfecting writing our first names. We will also begin learning our birthdates in the month of January. As you can see we have a very busy month ahead of us.

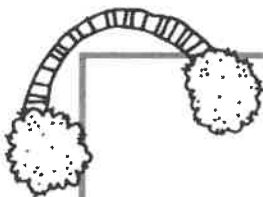
What we are learning:

Letter: W, Y, Z, P

Numbers: 6 & 7

Colors: Blue & White

Shape: Rectangle



Emergency Alert System

With the threat of winter weather upon us please be aware of our emergency notification system. If school is canceled due to inclement weather you should receive a call from the school's emergency notification system notifying you of any cancellations. If for some reason school is canceled and you do not receive notification please let me know so we can verify all information has been added to the system.

Things to work on:

Letter Recognition

Letter Formation

Cutting Skills

Patterning Skills

One to One Counting

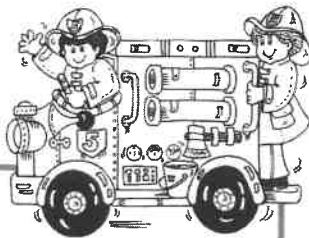
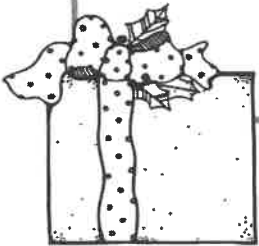
2025-2026 Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year will begin on Monday, February 3. All current families will be given first opportunity to register for next school year. This is for current students and their siblings. Look for registration form and information to be sent home January 30 & January 31. Registration will open to all St. Anthony parish and school families on Monday, February 17. General public registration will begin on Monday, March 3. We will also be hosting an open house for new families interested in our program on Wednesday, February 5 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. If you have friends or family that might be interested in our program please pass along these dates. If they would like to be added to our mailing list please have them contact the grade school office at 217-347-0419.

Christmas Show & Tell

Friday, January 10 is Christmas Show and Tell. Your child is invited to bring 1 (one) item they received for Christmas to show our school friends. Please be sure they bring only one item!

These items will be returned the same day.



Field Trip

We will be taking a field trip to the Effingham Fire Department on Friday, January 24 at 9:00 a.m. We will leave the school at 8:45 a.m. We have plans to take a school bus for transportation. Please sign and return the attached field trip permission slip by Friday, January 10.

Dress for the Weather

Please be mindful of the cold temperatures that are upon us. Be sure to dress your child in clothing that is appropriate for the cold weather. While we do not go outside every day we will occasionally catch a break in our schedule and the weather and head outdoors. Also, it can get rather chilly when waiting for all of our friends to be dropped off in the morning. So please be sure to dress warmly with at least a winter coat.



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
Letter W Number 6 School Resumes	7	8	9	10 Christmas Show & Tell
Letter Y Number 6 *Quinn	14	15 Library Day	16	17
Letter Z Number 7 No School	21	22	23	24 Field Trip *Mary
Letter P Number 7	28	29 Letter Learning Day	30	31 Pizza Party

- *Birthday Celebrations: Quinn Fearday 7/12 Mary Thoele 6/25
- Library Day: Children get to check out library books. Please return books within a week.
- Letter Learning Day: Add one item to your bag that starts with the letter sound written on your bag.

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4 yr. old A.M. Snack Schedule

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
6 School Provided	8 Savannah	10 EJ
13 *Quinn	15 John	17 Valentina
20 No School	22 Frankie	24 *Mary
27 Collins	29 Michael	31 Pizza Party

Please provide a nutritious snack on your assigned day. We also ask that a drink be provided. The drink needs to be either milk or 100% juice (a jug is preferred). Cups and napkins will be provided at school. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

*Birthday Celebration



RELEASE / REQUEST FORM - STANDARD ACTIVITY

We request that our child _____ be allowed to go on the field trip to Effingham Central Fire Station with St. Anthony's Pups' Patch Preschool (hereafter the "Organization") presently scheduled to depart on Friday, January 24 and to return on Friday, January 24 because we believe this trip will benefit our child both educationally and spiritually.

We understand that all rules of conduct and standards of behavior, as deemed by the Organization will apply to this trip and we have discussed these with our child. We further understand that we must assume all responsibility and liability for our child while traveling to, from, and during this trip. With this knowledge, we freely assume this responsibility and liability.

We also understand that it may not be financially feasible for the Organization to provide transportation for all those who are going on this field trip. Therefore, we understand that some participants may be traveling by bus or by privately owned vehicles. With this knowledge, we hereby consent to our child traveling to, from, and during this trip in either of these manners.

We further understand that the Organization is not responsible for any damages or accidents that may result from our child's actions or the actions of others. To the greatest extent possible, we release the Organization and the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, and all those acting on their behalf, from all liability for damages to or caused by our child as a result of this trip and we agree to indemnify them for any such damages.

We hereby also give our consent for our child to receive emergency medical care during this trip.

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____

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Please return to school by Friday, January 10.