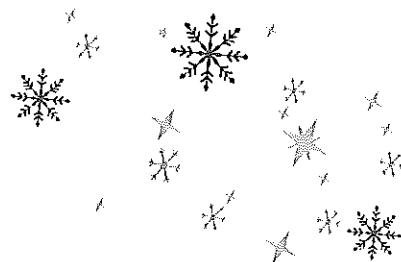


January

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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 that all of you 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 2026 working on some prewriting skills. We will then begin work on writing our first names. We will continue to fine tune our cutting and coloring skills as well. As you can see we have a very busy month ahead of us.

What we are learning

Numbers: 6 & 7

Colors: Blue & White

Shape: Rectangle

Skill: Prewriting Skills

Theme: Winter



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:

Color Recognition

Shape Recognition

Cutting Skills

Coloring Skills

Tracing Skills

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.



Christmas Show & Tell

Thursday, January 9 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.

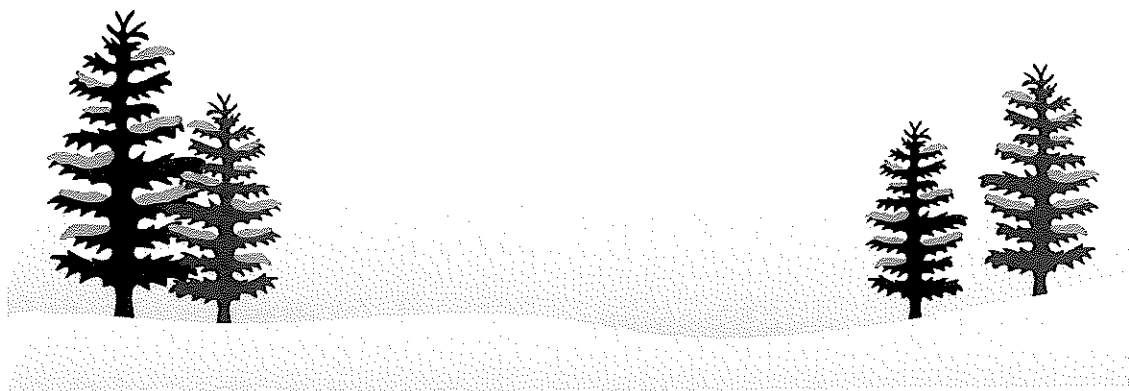


Fine Motor Kits

Starting in January the students will be bringing home a fine motor kit for homework. Kits will be sent home on Thursdays and need to be returned on the following Tuesday. The kit will contain the materials you need to complete the fine motor activity at home. I ask that parents work on the activity with their child over the weekend. All kits will have directions and a list of the materials included printed on the back of the bag. Please take care to make sure all materials are returned to school in the bag. If you should lose an item please send a note in the bag and let the teacher know so we can make sure that all kits are fully equipped for the next student to use.

2026-2027 Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year will begin on Monday, February 2. All current preschool students will be given the first opportunity to register for the next school year. This is for current students only, to secure a spot for the next school year not siblings. Look for the registration form and information to be sent home on January 29 & January 30. Registration will open to all St. Anthony parish and school families on Tuesday, February 17. General public registration will begin on Monday, March 2. We will also be hosting an open house for new families interested in our program on Wednesday, February 4, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. If you have friends or family who 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.



January

3 year olds

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	6 School Resumes *Hayden	7	8 Christmas Show & Tell	9
12	13 Library Day *Brooklyn	14	15	16
19	20	21	22 Blue & White Day	23
26	27	28	29	30

*Birthday Celebrations: We will be celebrating birthdays at snack time. This will coincide with your child's snack day. Summer birthdays will be celebrated throughout the year.

· Library Day: Children get to check out library books. Please return books within a week.

· Color Day: Have your child wear something & bring a picture of something that color to add to our bulletin board.

January

3 year old Snack Schedule

Tuesday	Thursday
*Hayden 6	Maggie 8
*Brooklyn 13	Blakely 15
Hazel 20	Jack 22
Archie 27	Colette 29

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 over juice boxes). Cups and napkins will be provided by the school.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE A PEANUT AND TREE NUT FREE CLASSROOM. PLEASE CHECK LABELS AND DO NOT SEND ITEMS THAT CONTAIN PEANUTS OR TREE NUTS.

*Birthday Celebration