

January



Happy New Year to all of our Preschool Families!

I hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas! Thank you so much for attending our Preschool Christmas program. The boys and girls did a fabulous job singing and ringing those jingle bells in our chorus.

We are looking forward to starting January as we jump back into our school routines and learning. We will begin 2026 identifying our last names and perfecting writing our first names. We will also begin learning our birthdates in the month of January.

We will continue to work on fine tuning those cutting and coloring skills and begin learning birthdates as well!

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



Ms. Renee's
4 Year Old
News

What we are learning:

Letter: W, Y, Z, P

Numbers: 6 & 7

Colors: Blue & White

Shape: Rectangle

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

Friday, 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.

Field Trip

We will be taking a field trip to the Effingham Fire Department on Friday, January 16, at 9:00 a.m.

We will leave the school at 12:45 p.m. We have plans to take a school bus for transportation. Please sign and return the attached field trip permission slip

by Monday, January 12.



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.



Ms. Renee's January 4 Year Old Snack Schedule **2026**

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
5 No School	7 Charlotte	9 Colette
12 Dexter	14 Elizabeth	16 Emmie
19 No School	21 Fisher	23 Grayce
26 Jack	28 Josephine	30 Pizza Party

Please provide a snack on your assigned day. Please also provide a drink, the drink needs to be either milk or juice (a jug is preferred over juice boxes). Cups and napkins will be provided by the school. We have 16 students in our classroom.

*Birthday Celebration: None

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Letter W 5 Number 6 No School	6 Preschool Resumes	7	8 Chirstmas Show & Tell	q
Letter Y 12 Number 6	13 Library Day	14	15 Fire Station Field Trip	16
Letter Z 1q Number 7 No School	20	21	22	23
Letter P 26 Number 7	27	28	29 Letter Learning Day Pizza Party	30

*Birthday Celebrations: None

• 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.



RELEASE / REQUEST FORM - STANDARD ACTIVITY

We request that our child _____ be allowed to go on the field trip to Effingham Fire Department with St. Anthony's Pups' Patch Preschool (hereafter the "Organization") presently scheduled to depart on Friday, January 16, 2026 and to return on Friday, January 16, 2026 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 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 this permission slip to school by Monday, December 12. As our Field Trip is on Friday, January 16th. Children will not be permitted to go without this permission slip signed and retuned. Thank you!