



The Preschool Press

A monthly publication from St. Aidan's Preschool

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Important Dates

January

1	Tuition Due
9	Scholastic Book Orders Due
10	2011-2012 Registration Begins
17	No School – MLK Day
19	Scholastic Book Orders Due
24	Open House and Open Registration

From the Director's Desk

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a relaxing Christmas break, and enjoyed time with your family and friends. I know that while time was enjoyed with all of our families, the Preschool Staff was anxious and ready to get back to work. We all missed your little ones so much!

There is much to learn about during this winter season. Classes will be focusing on snowmen, snowflakes, winter wear, winter weather and more. And who knows... maybe our students will get to experience a bit of winter snow!

As a reminder, in case of any questionable weather conditions, our school will be closed if Fulton County schools close. Remember to send those jackets, hats and gloves to school so we can still get some fresh air and play.

Blessings for a prosperous and wonderful New Year!
Ms. Jill



2011-2012 Registration Begins!

Registration for currently enrolled families begins January 10. Packets are attached. There have been some changes to our program offerings, so please review carefully and let Jill know if you have any questions. **To ensure a spot for your child, you must return your registration packet to Jill by Tuesday, January 18**, at which point St. Aidan's parishioners will be allowed to enroll their children. Finally, open registration for the public will be on January 24. We will be hosting an Open House for the community on January 24 from 9:30 – 11:30AM. We appreciate your help in spreading the word about the good things happening at St. Aidan's Episcopal Preschool and Mother's Morning Out!



THANK YOU!

A warm and heartfelt thank you goes out to all families for all the wonderful and thoughtful gifts given to the staff for the holidays. Some gifts may have been received without a nametag, so if you did not receive a thank you note, please know they were received and very appreciated!

Current Preschool Openings



We currently have openings for this school year, in our 3 year old and 4 year Pre-K class. Our MMO and 2's classes are all full with waiting lists. If you know of someone looking for a 3 or 4 year old preschool class, refer them to us! You will receive a \$25 discount off your tuition, for each child that enrolls, and pays registration/tuition due to your referral. This is a good time for families to introduce their children to a school environment, especially if they are thinking ahead to next year. Thanks for your help!

Parent's Pick

Bandage scraped knees.
 Kiss away fears.
 Watch their heartbreak
 and dry their tears.
 Teach them to know
 what's right and what's
 wrong.
 Show them how to be
 gentle and when to be
 strong.
 Tell them you love them,
 and then let it show.
 That's the easiest part
 of helping them grow.
 There needs to be
 discipline, but don't over
 do it.
 Praise and
 encouragement
 strengthens their spirit.
 Show them respect for
 their feelings and
 thoughts.
 They should know their
 important, self worth
 can't be bought.
 Show them some
 patience and always be
 kind.
 Developing minds make
 mistakes time to time.
 Teach them to be the
 best they can be.
 When they're happy
 within,
 WHAT A RIDE LIFE
 CAN BE!

Is Your Child too Sick for School?

Cold weather season is here, and along with it often comes runny noses, persistent coughs and overall sickness. Rest assured our staff is doing everything they can to help prevent the spread of such illnesses. Toys and play surfaces are wiped down with disinfectant wipes or spray, and anything that goes in the mouth of a child is immediately removed. Hand sanitizer is used frequently throughout the day as well.

However, we need your help! I've attached a flier for your review that highlights when it is appropriate to bring your child to school, and when they should be kept home, as set forth by Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. In addition here are the guidelines as outlined in your parent handbooks:

- ✓ He/She has a fever of 100.5 or more.
- ✓ He/She has been taking an antibiotic less than 24 hours.
- ✓ He/She has a discolored nasal discharge.
- ✓ He/She has a frequent cough.
- ✓ He/She has unidentified rashes, head lice, or pink eye.
- ✓ He/She has vomited or had diarrhea 2 or more times in the past 48 hours.
- ✓ He/She has been exposed to a communicable disease, such as chicken pox.
- ✓ He/She is fussy, cranky, tired, or just generally not him/herself.



We appreciate your help in this area so we can keep our preschoolers, and staff, as healthy as possible!

Carpool Hiccups

A couple quick requests to provide a smoother carpool experience:

- In the morning, have your child's shoes and coats on before pulling up
- Car seats need to be behind the driver side. It is unsafe for the staff and children to go around and unbuckle on the passenger side.
- In the afternoon, pull forward and out of the carpool line to buckle your child
- Place your tag on your rear view mirror so it can be easily seen.

Just for Laughs

Mom's New Year's Resolutions One Month Later

January 1st: "I will get the kids the pet they've always wanted."

February 1st: "I will buy a collar and a leash for my chia plant."

January 1st: "I will make only home-made yogurt from only organic ingredients."

February 1st: "I will allow my children only two Gogurts in their mouth at a time."

January 1st: "I will take

my children to a museum once a month."

February 1st: "I will show my kids where I ate super chili dogs in high school."

January 1st: "I will make sure my children eat multi-grain fiber filled items at each meal."

February 1st: "I will store my bag of Krispy Kreme doughnuts next

by Cheryl Moeller

to a bottle of Metamucil."

January 1st: "I will feature a Van Gogh each month on our coffee table."

February 1st: "I will fill up our Van at The Stop and Go."

January 1st: "We will never eat food in the car in 2010."

February 1st: "We will quit using our gas grill in the car in 2011."



"I refuse to accept the view... that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality."

--Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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