



Winter Park Presbyterian Preschool January Newsletter

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday, and a fun and relaxing break. I cannot believe it is the start of a new year! Welcome 2025! We are ready to go with lots of fun and exciting things planned for our preschool in January.

The preschool staff and I would like to thank you for your generosity shown to us over the holidays. We appreciated not only the wonderful personal gifts you gave us, but also your support for our diaper drive.

We are truly blessed to have such terrific families in our preschool!

A couple of reminders with the cold weather approaching. Most days we will be going outside, if only for a few minutes. Each child needs a warm coat, hat, or hood and, if possible, gloves or mittens. In case of extreme cold (under 40), we will go into the gym for our playtime. Also, a reminder that we follow the New Hanover County Schools' lead for bad weather closings. **If the county schools are closed for the day for bad weather, we are closed also. If they are delayed for 1 hour, we will open at our regular time of 9:00. If they are delayed for 2 hours, we will open at 10:00.**

We all know that this time of year is full of sickness. Please remember to keep your child at home if they are not feeling well enough to participate fully in our preschool day. Children should remain out of school **24 hours** after a fever (with no meds), or if they have two or more episodes of vomiting or diarrhea within a twelve-hour period, if they have pink eye or if they have a runny nose with green discharge, a bad cough, head lice, scabies, chicken pox or open blisters from hand, foot and mouth disease. If you are in doubt about whether your child should come to school, please keep him/her at home so that we can keep everyone well.

No school **Monday, January 20th** in honor of Martin Luther King Day. **January 21st** is a teacher workday for NHCS, but WPPP will be in session.

January tuition is now due. All January tuition must be paid by Friday, January 10th to avoid a \$15.00 late fee. If possible, please do not wait until the last minute to pay tuition. If your child is absent on the 10th or if you forget to put it in his/her folder, you will still be charged a late fee.

The Church's preschool committee has met to discuss the upcoming school year. We are looking forward to another wonderful school year in 2025-2026. **Exclusive in-house registration for the 2025-2026 school year will begin on January 13th and end at 9:30 Friday, January 24th.** Open registration for the public begins January 27th. We will send registration forms home in folders beginning January 8th. **Families who have shown interest, but are not currently enrolled at WPPP, will be notified of any available spaces beginning at 10:00 am Friday, January 24th.** Please be prepared to register your child the first week of in-house registration to ensure your child's spot for next fall. In addition, please note that days of attendance/classroom slots are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis, even for in-house students.

Summer Camp registration for WPPP does not occur until March. You will receive more information about Summer Camp as the time for registration approaches.

Dates to remember...

Monday, January 13th – In-House 2025-2026 Registration Begins
Monday, January 20th – No School –MLK Day Holiday
Tuesday, January 21st- Preschool in session/NHCS teacher workday
Friday, January 24th –Registration opens to the public

January Birthdays

Ella Reiss- 1/3
Wright Wilkinson- 1/9
Nicholas Hatch- 1/29