



# First Step Newsletter

## SPECIAL NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Many blessings to all of you as we start the New Year 2010! A big thank you to all who helped clean up afterwards the Christmas program.

We can never thank you enough for all the help and donations you have given the preschool to make each month activity a special one for the children.

It is time again to bring 8 rolls of paper towels. Thank you for your support!!!!

You are all very special and you make a positive difference by being so involved in your child's education.

If your child will be attending kindergarten in the Fall, it is very important you check with the School District your child will be attending for registration dates and required documents. Some districts start as early as January 4.

In order to observe Martin Luther King Day we will have no school on Monday January 18th.

FIRST STEP PRESCHOOL IN-HOUSE REGISTRATION WILL START FEBRUARY 1 THROUGH THE 12th. OPEN ENROLLMENT REGISTRATION WILL START FEBRUARY 15TH. You need to fill out a new registration packet and pay the \$65.00 registration fee in order to hold a spot. If you have any questions or concerns just feel free to talk with me.

We are going to be sending home some information on a fundraiser: God Smiled a one-of-a-kind book. You might want to consider this special book as an Easter basket

stuffer.

I know we just finished Christmas but in order for this one-of-a-kind personalized book to arrive in time for Easter we have to start it on

January 21 and orders are due no later than February 14.

By personalizing God Smiled with details of your special child's early years, you will

create a completely unique gift. We think that the God Smiled book will become a treasured keepsake, because it truly shares God's love.

In addition to being delightful God-centered reading, each book returns \$10 to our school. Funds we raise will support our preschool.

May God bless you and your family on all your endeavors.

1 Corinthians 15:57 "Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Muchas Gracias,  
Geanina



## First Step Preschool

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### Reminders:

- \* **SCHOOL CLOSED:** MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY JANUARY 18
- FRIDAY FUN!!!!**
- Sign-up begins each Monday morning by phone or signing up on the clipboard outside the office door.
- Pay per session on that day
- Pack a lunch and an extra snack.

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## NEWS FROM THE LITTLE MONKEYS CLASSROOM

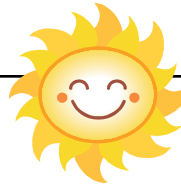
Welcome back to school and a Happy New Year too all. We are ready for the second half of our school year! We felt so honor to received Christmas gifts from you, your generosity touch our hearts. Thank you for thinking in us during Christmas.

It is time again to bring 8 rolls of paper towels. Thank you for your support! We are going to have pajama day on Thursday Jan. 28th and Friday Jan. 29th. Students can wear appropriate pajamas to school.

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We will be collecting the drinkable yogurt containers for a future project, if you use any please rinse them out and send them our way.

Blessings, Ms. Tammy and Ms. Geanina



## NEWS FROM THE ALL-STARS CLASSROOM

Happy New Year and thank you to everyone for helping make our Christmas Program a success! For most of you, 2010 means you're getting ready to have a Kindergartener! Make sure you check with your school of choice for registration dates. It may be sooner than you think. We are looking forward to the last semester where we will really concentrate on letter, number, and phone number recognition, along with other important knowledge to make sure your child is ready for the big day! Please let us know if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's progress.

It is time, once again, to please bring in 8 paper towels. We go through them like crazy, so we appreciate your donation very much!

Pajama day will be on Thursday Jan. 28th and Friday Jan. 29th. Weather permitting, we will still go outside on these days, so please bring appropriate shoes/ clothes for going outside.

Thanks again for your support! Blessings, Ms. Kara and Ms. Barbie

## IS IT A COLD OR THE FLU

Since it is getting to be flu season, I thought I would share with you information to determine if symptoms you or you child may be experiencing are actually the cold or the flu. Typically symptoms associated with the flu are much worse than those of the common cold however sometimes it isn't always easy to tell the difference. The following is a guide to the differences in symptoms:

Questions	Flu	Cold
Onset of illness	Sudden	Slow
Does your child have	High Fever	No or mild fever
Exhaustion level	Severe	Mild
Is your child's head	Achy	Headache free
Appetite	Decreased	Normal
Are your child's muscles	Achy	Fine
Does your child have	Chills	No chills

If most of your answers fell into the first category, chances are your child is suffering from the flu. If your answers fell into the second category, it is most likely a cold. If you suspect the flu, it is always good to contact your family doctor for follow up as some bacterial infections can mimic the flu. Remember to offer your child plenty of fluids, rest and extra comfort, when they are suffering from the flu. And remember to check with your family MD to see if he recommends your child receiving an annual flu shot. Have a healthy new year!

## JANURARY THEMES:

- \* Jan. 5-15: Space
- \* Jan. 19-29: Dinosaurs



## LETTER OF THE WEEK:

- \* Week of Jan. 5 : E
- \* Week of Jan. 11: R
- \* Week of Jan. 19: D
- \* Week of Jan. 25: G



## BIBLE VERSES:

- \* Jan. 5 through Jan. 15:

"The Lord is my strength."  
Psalm 28:7

- \* Jan. 19 through Jan. 29:

"Lord, you will keep us safe and protect us." Psalm 12:7

