



Preschool News for January

Hello and happy 2020! We hope you all had a wonderful break and are enjoying the start of a new year. We are happy to see all our students back at school and ready to learn as we start the second half of the school year. We have some new students who have started in December and January so we are excited for our new friends to join us at school!

We were happy to see those of you who were able to make it to our Parent Education Day in December. It was a great opportunity for parents to work on activities with their children and have the information to be able to do some of the activities at home. We hope it was a morning full of useful information for those of you who attended, and we hope to see even more of you when we have other Parent Education Days in the future!

In looking ahead, we have a preschool screening on **January 17th** and the district does not have school on **January 20th**, so there will be no preschool those two days. We will be taking a field trip at Gymkhana in Hanover Park on **Thursday, February 13th**. This is a chance for the children to play on some of the gymnastics equipment they have there and is a great winter activity to get kids moving in the cold winter months. There will be no preschool classes that day. More information will be coming soon, but please mark that on your calendars as we would love to see all parents there as well! We also do not have school on Friday, February 14th. The district will be holding parent-teacher conferences for anyone who wants one. More information will be coming so keep an eye out for that.

As always, please make sure your child is dressed warmly enough to go outside for at least 20 minutes each day (unless it is raining or the wind chill is below 25.) This is a state mandate so all students will go outside during these times. When there is snow on the ground, our playground is shoveled in some spots, but the children are free to play in the snow in others. Please make sure your child wears boots and snow pants so he or she can play in all areas of the playground. If the weather cooperates, we may be able to go sledding some days and we don't want your child to miss out on the fun!

Enjoy the new year!

The ECC Staff

