

# Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center

## January 2020

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Welcome to 2020! It with great joy that we have been serving this community for 35 years! The staff and I are committed to creating a quality learning environment for your children while providing the greatest care.

Each classroom from infants through the Before and After School Program follow “The Creative Curriculum” and incorporate Developmentally Appropriate Practices for the children that attend. Planned activities in the areas of Spiritual development, Social, and Emotional skills, Cognitive reasoning, Physical development, Language and Literacy skills , Arts and Dramatic Play, Science and Discovery, and Sensory Play are created monthly and follow the Sunshine Standards for Early Childhood Learning.

Learning is more than just 123's and ABC's. It is my passion and the goal of our teachers that children are given the tools and skills they need to be successful in all the aspects of development. As children learn to communicate their needs and emotions they are much more successful in peer to peer interaction, have more meaningful play and begin to build relationships with other children. Children's work is play and when children's play incorporates enhanced social skills it leads to better exchange of ideas and opportunities for greater learning through play.

Hands on activities that encourage children to use their imagination helps develop creative thinking and build problem solving skills. Creative thinking leads to innovations and inventions. The future of our world will need many inventors and this is how we will help our children become those innovators!

After 35 years of serving our community, our commitment to providing loving care to your children and families and creating an environment where children can learn and flourish, becoming the brightest future we can have will always remain the same.

Have a blessed year!

Ms. Cindie

# Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center Kumquat Pies at the Annual Dade City Kumquat Festival

Dear Parents,

Every year our school participates in the Annual Dade City Kumquat Festival held on the last Saturday in January. The Proceeds from the pies that we sell go directly into the operating budget. In doing so this helps keep our tuition as low as possible. We need volunteers to make this day happen.

In January, we have a Volunteer Team that makes the pies by hand. Last year over 800 pies were made to sell the day of the festival. On the day of the festival, January 25th, we have volunteer teams that help by setting up in the morning, breaking down in the afternoon, serving pies and selling pies.

The festival is from 9:00 - 5:00 pm. Set up begins at 5:00 am and break down begins at 5:00 pm. We need your help! Please sign up to help a few hours during the course of the day to make our Pie Booth a great success!

Please sign-up on the sheet posted by the front office.

Thank you for your help,

Ms.Cindie

[Access our Facebook event here](#)



IT'S A NEW YEAR. WITH THAT, COMES TAX TIME. I KNOW MANY OF YOU ARE ANXIOUS TO FILE YOUR TAXES AS SOON AS YOU CAN. HOWEVER, WE ASK THAT YOU BE PATIENT WHILE WE REVIEW YOUR ACCOUNTS FOR ACCURACY PRIOR TO FORWARDING YOUR TAX STATEMENTS.

**PLEASE NOTIFY OUR OFFICE OF ANY ADDRESS OR EMAIL CHANGES RIGHT AWAY.** TAX STATEMENTS WILL BE EMAILED OUT TO YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS(ES) ON FILE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup> ALTHOUGH THEY TYPICALLY GO OUT MUCH SOONER.

UNFORTUNATELY, OUR SOFTWARE DOES NOT BOTH PRINT STATEMENTS AND TOTAL YOUR PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR. YOU WILL HAVE TO DO THAT MANUALLY. WE REGRET ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY CAUSE.

## 2020 Catholic School Week Activities

**Monday, Jan 27:** Celebrate our Community and our Community Helpers . Children should come dressed as the community helper they want to be when they grow up.

**Tuesday, Jan 28:** Celebrating Students: The Children will have our annual Story book Character Parade

**Wednesday, Jan 29:** Celebrate our Nation! School Wide 35th Anniversary Photo We are Blessed to live in the Land of the Free! Wear Red, White and Blue to honor our Country. **School Wide Photo at 9:00 am for all children. Please bring your child/ren for the picture.**

**Thursday, Jan 30:** Celebrating Our Families: Coffee, Juice and Baked Goods for all of our hard working parents and grandparents. Please stop in and help your self to some baked goods on your way to work.

**Friday, Jan 31:** Celebrating Faculty, Staff and Volunteers: Staff Luncheon @ 12:00 pm

## Infants

We hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing Christmas. Thank you to all the parents that gave us gifts. We really do appreciate it. Now it's time for a new year.

The weather has been a little cool lately so make sure you dress your child according to how it feels in the morning. Please make sure you have extra clothes in your basket so we can change them if needed.

It will be move up day for Coraline and Jaxson soon. We know they will have lots of fun in Mrs. Katie's room. They already know her helpers Mrs. Amanda and Ms. Katelyn, so they will feel right at home and have lots more room to explore.

We will be getting a few of the babies on the infant side. We will start all over again having lots of tummy time and exploring, so we can practice on our fine and gross motor skills. We will gradually practice sitting up by ourselves with and without help. We are going to have a great time learning how to do things.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Mrs. Linda

Ms. Maryanne

Ms. Jen

# Wonderful Ones

I can't believe that we made it through the Christmas season so quickly!

We were able to move up to the big playground in December! The children were very ready for the change and they are having so much fun exploring their new playground. Their favorite things to do on the playground are to build in the sandbox and go down the slides.

January is upon us and we are excited to be learning new things together. During the month of December, we accomplished a few art projects. We had a lot of fun making our stockings and Christmas trees.

During the month of January, we will be making firework paintings with our hands. We will use red, and blue paint for the fireworks. The children will be making handprint New Year pictures. We will put paint on their hands and once the paint dries then we will write the year on their hands. Even though it doesn't snow here in Florida, we are going to paint everyone's hand and make snowflakes with their hands.



We love to paint and do new things with the children to help them with their fine motor skills. We will be doing a snowflake water table with the children to give them a chance to scoop the snowflakes up with spoons and dump them back into the water table. I will also be making a snowball sensory table with cotton balls for the children to scoop and pour.

Thank you everyone that participated in our December activities! Here is to the New Year and I thank everyone for letting us take special care of your children! I want to thank everyone for their monthly snack and wipe donation!

*Ms Katie*

*Ms Katelyn*

*Ms Amanda*

## Terrific Two's

Welcome 2020 and Happy New Year to you all! We are blessed to get to start a new year with your wonderful children.

As we welcome in the New Year, we will be exploring and talking about winter, winter animals, dressing for winter and winter weather. This month we also celebrate the Feast of Epiphany on January 6<sup>th</sup>. This is the celebration of the Three Kings visiting the newborn baby Jesus. We will have several sensory activities this month that will allow your child to touch and feel cold and cold vs. warm. We will also be using the colors red and blue for art activities and talking about how they relate to hot and cold. I also plan to print some pictures to provide a visual for the children to help them understand what epiphany is.

Along with winter always comes colds and other illnesses so We also plan to focus on ways that we can prevent the spread of germs. You can help us reinforce this at home by washing their hands and yours frequently and properly (at least 20 seconds). You can also encourage them to cough or sneeze into their elbows and not their hands and toward the floor and not the person next to them. If you think your child has been exposed to someone that is ill please let us know so we can be on the lookout for symptoms.

Please check your child's basket frequently to make sure they have appropriate clothing for our quick changing Florida weather. This time of year your child needs to have at least one set of spare clothes for warm weather and one for cold weather. We do go outside twice a day weather permitting and we do tend to get dirty so several changes of clothes are preferred so that we can keep your child looking as clean as they came in.

This month we will be needing your help with a few of our big fundraising events. The Kumquat festival is on January 25<sup>th</sup> and as most of you know the daycare has a booth every year selling pies. We will be needing lots of help beforehand making the pies and the day of selling the pies. There will be a sign up sheet in Susie's office for both so please check your schedules and see if there are any time slots to can sign up for. Every little bit helps.

January 31st will be our class picture. Please be sure to have your child here that day by 9am so that they can be in our photo.

In closing we would like to thank you for all of the thoughtful Christmas gifts and for allowing us the privilege of caring for your child and helping them grow. God Bless and Happy New Year!

Ms. Jen

Ms. Nicole

Ms. Mary

Ms. Sandy

## Preschool 1A

I can't believe that it's January already! It's been our pleasure to work with your children for the last six months.



Our next unit will focus on colors and run from January 6<sup>th</sup> to February 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be a color of the week during this unit. The children will be painting, gluing, stringing, sorting and matching by colors. They will also be introduced to the concept of different shades of color going from light to dark.

On Fridays, your child will be encouraged to wear a piece of clothing which is the color of the week. They could wear an entire outfit showcasing the color of the week or just socks, whatever works the best for you.

### Week of:

Jan 6<sup>th</sup>: Blue

Jan 13<sup>th</sup>: Red

Jan 20<sup>st</sup>: Yellow

Jan 27<sup>th</sup>: Orange

Feb 3<sup>th</sup>: Green

Feb 10<sup>th</sup>: Purple

### Important Dates:

Jan 1: School Closed for New Year's Day

Jan 20: School Closed for MLK Day

Jan 25: Kumquat Festival: Pie Booth

Week of Jan 27: Catholic Schools Week

Jan 29: School Group Photos

Jan 31: Book Character Parade - Dress as your favorite book character

On **Friday February 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm**, we will be having our "Eat the Rainbow" Party to celebrate the end of our Color Unit. **One** member of your family is invited to come listen to the children sing and then eat a colorful selection of foods with us.

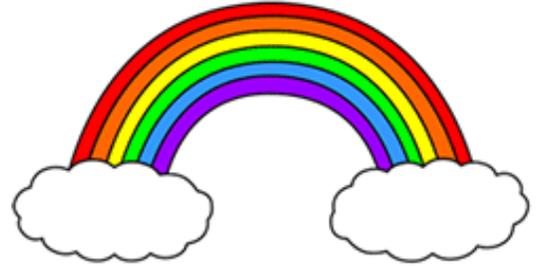
With the changing weather, please check your child's basket to see if they have an appropriately sized change of clothing which includes, pants, a shirt, underwear, socks and shoes.

Ms. Sally Ms. Jess Ms. Nicole

# Pre-School IB

As January is coming upon us, we are finishing up our Christmas unit. The children have really enjoyed learning about Christmas.

During the month of January, the children will be learning all of the primary and secondary colors. Each week, we will be focusing on a different color. If able, please dress your child in the color we will be focusing on for the week.



**January 6<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup> Blue**

**January 13<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup> Red**

**January 20<sup>th</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup> Yellow**

**January 27<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup> Orange**

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> Green**

**February 10<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> Purple**

On February 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be having an Eat The Rainbow Party, Parents are welcome to attend.

Learning to dress yourself is an important milestone for children, especially their shoes. If they have shoes that are easy for them to put on and take off, they will feel successful. Please help your child by sending them in shoes that they can accomplish this self help skill.

## Important dates

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| January 24 <sup>th</sup>                    | Orange dress up day in honor of Kumquat Festival                                      |
| January 25 <sup>th</sup>                    | Kumquat Festival  |
| January 27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> | Catholic Schools Week   |
| January 28 <sup>th</sup>                    | Celebrating Students Book Character Parade<br>(Dress as your Favorite Book Character) |
| January 29 <sup>th</sup>                    | Celebrate Our Nation : School group photo   |
| January 31 <sup>st</sup>                    | Celebrate Teacher's and Staff: Staff Luncheon @ 12:00                                 |

## School Closures

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| January 1st              | New Year's Day |
| January 20 <sup>th</sup> | Dr. MLK JR Day |

Miss Victoria, Miss Ashley, & Mrs. Barbara



## Pre School II

**Happy New Year!**

**I would like to start by thanking all of our parents for your continuous support.**

**As we enter the New Year, we will assess the way your children learn about themselves and others around them. We will continue to strengthen their self-help skills through various planned and routine activities. We are bringing in many new sensory games and toys for the children. Sensory play includes any activity that stimulates your young child's senses: touch, smell, taste, movement, balance, sight and hearing. Sensory activities facilitate exploration and naturally encourage children to use scientific processes while they play, create, investigate and explore. By stimulating your child's senses, you are helping them develop creatively, socially and emotionally, cognitively, linguistically and physically through simply playing with them.**

**In addition to sensory activities, we will be learning about the alphabet and numbers. Each week, we will introduce one letter for recognition. We will also focus on numbers 0-5. In the month of January, we will be learning about winter and arctic animals. So far the children have shown a great interest in learning about the many animals of the arctic and how the animals thrive in their cold environment.**

### **Important Dates**

**January 1st — New Year's Day ( SHECC Closed)**

**January 20th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day (SHECC Closed)**

**January 25th—Kumquat Festival**

**January 27th — January 31st—Catholic School's Week**

**As the winter months get colder, we would like to remind everyone to dress warmly and to bring an extra set of clothes. Please make sure that you check your child's folder each day for important information.**

**Thank you again, and we look forward to the coming year!**

**Ms. Eloisa, Ms. Angie, Ms. Natalie & Ms. Emma**

## **V.P.K. 1 and Wrap Around.**

Happy New Year Families! We will be ringing in the New year with learning all about the Three Wise Men. This celebration is called The Feast of Epiphany. The children will be observing this day on January 6, 2020. Epiphany is also called the Three Kings day. This is where the three Kings visit the newborn Jesus. The children will be celebrating this important Catholic day by learning the biblical facts about the kings and their gifts to Jesus. I have planned for the children to make a Kings cake". Our Unit of Study is all about "Bells and Sounds", "Winter", and "Winter in Florida". The children will be engaged in learning all about harsh winters in other places. They will be comparing that experience with winters in Florida. We will be exploring with music and movement of different kinds of bells and sounds. Our classroom discussions, projects, and stories will reflect these topics.

January 25, 2020 is the Kumquat festival. Please come visit and support our center. We make our very own Kumquat pies.

Catholic Schools week is recognized on January 27, 2020.

Monday 1/27/20: We are celebrating community helpers. The children come to school dressed as a community helper.

Tuesday 1/28/20: Annual Story Book Parade. The children dress as a book character and bring the book along to school.

Wednesday 1/29/20: Celebrate our Nation day. The children come to school wearing Red, white, and Blue.

Thursday 1/30/20: Celebrate our Families day. Stop in before you go to work for a coffee, juice, and baked good. Thanks to all our wonderful parents and grandparents. Love in Christ, V.P.K and Wrap teachers

Matthew 2:11." And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh."

## **VPK II**

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope that you enjoyed your Christmas holiday.

This month's theme will be "Winter," as we explore the many aspects of the season. We will also discuss "New Year's Resolutions." Here is a look at our month:

Winter: Create snowflakes and identify their six points, describe the way trees change during the winter, compare and contrast evergreen and deciduous trees, describe why animals migrate and hibernate.

Religion: Identify that we are all unique, and how God is in our hearts and our minds every day.

Literacy skills: Recite a snowflake poem in order to develop concept of words, identify beginning sounds of animals.

Math skills: Match numerals with groups of numbers using one-to-one correspondence, count groups of winter animals.

Letters: S, T, U & V

### **Dates to Remember**

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Friday, Jan. 31: Celebrating Faculty, staff, and volunteers: Staff Luncheon @ 12:00 pm.

Reminder: Please label all clothing and personal items with your child's name.

Thanks to everyone who attended and donated items for our Christmas parties. We appreciate all you do to make our classroom a success! We look forward to an exciting New Year!

Miss Angie

Miss Debbie

## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

We hope everyone had a fun-filled Christmas and are ready for a Wonderful New Year. During January, we will discuss Winter in Florida and Snow. We will talk about temperatures and what conditions are needed to make snow. We will also learn how crystals form and grow some for ourselves. Hibernation will be the topic as we learn about what animals do to survive the winter months. Bells and Sound will lead us on a musical journey as we discover what makes sounds and how our ears work.

We will discuss Dr. Martin Luther King and his important message. We will also learn the difference between equal and fair.

Catholic Schools Week is January 27–31, 2020. The children will make crosses with their favorite prayer or Bible verse on them. Be sure to wear Red, White or Blue on Wednesday as we Celebrate our Nation. The School Wide Photo will also be on Wednesday, Jan.29. We would like for all of the school age children to be in the picture which will be taken at 9:00am before the school bus arrives. Thursday , Jan 30 is a day to celebrate all of you ... Our Parents. Please stop in and grab a cup of coffee and some baked goods. Friday, Jan 31 is Celebrate Teachers and Staff day.

**Important Dates** for January are

Jan 1: SHECC CLOSED

Jan 6: No Public School

Jan 20: Martin Luther King Day SHECC CLOSED

Jan 24: **ORANGE Day** | Wear orange in honor of Kumquat Festival

Jan 25: **Annual Dade City Kumquat Festival**

**Please sign up to help make pies or to work at the Festival.**

**The Sign Up Sheet is located by the Front Office.**

Have a Blessed New Year.

Ms. Debbie Ms. Laura Ms. Heather