

Child Care Chatter

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Dear Friends and Families,

Please join me in congratulating the staff on another successful Star 4 Designation! The Keystone Star Initiative is about program quality and improvement. They give us various tools to assess all aspects of our program. We not only assess the children, but staff, environment, financial management, staff development and leadership. A big part of the Keystone Star process is based on reflection by using various tools.

The following goals were set for 2017 based on all of the areas we assessed and/or were assessed by different agencies with the state. As a star 4 center, we are accountable to the: Department of Human Services, Department of Education and the Office of Early Learning and Child Development. It is quite a bit to juggle, but well worth it when we can see the positive outcomes for children. So, what better time to reflect on the success of our program and set new goals, than with a New Year?!

In 2017 we:

- ✿ Increased the access, availability and variety of classroom materials to children, especially STEM (science, technology, engineering and math),
- ✿ Continued to support staff development and training in – house and with other professional development activities,
- ✿ Attended Vacation Bible School, participated in weekly chapel and many from Kids Club attended Youth Group on Wednesday afternoon,
- ✿ Improved our technology as a tool for communication by continuing to email the newsletter to families as well as posting the newsletter and menu on our website: www.stjamesgettysburg.com. and clicking on Child Care. (If you want your newsletter emailed, please email me childcare@stjamesgettysburg.org so I can add you to my list).
- ✿ Added classroom emails.
- ✿ And so much more ☺

As we turn the calendar to another New Year, our most important goal in 2018 is our continued mission to provide quality care for ALL children. May the children be healthy and safe, learn to do what is right and be loved unconditionally by the adults in their lives☺

God Bless you all in 2017,

2018 Scheduled School Closings

Monday, January 1, 2018	New Year's Day
Monday, February 19, 2018	President's Day (Staff Training Day)
Friday, March 30, 2018	Good Friday
Monday, May 28, 2018	Memorial Day
Wednesday, July 4, 2018	Independence Day
Monday, September 3, 2018	Labor Day
Thursday, November 22, 2018	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 23, 2018	Black Friday
Monday, December 24, 2018	Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 25, 2018	Christmas Day
Monday, December 31, 2018	New Year's Eve
Tuesday January 1, 2019	New Year's Day