

St. James Lutheran Church Child Care Center

Child Care Chatter

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." ~ William Arthur Ward



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Dear Friends & Families,

It is so hard for me to comprehend that I have been at St. James for 20 years, celebrating the teachers who hold our children's futures in their hands. Every year, I challenge myself to come up with new ways to express my gratitude to the teachers and share them with you. I like to spend the entire week letting each teacher know how special they are in the lives of children.

The profession that they have chosen, is under paid, underappreciated and often undervalued. I am so grateful that our teachers take the time to connect with the children. I am so grateful that the relationships they build provides our young children with the foundation for a greater future. As I look forward to celebrating our teachers, I will continue to look forward to watching them weave their connections so the children can build better relationships providing them with a firm foundation for learning in the future!



- ✦ **Teacher Appreciation Week – May 8 – 12, 2017** (National Education Association and Parent Teacher Organization). See attached flyer for more information.
- ✦ **Friday, May 12th – St. James Child Care Center 20th Annual Mother's Day Tea Party** at 3:45 p.m. in the dining room. Come join in the fun and festivities as we appreciate Mothers & Friends!
- ✦ Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences are taking place in May/June. Teacher's will have sign-up sheets available in your child's classroom.
- ✦ **Monday, May 29th, 2017** - Reminder - the center will be closed in honor of Memorial Day.



For Your Information & Gentle Reminders:

- ✦ Now that the weather is warming up we will be going outside every day when weather is appropriate.
 - Please apply **sunscreen** to your child before they come to school each day.
 - Also, remember that children need to have **sneakers** for outdoor play and may need extra clothes to change when they get dirty. Although fun and pretty, please do not send your child in sandals or flip - flops for outside play. They are not safe for climbing or running.
- ✦ **Vacation requests and schedule changes.** Please remember to give TWO weeks WRITTEN notice for all other schedule changes.
- ✦ **Vacation Bible School** plans are well underway. This year it will be held at St. James Lutheran Church from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. the week of July 24 - 28th, 2017. Children enrolled in our preschool, pre - kindergarten and school - age programs will participate. This year's theme is Hero Central and is full of many fun, creative adventures for the children to enjoy!