



Early Learning News

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September

**2018 Reminder: The center is closed...
Monday, September 3, 2018 in honor of Labor Day**

Dear Friends and Families,

August has been so busy – I had no idea if I was coming or going! School has already started, and we sent a total of 39 children off to 3 different schools! Children were bubbling with excitement and sporting new school clothes, shoes, supplies and back packs. While the first day of school can be exciting for some, for others, they may become a little nervous about leaving the comfort of their second home at St. James.

With the start of a new school year, it is also the time that we transitioned many of the children to a new classroom. If your child turned four on or before September 1st, they moved to PreK. If your child turned three by September 1st, they moved to Preschool. Infants and toddlers have more gentle transitions that are based on space availability and development. If your infant or toddler is moving, the teachers will talk with you directly to prepare you for these changes. As our transitions to new classrooms begin, please remember, that even as grown- ups, we all face challenges differently and so do the children as they adjust to their new teachers and classrooms. Some children are or were excited and others shed a few tears. However, as your child approaches this change, we will be there to support, love and nurture them all along the way.

Excited to start the new school year as we learn and grow together, *Suzan*



***Mark Your Calendar for our Fall Open House
Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.!***

**This year's theme is Strengthening Families –
Activities to Practice
More Details to Follow!**





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Introducing Scholastic Reading Club!

Encouraging reading is one of the most important things we can do to help your child succeed. It can be tough finding the right books to keep them interested, which is why I am so excited that we will be participating in Scholastic Reading Club. Each month, your child will bring home Reading Club flyers. Together you can choose from books hand-selected by teachers and experts, and then order online or by returning your order form and payment to me. Every time you place an order your child's classroom will earn bonus points for free books and resources! To get us started I have selected a due date of September 17 for the first book order.

Here's how:

1. **REGISTER** at scholastic.com/readingclub
2. **ENTER** the Class Activation Code: **GWQVD**
3. **CHOOSE** from thousands of print titles, value packs, and Stora eBooks
4. **SUBMIT** the order to me by the due date listed on the website. Happy Reading, Melanie

