

# 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 2018 based on all 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 2019 we:

- ✿ Increased the access, availability and variety of classroom materials to children,
- ✿ Continued to support staff development and training in – house and with other professional development activities,
- ✿ Continued involvement in Christian Education such as summer Vacation Bible School, weekly chapel and Youth Group activities on Wednesday afternoon for school – age children,
- ✿ Continue to improve communication by posting the newsletter, menu and other important resources on our website: [www.stjamesgettysburg.com](http://www.stjamesgettysburg.com). and clicking on Child Care. If you are not getting notices from me, please email me at: [childcare@stjamesgettysburg.org](mailto:childcare@stjamesgettysburg.org) so I can add you to my list ☺
- ✿ Improving individual classroom communication through our added classroom emails.
- ✿ Continuing to improve security with the church with the addition of a church security committee.
- ✿ And so much more ☺

As we turn the calendar to another New Year, our most important goal in 2019 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 2019,

## 2019 Scheduled School Closings

|                              |                                      |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Tuesday, January 1, 2019     | New Year's Day                       |
| Monday, February 18, 2019    | President's Day (Staff Training Day) |
| Friday, April 19, 2019       | Good Friday                          |
| Monday, May 27, 2019         | Memorial Day                         |
| Thursday, July 4, 2019       | Independence Day                     |
| Friday, July 5, 2019         | Floating Holiday                     |
| Monday, September 2, 2019    | Labor Day                            |
| Thursday, November 28, 2019  | Thanksgiving Day                     |
| Friday, November 29, 2019    | Black Friday                         |
| Wednesday, December 25, 2019 | Christmas Day                        |
| Wednesday January 1, 2019    | New Year's Day                       |