

St James Lutheran Church Early Learning Center

October 2021

Open House / Meet the Teacher

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

First10 Gettysburg has adopted the principles of theBasics.org to frame their initiative for the Gettysburg Area School District and the Community. First10 Gettysburg is a partnership between the school, St. James, and United Way of Adams County to help families transition between community organizations and the school system. When groups come together, it is proven to help schools' close possible achievement gaps in the future.

The principles are just that "Basic" and targets the birth to three-year-old age range. However, these principles can be applied to growth and learning throughout childhood. We have decided to introduce them to you at Open House.

The principles were distilled from scientific literature by the Achievement Gap Initiative at Harvard University, with assistance from a national advisory committee of early childhood scholars. We use these principles throughout our normal daily activities and will share some of the activities with you on Wednesday evening, October 13, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

You will learn how we:

- Maximize love and manage stress (to reduce levels of cortisol which puts everyone at risk for future health problems),
- How we talk, sing and point (to encourage language development),
- How we count, compare and group (introducing basic mathematic, geometry and algebra skills),
- Explore our world through movement and play (so children can learn and grow with an active mind and body),
- How we read and discuss stories (opening the world of language and literacy).

I hope you will all choose to join us for an hour of learning and fun so you can learn more about your child's day when they are at home with us!



The Basic

Our priority is to help ensure that all families with children birth to three have the information that supports the need to launch infants and toddlers toward life with success.



The Basics Care Giver Promise

By: Ronald Ferguson

With my heart I will love you
And shield you from stress.
With my mouth I will speak what I feel.
With soft words and sweet songs every
time I behold you
I'll show you that my love is real.
With my fingers I'll point at the objects
I name
And I'll count them in groups to
compare.
With my feet I will take you outdoors
to explore
While we play and enjoy the fresh air.
With my eyes I will read as I show you
the world
Through bright pictures and stories in
books.
These are ways to make sure that your
brain is prepared
For successes wherever you look.
This my promise I make from the day
of your birth
That these Basics I'll faithfully do.
For my job is to help you grow happy
and smart
Starting now when your life is brand
new.
You will learn that your life is an
artwork.
And that you are the artist in charge.
But before you decide what to do with
your life
Listen now
To the beat
Of my heart.

Giving Spree

November 5, 2021

For the first time ever, St. James Lutheran Church Early Learning Center's application for the Giving Spree was accepted. Whenever we do fundraisers, many families or friends often just want to donate rather than participate. So, through the Giving Spree everyone will be given this opportunity!

The Giving Spree is organized by the Adams County Community Foundation who promotes and facilitate charitable giving in Adams County and beyond. The St. James Lutheran Church Early Learning Center serves children throughout the county, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age.

The primary purpose of our fundraising activities is to support our scholarship program for families in need. However, some of the fundraisers support other needs not in the budget such as replacement of equipment, unforeseen repairs or staff development and curriculum.



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ACCFGivingSpree.org

Please share this information with your friends and family. The 2021 Giving Spree is scheduled for **Friday, November 5.**

Donors have three ways to give:

1. Drop off gifts at the Gettysburg Times on November 5 from 1pm to 5pm
2. Mail gifts using the donation form to arrive by November 5. Form available September 15.
3. Give online at ACCFGivingSpree.org on November 5.

All giving is tax deductible and used exclusively for the programs you wish to support. Last year the Giving Spree raised 2.14 million dollars – doubling the 2019 total and providing 95 non – profit programs in Adams County during the unprecedented time of the Covid19 pandemic with much needed funding. Help us get the word out and support St. James Lutheran Church Early Learning Center and other worthy non – profits.

Welcome to Hi Mama!

Hi Mama, is up and running! We have heard a lot of positive feed back from the parents and teachers. **Paper Daily Sheets will end Sept. 30th**

You can check your child in & out, mark your child absent, message your teacher directly, see photos, view daily menus, and see what's planned for the day.

If you are not connected with Hi Mama, see Ms. Ashley or your classroom teacher

