

Happy 2021!

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We hope everyone had a nice break. The children will be settling back into their school routines and we are looking forward to a fun filled month here at First School. We are celebrating 2021 with many fun events over the next months! Please read more about them below. Thanks!

Happy 50th Anniversary First School! 1971-2021!

Can you believe it? First School has been in existence for 50 years. We have educated *thousands* of people in the Dayton area over those years, including many of our current parents!

In the coming months we are going to have small celebrations centered around the number 50 for the children. We think you'll be delighted with what we've come up with to celebrate this impressive milestone.

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SEASON OF GIVING SOCK REPORT:

A HUGE Thank You to all of our families who participated in this worthwhile collection. We received OVER 170 pairs of socks which were donated to a very thankful Shoes for the Shoeless organization. Thank you again for your generosity!

SNOW DAYS:

Please watch the TV, Facebook and Email for preschool delays or closings.. If we decide on a delay, we will have a one hour delay, opening at 9:40 and closing at the normal time of 11:10. Watch the TV, TV weather apps, or Facebook for details. Hopefully we will continue to enjoy this mild weather throughout the rest of the winter. :)

2020 TAXES: I will be sending out a 2020 Tuition payment receipt for those who like to claim childcare on their taxes with your next statements around Jan. 15. Stacey

Dates to Remember:

- January 4: School resumes
- January 14 & 15: Spirit Days
- January 18: MLK Day. No School
- January 20: Young 5's & Kindergarten Info Session ZOOM mtg: 11:30–11:50. Please register in advance with Stacey
- January 25–Feb 4: Winter Animal Extravaganza
- January 26 & 27: Color of the Month: Wear Blue and White

WINTER ANIMAL

EXTRAVAGANZA January 25–February 4.

We are going to learn about different winter animals. Each class will choose a winter animal and set up a display for all of the classes to see. The display could include habitat, pictures, what they eat and where they live. The display will be set up daily in the Fun Room for each class to come out and learn about the animals. We will post pictures of all of the class displays for you all to share in the fun!



**YOUNG 5'S & KINDERGARTEN READI-
NESS INFORMATION DAY IS WEDNES-
DAY JANUARY 20 FROM 11:30-11:50 (OR
LONGER IF NEEDED). ZOOM MEETING.**

Are you wondering about the transition from pre-school to Kindergarten? Is your child ready? Wondering what kinds of things you can do to help your child have a great year? Are you wondering what the advantage of First School's Kindergarten might be? Would a Young 5's program be appropriate? We will discuss the following at this informative meeting:

- What children are expected to know going into Kindergarten
- Young 5's programs vs. Kindergarten Programs
- The process of transition from pre-school to any Kindergarten
- What you can expect in a typical Kindergarten class – both curriculum and schedule
- What things you can do with your child to assure a great start in any program

A Question & Answer period will follow the presentation. This meeting is open to current AND prospective families. All current four year old class students will receive a flyer soon for registering for the Zoom meeting.

*A Whole Lot of Love! February 11
& 12*

We are planning on a Valentine's Day themed counter-
part to our Trunk or Treat event we had in October.
Look for more details to come home soon. We hope
you'll consider coming to our parking lot and participat-
ing and sharing some love! :)

2021-2022 ENROLLMENT UPDATE

We love our First School families and hope that you plan on enrolling with us again (if applicable) for the 2021-22 school year! Please look for your enrollment packet to come home in the school bags later this month.

If you have questions, concerns or advice, please see Stacey or Shayna. Our goal is to have 100% re-enrollment. We will open enrollment to the public starting on February 1.