

## Happy 2023!

*From: Shayna Schroeder, Director of Curriculum  
& Stacey Yarger, Director of Admissions*

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 2023 with many fun events over the next months! Please read more about them below. Thanks!

### EXPLORERS CLUB OFFERINGS for THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR

Please look for a flyer coming home soon about our FEBRUARY 8 session EmPowerment MARTIAL ARTS Class on Mondays and Wednesdays during the Lunch Bunch period. Details coming home soon!

In APRIL AND MAY we will offer DRUMS ALIVE! Classes on Wednesdays for a six week session.

### SEASON OF GIVING SOCK REPORT:

A HUGE Thank You to all of our families who participated in this worthwhile collection. We received OVER 300 pairs of socks which were donated to a very thankful Shoes for the Shoeless organization. Thank you again for your generosity!



Left: Charlie Gallagher with his donation. He chose the socks himself and scanned them at the register, too! Thank you Charlie for your 130 pairs of socks!



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### SNOW DAYS:

Please watch the TV, Facebook and preschool delays or closings. If we 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. :)

**2022 TAXES:** I will be sending out a 2022 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 3: School Resumes
- January 12: Librarian Visit
- January 16: MLK Day. No School
- January 18 & 19: Color of the Month: Wear Blue and White
- January 26 & 27: Spirit Days
- January 23–Feb3: Ohio Winter Animals

### WINTER ANIMALS IN OHIO: Jan 23 through Feb. 3

We will be learning about Ohio winter animals during these two weeks. Each classroom and teacher is putting a tray together to teach us about an animal. The 8 trays will visit each classroom and we will learn about 8 different Ohio animals we could see in the winter! Be sure to ask your student which animal they learned about each day of these two weeks. See if you can find these animals in your own backyard!



## **YOUNG 5'S & KINDERGARTEN READINESS INFORMATION**

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? :

Please contact Shayna Schroeder if you need more information about:

- 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

Shayna is more than willing to work with you as you transition to Young 5's or Kindergarten. We are excited to be able to offer both of these programs at First School which have the advantage of very small class sizes as well as abundant individualized instruction. **Contact [Shayna@FirstSchoolDayton.com](mailto:Shayna@FirstSchoolDayton.com) to set up a meeting.**

*\*Kindergarten class must have at least six students enrolled to occur.*

### *Valentine's Day is Coming*

We will hold our Valentine's parties on February 14 and 15. Look for details coming soon from your teacher.



#### **2023-2024 ENROLLMENT UPDATE**

We love our First School families and hope that you plan on enrolling with us again (if applicable) for the 2023-24 school year! Please look for your enrollment packet to come home in the school bags around the 18th of January.

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.