

# St. John's Lutheran Preschool Press



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## *Starting Afresh*

If you need a 2009 tax statement please stop by or call the office to retrieve a copy.

*The beginning of another chapter in our lives, another year, another week, or even another day brings us much excitement because at this point, we can actually feel that we have the chance to start afresh. This privilege of starting afresh fills us with immense joy because it makes us realize that we have an abundant supply of renewed hope... that we have endless opportunities to begin again. Thus, we find the courage to accept our past defeats, to look ahead... and move on.*

*Once again, we pray and acknowledge God's presence and feel thankful because we are given the opportunity to do better and outshine our past achievements. We make up our minds to improve ourselves, to correct our faults, and to live more meaningful, God-centered lives. We feel so energized. We give our best yet again and our hearts overflow with optimism and gratitude. Then, we say to ourselves, "Yes! Another chance... another chance! I'm going to accomplish something better this time. I can do this! With God's help, I can make this work!!"*

*The white, empty pages make every notebook so useful... and the thousands of hours that are yet to come make the beginning of every year significantly full of promise. Indeed, we can always begin again. We have endless opportunities to start afresh! Let us feel enthusiastically motivated to begin on a clean sheet of paper and leave a lasting mark... to pour out our most vibrant colors on an empty canvas and create a masterpiece!*

### Dates to Remember:

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February Tuition Due  
January 20

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Martin Luther King Day  
NO SCHOOL  
Monday, January 18

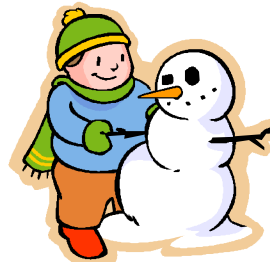
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Parent/Teacher Conferences  
NO SCHOOL  
Tuesday, January 19

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Lincoln's Birthday  
NO SCHOOL  
February 12

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## 2010/2011 Preschool Registration

Yes, it's that time already!  
Time for 2010/2011  
Registration for Preschool—  
This is for current families,  
alumni families, and St.  
John's Lutheran Church  
members only at this time.  
All registration forms along  
with the registration fee are  
due back to the office by  
**January 29**

### Directory Update:

We welcome Christopher Leming  
to the MWF 4pm class!

Please update your directory:  
Christopher Leming  
Parents: Chris &  
Margaret Leming  
2728 Kipling Drive  
Springfield, IL 62711  
217-698-2063



### Preschool Open House

January 26

5:30pm-7:00pm

*If you know of a friend, neighbor or acquaintance,  
please let them know about this event . While we  
encourage you to attend with a new-to-the-  
preschool friend, we ask that you NOT treat this  
event like a Family Night. The main purpose is to  
acquaint more people to our wonderful preschool.  
Our preschool families have always been our best  
source of "advertising" and we appreciate your  
kind words and your efforts.*



# Family Page

## Think About This

### Boost Your Child's Brain Power

To succeed, children need to attend school daily and to do their school work. In addition, parents must do their part to make their children smarter. Parents, you can also boost your child's brain power.

- Enroll your child in music lessons or the school band.
- Encourage daily physical activity and sports.
- Give your child video games that require strategic thinking, planning and creativity.
- Serve meals and snacks that provide good nutrition. Avoid junk food and fast food.
- Support your child's hobbies and interests. Take time for outings that teach.
- Read to your child. Have older children read daily.
- Play thinking games—chess, Sudoku and crossword puzzles.

*- adapted from the Parent Help Line Newsletter*

## Building Skills for Families

### Fun "Inside" Ideas for Winter

- Bring the outside inside—If you have an unfinished basement, set up plastic soccer cones, bring the bicycles & scooters in and make an obstacle course.
- Play Beauty Shop—Drag out all the fingernail polish, hair bows and plastic jewelry accessories and let your child give you a day at the spa.
- Build forts using old sheets and blankets
- Make A Racetrack—Create a track throughout the entire house using masking tape. Once the track has been created, let them use their Hot Wheels to travel all over the track they have created.

## Springfield Area Happenings



### January

18—"Geronimo Stilton" Student Program for 2nd & 3rd graders. 1pm-2:30pm. Chatham Public Library. Registration required.

23—Ralph's World. Sangamon Auditorium at UIS. 11am.

29 & 30—1/2 Price Scholastic Book Fair. Central IL Reading Council. Capital Area Career Center.

### February

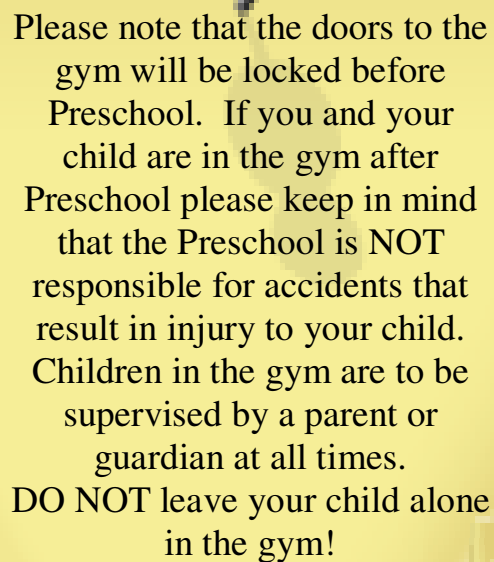
5 & 6—Freestyle Motocross-Wheels of Madness. PCCC. 7pm. Admission.

16—"Diary of a Wimpy Kid" Student Program for 4th & 5th graders. 1pm-2:30pm. Chatham Public Library. Registration required.

We have several Christmas programs in the office!  
If you would like to keep one for your child's scrapbook please stop by the office and pick one up.

As registration for the new school year begins and schedules change we are often asked for home daycare and sitter referrals.

If you know of someone please stop by the office and let us know. The Preschool will only give the information you share with us to those parents who ask for referrals.



Please note that the doors to the gym will be locked before Preschool. If you and your child are in the gym after Preschool please keep in mind that the Preschool is NOT responsible for accidents that result in injury to your child. Children in the gym are to be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times. DO NOT leave your child alone in the gym!

## Parking Pointers

Please lock your vehicle while bringing your child to school and never leave young children alone in your car. Please park in designated parking spaces ***only***. Parking along the curbs presents a dangerous situation for small children entering and leaving the building as they cannot be seen above the cars.

A large, 3D graphic of the words "THANK YOU" in a light blue, blocky font. The letters are slightly offset from each other, creating a sense of depth and movement.

Thank you for supporting our December mission and purchasing gifts from our “Angel Tree.” We were able to supply 13 children with at least 3 gifts each.

Your generosity is appreciated!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our raffle for the front pews at the Christmas program.

It was a huge success!