

# St. Peter's Preschool Newsletter



January 2021

## From the Director's Chair – by Rita Dai Wang

Welcome back! I hope you and your family had a wonderful and restful Christmas Break. Let's hope the rest of 2021 isn't quite as eventful as the first week has been!

**Enrollment and Registration:** Before Christmas break, I sent home Enrollment and Registration information the 2021-2022 school year. If you would like a set and did not receive one, please let me know, and I will get one to you immediately. Here are the dates registration opens:

- 1/6 St. Peter's parishioners
- 1/11 current families
- 1/18 former families
- 1/25 general public

The highest compliment our parents can pay us is the referral of family or friends. The trust and confidence that you place in us means a great deal. In appreciation, you will receive a \$50 credit off one month's tuition for every new enrollment as a result of your referral.

**Developmental Assessments and Parent Conferences:** The teachers are busy completing developmental assessments and will be sending them home to you by the end of next week. On Thursday and Friday 1/21-1/22, we will be having parent conferences to give you a chance to discuss these assessments and any other concerns/questions you may have with your child's teacher. Please keep an eye out for a Signup Genius email coming home soon. If possible, please arrange childcare for your children during these conferences so we can have a candid and focused conversation about how your children are progressing in school. These conferences are optional, so you do not need to sign up if you don't have any questions/concerns. Thank you!

**Snow policy:** During inclement weather, St. Peter's Preschool usually follows Howard County Public Schools' (HCPSS) closing and delay policy. This year, however, with HCPSS being virtual, St. Peter's will be deciding on our own. I will monitor upcoming weather issues and give you as much advance notice as possible. I will notify you of changes through FaceBook, email, and text/phone call if imminent. If you would feel more comfortable picking your child up early or not bringing him/her to school at all due to weather concerns, we completely understand. The safety of your children is our highest priority.

**Try this at home...** The New Year is a perfect time to take the opportunity to spend time together and make new traditions and memories. Remember, it's the little things that mean the most to kids and the ones they will remember. Here is a tip: **Memory Jar:** Obtain a jar and set it in a prominent place in your home. As the year goes by, fill the jar with things you have done together (movie tickets, napkin from a wedding, brochures from places you went, etc.), and write down special events that took place (Johnny took his first steps, Susie made everyone breakfast on her own, the time milk came out of Peter's nose when he laughed so hard, etc.). Fill the jar through the year without peeking. When the year ends, sit down as a family and review these fun events.

## Dates to Remember

1/6 Registration for 2021-2022 school year begins

1/8, 1/15, 1/29 Pajama Day!

1/18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – no school

1/21-22 Parent Conferences – no school

1/25 Mason and Ms. Rita's birthday (birthday twins!)

## Road to Kindergarten

Normally, HCPSS hosts a Road to Kindergarten event for parents of rising kindergarteners in the winter. However, due to COVID, I don't believe it is on the schedule this year. For parents who are interested, here is a link to the slides from last year's presentation.

<https://www.hcpss.org/f/schools/kindergarten/2020-road-to-k-presentation.pdf>

## Pajama Day!



Time to get cozy!!!  
Every Friday in January  
is Pajama Day for  
children and teachers!!

## Memory Jar



A New Year Family Tradition  
[www.thefairyprint.com](http://www.thefairyprint.com)

Are you looking for a fun outdoor activity to do with your kids this winter?  
Try this Winter Scavenger Hunt that uses all almost 5 senses!

# Winter Scavenger Hunt

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## To Find



Twig



Pine Needle



Pine Cone



Moss

## To Look For



Animal Tracks



A Bird Flying



Clouds



Berries



A Frozen Puddle



A Tree That Has  
Lost Its Leaves



An Evergreen  
Tree



An Icicle



# Winter Scavenger Hunt

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## To Listen For



Birds Chirping



The Wind



A Frozen Tree  
Crackling



Water Dripping  
From A Branch

## To Smell



Bark



Cedar



Snow



Pine

## To Feel



Chilly Cheeks



Tree Bark



Ice



Snowflakes On  
Your Face

