

Southborough Village Preschool

January 2025 Newsletter

*“Every year you make a resolution to change yourself.
This year, make a resolution to be yourself.”*
-Unknown

Happy New Year to you all! We hope that you had a wonderful holiday vacation and enjoyed plenty of fun and relaxation with your children during the time off. We are excited to be back to work and play at SVP! We have a few important reminders and updates for the coming weeks, and as usual, please let us know if you have any questions. We are always happy to help.

Important Parking Reminders at SVP: We all realize that the parking situation at SVP is an enormous challenge and we thank you for your help with this less than ideal situation. A few reminders as you bring your children to and from school...

- **If you plan to linger at drop-off or pick-up**, for any reason such as, chatting with friends, taking a phone call, waiting for school to end, etc., please take a spot on the street, as opposed to the parking lot, so the lot can be used for quick drop-off/pick-up.
- **If you do park in the lot, please pull all the way up to the fence**, to maximize parking spots. We encourage families to park one behind the other in the parking lot, in order that more families can park closer to the school.
- **If you are going to be quick, feel free to pull in behind a car** that is pulled up to the fence, and try to return to your car as quickly as possible.
- **Finally, we do have a designated handicapped parking spot next door at the Toddler House, #16 East Main St.** We ask that you only use this parking spot if you have a handicap placard on your car, to ensure it is available for those who need it.
- **Finally, please don't leave your car running** if you are dropping off/picking your child up. Thank you!

Assessments and Progress Reports: It's hard to believe that we are already approaching the halfway point for the school year. The old adage certainly rings true for us at SVP...Time flies when you are having fun! While the fun will absolutely continue, we do change gears just a little bit in January, to make time for our mid-year assessments. Teachers are constantly assessing students throughout each school day, all year long, but in a more observation based, informal manner. It's important periodically though, to sit down with each student in a one-on-one setting, to see how they are progressing in different areas of

development. Over the next few weeks, we will be meeting individually with each student for assessments. Your child might not even report this to you because we always work hard to make sure this simply feels like fun time with their teacher!

At the beginning of February, we will be sending our progress reports home. We encourage you to read them over and if you are interested in coming in for a conference, you are welcome to come in person, or even have a Facetime or phone call conference. Teachers will be available for conferences during the two weeks before February vacation. Parent Conferences are optional, there's no need to come in if you are comfortable with your child's progress at school. If you would like to talk though, we are always available and happy to meet. Stay tuned for more information!

Kindergarten Registration: Kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 school year at the Mary Finn School in Southborough begins this month. If your child will be 5.0 years old by August 31st, he/she is eligible to go to kindergarten in the Fall. Kindergarten registration may be completed through the District's online registration portal by visiting nsboro.k12.ma.us and clicking on "New Student Registration" under the "Families tab".

If you have any questions regarding registration, or have recently moved to town, you should contact Tracy King at the Finn School at (508) 485-3176 (x63103). If your child will be attending another school for kindergarten next year, this would be a good time to contact them regarding the registration procedure. When you register your child for kindergarten, regardless of the town, you may be given an evaluation form for our Pre-K teachers to fill out, regarding your child's preschool experience. Please sign this form and bring it to us when you receive it.

Tuition Due Date: If you are on the "two or four payment plan" for tuition, please remember that there is a payment due at this time. Feel free to reach out to Laura Eppen if you have any questions regarding your tuition or Early Drop-off/Afterschool payment.

Cold Weather Play Reminders: Finally, some snow for the kids to play in! We are excited to get out this week, and enjoy a winter wonderland without the frigid temperatures. As a reminder, **please send a snow bag back and forth every day** for the remainder of the winter. We ask that you always place in the bag, a warm hat, two pairs of waterproof mittens (a second pair for our second recess each day), and slippers or sneakers for the classroom. You will want to check the snow gear items when your child gets home to see if they need to be dried for the next day. And finally, don't forget to label the bag and all of the snow gear items, including boots and slippers, so we can return everything to you at the end of the day!

Updated Physicals: Has your child had a physical, or updated allergy/asthma paperwork since September? Please be sure, as your child has his or her annual physical, to bring us an updated copy for our files. Thank you for your help with this important DEEC student records requirement.

Valentine's Day Parties: We love celebrating Valentine's Day at SVP! We will be having our Valentine's Day parties on Thursday, February 13th and Friday, February 14th. The kids are invited to bring valentines in to exchange with their classmates. We will be sending out more details regarding this in the coming weeks, but for planning purposes, we ask that you do not attach any candy or food items to any of the valentines. Thank you!

Important Upcoming Dates for January and February 2025:

- January 16th and 17th: Music Classes with Ms. Kate
- Monday, January 20th: School Closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 30th and 31st: Music Classes with Ms. Kate
- February 3-14th: Parent Teacher Conference and Progress Reports (details to follow)
- February 13th and 14th: Classroom Valentine's Day Parties (Stay tuned for details!)
- February 17-21st: SCHOOL CLOSED for February Vacation

We thank you for all that you do for us at SVP, and your continued support throughout the year. We are grateful to you for your hard work, attention to detail, kindness and partnership. More than anything though, we thank you for the trust you have placed in us this past year and every year. We fully recognize that you have other choices for preschools, and we are so glad that you have chosen SVP. We wouldn't be here without all of you, and it certainly wouldn't be nearly as much fun without all of you, our amazing families! Here's to lots of fun together in the new year.

We wish you and your family a very happy and healthy 2025!

~Laura, Gretchen and Teachers at SVP