Southborough Village Preschool
January & February 2026 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. We have a few important reminders and updates for you as we head back to school, and as usual, please let us know if you have any questions, we are always happy to help.

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 always 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 doing in different areas of development. This helps us to inform and adjust our instruction to best meet the needs of each student in our care. 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 end of the month, we will be sending our progress reports home. We invite you to read your child's report over and if you are interested in coming in for a conference, you are welcome to come in person, or even have a phone call conference. Teachers will be offering conferences during the first two weeks of February, in the afternoons and evenings and will be sending out their conference schedules at the end of January. 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.

Kindergarten Registration Time! Kindergarten registration for the 2026-2027 school year at the Mary Finn School in Southborough has begun. If your child will be turning 5.0 years old by August 31st, and you have not already received information regarding kindergarten registration, or if you 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 as well.

Staying Healthy at SVP: As a reminder, children must be FEVER-FREE AND VOMIT/DIARRHEA-FREE FOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS, without the use of medication, before returning to school. We also ask that you consider whether or not your child is able to manage his/her symptoms (coughing excessively without being able to cover mouth or very runny nose or fatigued), when deciding whether or not to send your child to school. Also, please remember to notify us if your child will be staying home due to illness and kindly let us know what the symptoms are so we can track illnesses and notify parents in the case of highly contagious illnesses in their child's classroom. We truly appreciate the communication and support we've received this year from you all, as we work to keep our students, staff and families as healthy as possible. Thank you!

Tuition Due Date: If you are on the "two or four payment plan", please remember that there is a payment due the first week of January, when we return to school. Please see Laura Eppen if you have any questions regarding your tuition, Early Drop-off or Playschool payment. Thank you!

In Need of Hand-Me-Downs: If you find that your little ones have outgrown their clothes, before donating them, please consider donating them to us. We can always use comfy, simple tops and bottoms, ranging from size 3T to size 5/6T, to keep on hand in the case of an accident or spill. Long sleeve leggings/sweatpants and long sleeve cotton tops are great! Thank you for keeping us in mind.

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.

Important Upcoming Dates for January and February 2026:

- Monday, January 19th: School is closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 20th: Music Classes
- January 27th and 30th: Music Classes
- February 3rd: Music Classes
- February 10th and 13th: Music Classes
- February 2-13th: Parent Teacher Conferences and Progress Reports (details to follow)
- February 16-20th: SCHOOL CLOSED for February Vacation
- February 24th: Music Classes

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 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 2026!

~Laura, Gretchen and the Teachers at SVP