



2024

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Dear Families,

"The days are long, but the years are short." I don't know about you all, but the longer I am a parent, the more truth I find in this phrase! It's hard to believe we are already coming to the end of 2024. The months of November and December are usually especially quick with lots of extra fun for the season! We have a several special events planned here at Puzzle's, so please save the dates listed below. We know this season can feel incredibly busy, so we always so appreciate when our families make time for our special events!

One of the biggest ways we look to give back this time of year is with our annual Grinchmas event! We love to celebrate the Christmas season with a night of fun and our special Grinchy guest. Ultimately, though, Grinchmas is about giving back to our community and helping to make Christmas special for some local children through Jeffersontown Area Ministries (JAM). Beginning next week, you will find our Grinch tree by the front check-in table. It will be decorated with Grinch tags, each with the name of a child and their Christmas wish list. If your family is able to, please choose a child to shop for and return gifts by the night of Grinchmas on December 6th. JAM also accepts donations of gift cards for parents if you would like to contribute that way as well. Look for more information coming later this week!

The cooler temperatures of Fall and Winter are on the way! Our teachers always make an effort to get outside with the children whenever the temperature is above freezing, so please don't forget to send your child with jackets, hats, and gloves every day (or to leave a set in their classroom cubby). There has been lots of excitement over the changing colors of the leaves and we don't want anyone to miss out on the fresh air!

As always, thank you for the privilege of caring for your children day in and day out. We are grateful to be a part of each of your lives!

-Ms. Anna

Important Dates

December 6 St. Nick Day, wear red!

December 6 3rd Annual GRINCHMAS Family event,
5:30-7:00

December 9-13 Scholastic Book Fair

December 9-13 Pre-K Parent Conference Week (Ms.
Karen and Ms. Courtney Hackett's classes)

December 10 Ugly Sweater Day for staff and students!

December 20 Polar Express Day, wear pjs!

December 23-January 3 Winter Break Camp for ages
5-8 (will follow Holiday Closing schedule below)

Holiday Closings

November 23-24 Closed for Thanksgiving

December 25-26 Closed for Christmas

December 31 Early closing at 2:00

January 1 Closed for New Years Day

Winter Break School Age Care

We are planning to offer Winter Break camp for children aged 5-8 from December 23-January 3. Camp will follow the Academy's holiday closing schedule. Cost will be \$185 for Week 1 and \$265 for Week 2. Daily rates are available upon request.

If you are interested in enrolling your school age child or know someone who is, please email anna@wearepuzzles.com by Friday, November 22nd.

*Please note, care is dependent on reaching a minimum number of participants. Thanks!

Morning Drop Offs

Please drop your child off no later than 10:00 a.m. unless they have a morning appointment. This allows us to plan for lunch and the day, while also ensuring that your child is not missing out on important learning opportunities!

Holiday Teacher Gift Lists

Teacher wish lists will be available after Thanksgiving. Please email Rebecca@wearepuzzles.com if you would like a list of your teacher's favorite things!



Please join us for our 3rd ANNUAL GRINCHMAS Family Event!

Friday, December 6th from 5:30-7:00

We will have treats, gift making stations, and a very special Grinchy quest!

More info coming soon on the Toy Drive that accompanies this annual event

We hope you save the date for this special day!

Friendly Reminders:

Please take home summer clothing from cubbies and replace with some warmer items. We request that you send in 2-3 sets for those occasional accidents, as well as extra socks.

Please send your child to school each day with a jacket as well as hats/gloves. All classes make an effort to go outside daily whenever the weather allows!

Remember to label all of your child's belongings so we can be sure they stay with the rightful owner! If you are missing any items, we have a lost and found bin available at the front check-in table.

Be sure to check out our Scholastic Book Fair

December 9-13 for your holiday shopping! All proceeds will go back into the classroom to support our kids and teachers!



Health Bulletin:

Cold and flu season is upon us! We are making every effort to keep Puzzle's clean through daily cleanings, health checks, and lots of handwashing! Please join us in our efforts by taking the following steps:

- Wash/sanitize your hands as you enter the building. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the center for your convenience.
- If you enter an infant or toddler/crawlers classroom, please remember to remove your shoes or to put on the provided shoe covers.
- We have relocated cubbies back into the classroom to help keep our hallways clear. They are conveniently located just inside the doorway of each room so that we can limit the spread of germs throughout our play space.
- Children will be sent home with fevers of 100.1 or higher, vomiting, diarrhea, etc. Please keep your child home until they have been symptom-free without the aid of medication for at least 24 hours. See our full illness policy for more information.