



Thank you to the many families who contributed supplies and treats for our holiday parties.



A Reminder: Your child may not wear boots in the classroom because their feet become too warm and the floor wet and slippery. You may choose to have your child leave an extra pair of shoes in the cubbie or send shoes. We have extra sneakers available for those days when shoes are forgotten. Soft-soled shoes are necessary for the gym.

SCHOOL CANCELLATION REMINDER

Winter is now upon us. We close when the Brunswick School Department cancels school. We will also close when they have a delayed opening. Cancellations will be announced on WGAN (560 AM), WMGX (93.1 FM), WYNZ (100.9 FM) and WPOR (101.9 FM). There have been a few times

when we have closed the Preschool program even though the public schools are open. These are rare cases when the weather has deteriorated during the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. and we feel it is too hazardous to the safety of our families. If our decision to cancel is made as late as 8:30 a.m., we will call individual families.

Preschool Registration for Fall 2008

Registration Dates for the 2008-2009 Preschool Year are as follows:

Wednesday, Jan. 2	Enrolled Brunswick Residents
Wednesday, Jan. 16	Brunswick Residents
Wednesday, Feb 27	Non-residents

You may pick up registration forms from Karen Thibodeau in the office. There will be an open house for all Preschool families as well as the public sometime in March. If you know of friends interested in exploring our Preschool setting before the March Open House, please have them contact the Head Teacher to set up a visiting time during our regular morning schedule. Children must be 3 years old by October 15, 2008 and toilet trained to register for fall 2008.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 2

FALL ENROLLMENT begins for all currently enrolled Brunswick residents.

Wednesday, January 16

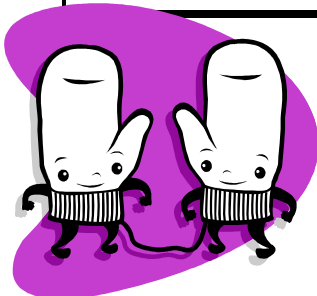
FALL ENROLLMENT begins for all Brunswick residents.

Wednesday, February 27

FALL ENROLLMENT begins for all Non-Brunswick residents.

Monday, January 21

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY NO SCHOOL



PRESCHOOL NEEDS
 Plain Brown Paper Bags
 4 oz. Baby Food Jars
 Tin Foil Pie Plates
 Green, plastic (berry) baskets
 Large, Sturdy TV/Stereo Boxes



Six Self-Esteem Builders

by Stan Davis

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1. **Let them know when they please you**
Many parents tell their children what they do *wrong*. They also need to know what they do *right*.
2. **Set limits. Say "no" -- and stick to it**
When children have reasonable boundaries and expectations, they develop self-control.
3. **Limit TV watching**
Kids who spend their time doing things learn how to do them. Kids who spend their time watching, learn only how to watch and be entertained.
4. **Teach them how to do things**
Everything a child learns is one more thing she can be proud of.
5. **Read to them**
Nothing else has as much positive effect on school achievement as reading to your children when they're young.
6. **Talking and Listening**
Learning takes place when a parent and child talk together. Children learn that their ideas are valuable when *we* listen to *them*.