

# First Congregational Learning Center

## Newsletter



### Director's Notes:

Happy New Year! I wish everyone a blessed 2018. I will be sending out more info soon but please save the date for the 3rd Annual FCLC Art Show. It will be held February 10th. We will also be hosting an FCLC and Church families game night that day. *Ms. Kimberly*

January 18th  
All classrooms

PJ Day



### Infant News (Room 204)

Happy New Year! We hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday season. We are looking forward to a happy and healthy 2018 with all the children. We would like to welcome the new children and their families, and also say goodbye to our children moving up to the toddler room. This month we will be doing some activities to help develop hand and eye coordination. Just a few reminders about the cold weather. Please remember to label everything. Please provide a coat, hat, gloves and shoes for your child. Also, make sure spare clothes are not summer clothes. We are still missing some family pictures for our board. Please try to remember to bring it in. We are always available if you have any questions or concerns.



### Toddler News (Room 202)

Happy New Year! It's 2018 and the toddlers are going to start working on laying the ground work for developing healthy habits and strengthening our bodies. We are going to engage in conversations about nutrition, appropriate portions, healthy food and our likes and dislikes at meal times. We are planning experiences to learn about our bodies, how they grow and work to move, stretch, run, jump and dance. We will identify our body parts, talk about our feelings and make connections between our physical and emotional health. We are growing up healthy and will have lots of opportunities to strengthen and refine our large muscles!



### Preschool News (Room 203)

Happy New Year, Preschool! We're ready to begin 2018! We'll begin the year with New Years, and talking about how we celebrated the new year with our families and some of our favorite family traditions. Also, what are some goals we want to achieve for ourselves in the new year? We will also be talking about the African holiday, Kwanzaa, and learn the fun customs they share with family and friends, and learn what Kwanzaa is all about! We will spend the rest of the month exploring and discussing winter animals, such as penguins, polar bear, snow owls, etc. and how they live, as well as shelters and hibernation. We'll answer the questions, 'why are these winter animals? How do they stay warm? Where do they live? What do they eat?'. We're excited to start 2018 and hope you are too!

### Preschool News (Room 205)

The new year brings the beginning of winter fun. The Downers Grove Fire Dept. will be here for their annual visit. We'll have a whole week of fire safety practices and pretending. From there we'll learn about snow, ice and penguins from our Clifford Reader. If its too cold to go outside we will explore snow and ice in our sensory table. We've also got the second half of the alphabet to learn and practice. In anticipation of the art show next month, we'll be studying artists and exploring their methods. Our center is planning a pajama party day for Thurs. January 18th. Children can wear their pajamas and slippers to school for some cool indoor fun. We will have a special treat and read some nice bedtime stories that day. The new year is off to a great start!