

First Congregational Learning Center



Save the Date:
FCLC Fifth Annual Art Show
Viewing of art will be February 27th-29th
Auction will be on Saturday, February 29th at 10a.m.



Infant News (Room 204)

Happy New Year! It's a time of new beginnings and exciting challenges. Our plan is to develop our gross and fine motor skills as we explore the world around us through our senses. We have fun activities planned to enrich the learning and discovery of different senses. Weather permitting, we will continue to venture outdoors and we hope to take advantage of different activities for infants at the local library. We are looking forward to this month as we change up our teaching styles to better support the development of the children and encourage them to try new things.

Toddler News (Room 202):

Happy New Year! With the arrival of the New Year, our toddlers are showing interest in their bodies again by how they react to action. The children will explore jumping, running, dancing, and moving their bodies to the beat of music. Our toddlers are investigating what happens if they run forward and stop suddenly.

Another activity we plan to delve into will be to wash baby dolls. This assists toddlers in gaining a better understanding of the importance of having a clean and healthy body.

At home, we encourage parents to engage in conversations about bodies; how to practice healthy hygiene by taking baths, brushing teeth, and eating healthy.

We will continue the healthy eating conversations at school by learning about our fruit and vegetable of the month. We plan to explore each one and discuss the colors, textures, and the benefits of eating them. Additionally, we will create simple cooking projects with them, allowing them to explore fruits and veggies with all their senses.

Our color focus of the month will be purple, which we will have conversations about how to make purple by mixing red and blue!

As a reminder as we continue to talk about bodies in January, please bring appropriate winter gear for your child to go on walks outside with us!

Young Preschool News (Room 203):

During the month of January we will be welcoming in a new year and a few new friends. We will continue talking about snow: what snow looks like and feels like. We will talk about all the fun things we can do in the snow. We will also be learning to master the toilet so please bring in plenty of extra weather appropriate clothes.



Preschool News (Room 205):

We had so much fun with our December activities, it'll be hard to top! The Clifford Reader will help us learn about our next letter of the alphabet. Letter "I" is for ice. We'll learn about a real frozen castle in China, make our own with sugar cubes. We'll also review the concept of hibernation before we discover arctic animals. The Downers Grove Fire Department will come for our annual visit and remind us about fire safety. Fire drills are good to practice at home. Discuss your meeting place if you have to get out and stay out. And stay tuned for information about the all-school pajama day this month too.

