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# Scranton Attendance Center

*January Newsletter*

## Happy New Year

It is important to reflect on the year as we roll into 2022. The preschool will be reflecting on the past semester with your students and how we can continue to improve our program and partner with our families more. We are so grateful to have a wonderful place to grow with your children. Santa Fe Trail prides itself on a strong early childhood program that focuses on each student as an individual. Kindergarten Readiness is our end goal as your students exit our program and supporting their social, emotional, and academic growth is a top priority. Thank you again for sharing your children with us. Happy New Year to all of you from all of us at SAC.

## Play Based Learning

Young children develop their social skills through the six stages of play. The preschool classrooms give students many opportunities to learn their social-emotional skills as well as pre-academic skills through play. This developmentally appropriate method of learning is key to preparing students for Kindergarten. We hope you will partner with us and provide your child with plenty of opportunities to learn while playing!

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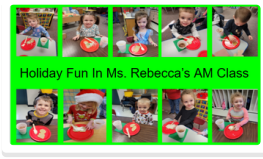
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<b>Unoccupied Play</b>	0-3 months	When baby is making movements with their arms, legs, hands, feet, etc. They are learning about and discovering how their body moves.	
<b>Solitary Play</b>	0-2 years	When a child plays alone and are not interested in playing with others quite yet.	
<b>Spectator/Onlooker Behavior</b>	2 years	When a child watches and observes other children playing but will not play with them.	
<b>Parallel Play</b>	2+ years	When a child plays alongside or near to others but does not play with them.	
<b>Associate Play</b>	3-4 years	When a child starts to interact with others during play, but there is not much cooperation required. For example, kids playing on the playground but doing different things.	
<b>Cooperative Play</b>	4+ years	When a child plays with others and has interest in both the activity and other children involved in playing.	

### Holiday Parties at the preschool!

Each class enjoyed a holiday party to end the semester. Students took their pictures with Santa, made gingerbread houses, shared holiday treats, and decorated the halls with beautiful holiday art. It has been a fun holiday season for our students and staff. We hope you all enjoyed time with family and friends and time to rest and relax.





## Friendly Reminders

### Dates to remember

JANUARY 7th- NO SCHOOL- PRESCHOOL ONLY

JANUARY 17th- NO SCHOOL- DISTRICT WIDE

JANUARY 18th- HEALTHY FUTURES DENTAL CLINIC @ SAC/HS

JANUARY 24th- NO SCHOOL- DISTRICT WIDE

FEBRUARY 4th- NO SCHOOL- PRESCHOOL WELL CHILD SCREENINGS (see flyer below to make your appointments)







**Healthy Futures Dental Clinic:** is coming to the district in January 2022. The dates of service for our district are as follows SAC/HS on 01/18/2022, OAC on 01/19/2022, CAC on 01/20/2022. This is an opt-in program. You must complete and turn in the forms to be eligible. If you have questions regarding the dental program you can contact Amanda at 785.841.7297 ext 5601 or you may email her at [aholding@heartlandhealth.org](mailto:aholding@heartlandhealth.org). Please turn in your forms to the SAC office. Online Link to the English Forms:

<https://app.formdr.com/practice/Nzk1MQ==/form/b0eJ6CwAFz01N33LKxYJX6ZPa0JSggh0>

**It's Cold Outside!** Please send your child to school with coats, hats, gloves, and warm clothing. We will take children outside for recess unless we are experiencing frigid temperatures below 20 degrees or inclement weather. If you need a new stocking hat or gloves for your child please call the preschool office. We have new items available for all preschool students.

**Winter Wellness:** Tis' the season to spread germs. Please keep your students home if they are experiencing illness. We want to keep all of our students and staff healthy so our schools are operating safely and fully staffed. The schools all have free COVID testing for district families if you are experiencing symptoms or have a known exposure.

**Gates for Busses:** Please do not drive through the gates in front of the preschool. These gates are closed for student safety during bus pick up and drop off. If you are picking up or dropping off your child for the busses please park outside of the gates. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...						
I have a fever	I am vomiting	I have diarrhea	I have a rash	I have head lice	I have an eye infection	I have been to the hospital
						
Temperature of 100° or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching and/or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching and/or "crusty" drainage from eye	Hospital stay and/or ER visit
I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN...						
Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications, such as Tylenol and Ibuprofen.	Free from vomiting for at least 24 hours.	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours.	Free from rash, itching and/or fever. I have been evaluated by a medical provider if needed.	Treated with an appropriate lice treatment and proof is provided to the school nurse.	Evaluated by my doctor and a note has been provided when I am able to return.	Released by my medical provider to return to school. I have a note with the date I can return and any restrictions I may have.
*Any time I see a doctor, it is best practice to return with a note with proof of doctor visit and any retrictions that may be a result of that visit.						



**Even Child Screening!**


**Free developmental screening for kids from birth to 5!**  
**Every "First Friday" of the month!**  
**8:30 am-10:30 am**  
**At Scranton Attendance Center**

- Who? Any child from birth-5 who hasn't attended a screening in the last year. Current preschoolers do NOT need to attend.

**For an appointment, call SAC @ 800-836-9525**

- All areas of development are screened: language, speech, cognitive, fine & gross motor, vision & hearing
- Sponsored by your local school and Three Lakes Educational Cooperative



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