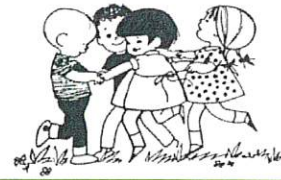


# Director's Newsletter

March 2021



"We rise by lifting others" ~Robert Ingersoll

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your efforts in keeping our staff and other families healthy. We are continuing our increased sanitation processes, having kids use their "germ catchers" for coughs and sneezes and continued hand washing. We appreciate your assistance in continuing these healthy habits at home as well.

Our teachers have had the opportunity to receive the 1<sup>st</sup> dose of the COVID vaccine, they will be receiving the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose on Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup>. Based on research and feedback from others, the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose has many more symptoms. In anticipation of the increased effects, and the potential of staff not feeling well, we will be closing school on Friday March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Registration for the 2021-22 school year is now open to the community. If you know of a family looking for a preschool, please encourage them to call to schedule a visit.

As always, please be in touch at any time with questions or concerns.

Kind Regards,  
Kim Dunaway

## DATES:

**March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>:** School Spirit Days

**March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> :** Fire Drills

**March 12<sup>th</sup>:** School Closed

**March 14<sup>th</sup>:** Daylight Savings Time Begins- "Spring" forward one hour

**March 29- April 5 :** Easter Holiday: School Closed

**April 6<sup>th</sup>:** Classes Resume

**Masks:** According to Governor Northam's Executive order, any child over the age of 5 are required to wear a mask inside and outside. If your child is turning 5 in the coming weeks/months, please be aware of this mandate. If you have any questions, please contact me either by phone or email.

## Summer Science:

Summer Science, an annual tradition at St. Matthew's, is a lot of fun and a great conclusion to the school year. Teachers are excited for the opportunity to spend a few more days with the children being scientists together: noticing the world around us, working collaboratively, and using scientific processes to solve problems.

Due to the current mandates limiting class size and the mixing of groups, Summer Science will likely look a bit different as we will need to be creative with staff, use of space and scheduling. As a result, we are looking to gauge your interest in participating. This is not a commitment, simply an acknowledgment of interest for our planning purposes.

Summer Science dates: June 1<sup>st</sup> -June 10<sup>th</sup>; 9:30am-12:30pm

Summer Science Interest Form:

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_