



All Saints' Day School

Learning Through Play Since 1969



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All Remains Well at ASDS!



Thank you all for your ongoing support and cooperation when it comes to keeping the little people that you share with us safe. We all appreciate that you have been proactive in keeping your children home when anyone in your family has been sick and your honesty with us throughout the year. Because of that, I am so happy that we are able to go into March without having had the need to close our school. That's an amazing feat in our world right now! Let's all keep it up as we get sunnier, warmer weather and the ability to be outdoors even more!

2022-2023 Registration Update



Registration for the 2022-23 school year is well underway! We are already full in our Starfish class, and most of the other classes are getting close. If you are interested in registering your child for next year, please don't delay. Thank you to all of our families that share such high praise for our school with their friends. It is because of your kind words (and our amazing teachers!) that we continue to thrive.

Chapel

It was wonderful to be able to meet again on Monday mornings to start our week off with some songs and celebration. The children love hearing Father Tom's guitar and Teacher Claudia's piano. We celebrated our February birthdays: Teacher Patsy, Teacher Devin, Hunter, and the church's secretary, Kelly. Thank you to all who have sent in small change donations. We will continue to collect through May and then it will be sent to support our local SPCA.

February 1st Teacher Inservice



The teachers and I had a very informative Inservice on February 1st. Liz Williams, owner of Tidewater Speech Therapy, gave us lots of insight into the development of pragmatic language in our preschoolers. Pragmatic language refers to our social language skills that we use in our daily lives. It includes the verbal skills we develop as well as non-verbal communication (facial expressions, eye contact, etc.). COVID mitigation strategies have caused some communication barriers in our society. Masking and social distancing have made some of our natural abilities to lip read and hear next to impossible so we've had to really rely on our voices and effortful listening to compensate.

Liz gave us some very useful ideas for developing pragmatic language in our classrooms through songs, games, and using social stories. Social stories use examples for the children to navigate how to deal with things like frustration, taking turns, being polite, just to name a few. This helps them to develop empathy and self-regulation. An easy way to work on this at home is when you are reading a story with your child, have him or her look at the picture and tell you if the character is

happy, sad, etc. Playing games where you take turns is also super helpful. Games like rolling a ball back and forth or building a block tower teach children how to take the perspective of another person. Highlighting when it's "your turn" and then "my turn" helps develop this very important skill.

Spring Soccer Shots Begins March 16th



Part of our After School Exploration Program includes Soccer Shots. You still have a bit of time to register for their spring offerings!

June DAZE 2022 With KidFit's Coach Jess



Can you believe it's time to start talking about camps? Last summer I held camp sessions at Great Neck Park. This summer I would like to keep it in-house with just our All Saints' Families; however, I need a commitment from our families as soon as possible. The last day for ASDS is Friday, May 27th. Our session for June DAZE would begin on Tuesday, May 31st and end on Thursday, June 16th. The hours are from 9:00 – 12:00. If you are interested, please let me know. Our Director, Dianne, and I will need to make a decision as soon as possible about whether we are able to keep it at the school, or if I will need to open it up to the public and take it to the park.

I am offering a discount if you register for all three weeks! \$150/ week or \$400 for all three weeks.

Your children must be in pull-ups / potty trained. If there is an accident, I will absolutely be changing them. Remember, I am a mom and always have diapers with me (LOL!). Please plan on sending your child(ren) with their lunch and a water bottle. They will also need to have sunscreen applied before they get to camp.

Let me know if you have any questions.

In Health,
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Spring Pictures...Just in time for Mother's Day!

Mark your calendars NOW for March 22nd and 23rd! That's when our spring pictures are being taken by former ASDS parent and professional photographer, Emily Hall of EBHall. Two days are scheduled to make certain we capture our two-day students.

Rise Against Hunger



We have been invited to join in a **Meal Packaging Experience** with the Great Neck Community, in the movement to end hunger by the year 2030!

The Great Neck Community is once again coming together at All Saints' Episcopal Church (where most of us vote) in partnership with **Rise Against Hunger®**. **The date is March 19th from 12:00 – 4:00**. You can help us impact more lives! This year, we are focusing on 1 BOX – 1 CHILD – 1 YEAR. Donate \$75 to fund 1 box of meals to feed 1 child 1 meal every school day for 1 year. Make sure to REGISTER YOUR FAMILY to volunteer through this link <https://rah.secure.force.com/events/homepage?id=7013Z000002vn58QAA> for this fun, family inclusive event!

Truly, there are roles for all ages, and on-site child care will be provided at no cost for the wee ones. From 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., we are hosting multiple volunteer time slots. Stay 2 hours or stay all afternoon – the choice is yours, so register now!



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Ms. Stephanie & Ms. Leslie

The Sea Otters had a busy month! We celebrated Groundhog Day by predicting what we thought Phil would do, watched a recording to see the results, and made a craft. We celebrated Valentine's Day with a fun party and card exchange. We then celebrated the 100th day of school! We ended the month learning about dinosaurs by hatching dinosaur eggs and excavating them from ice using toy hammers to get them out. These kids really know their dinosaurs! We also learned about the Olympics and our National Anthem. The letters we reviewed were G, V, and D. The Sea Otters also brought in pictures of their pets, and we used them to make a graph. We REALLY enjoyed the warm days sprinkled throughout the busy, busy, busy...but really fun short month!



Ms. Susan & Ms. Devin

We started February off with a bang! Watching Punxsutawny Phil emerging from his burrow only to see his shadow. Boo! Six more weeks of winter.

The letter Oo was for The Olympics, and we watched snowboarding and skiing. We also discussed what the Olympics were all about. Our sight word was "one" for USA and The Stingrays are #1!

Then we went to the letter Ff for football. We talked all about The Super Bowl and learned simple addition by adding touchdowns, extra points and yards. We predicted The Super Bowl winner and we all picked The Rams! We had two sight words for Ff: "funny" and "find". We also planted flowers in one of our planters with Teachers Karen and Patsy's Class.

Vv is for Valentine's Day. We had such a fun celebration for the special day. "Very" was our Vv sight word. Then 100 Days of School happened! We had special 100-year-old teacher come to teach that day! We counted to 100, shared our 100-day bottles, each filled with 100 items.

We have also started counting by 10's to 100 and doing very simple addition problems!



Ms. Sandra, Ms. Beth, & Ms. Terry

Starfish students were very busy during the month of February. We started the month by learning about Groundhog Day. We sang our Mr. Groundhog song and read a book about the special day. We played a groundhog shadow matching game. We got word that he saw his shadow, and that there were going to be six more weeks of winter. No one was thrilled about that prediction.

We moved on to the second part of the week and learned about Dental Health. We discussed how important it is to take care of your teeth and what to expect when you visit the dentist. We talked about the correct way to brush and floss your teeth, and the students practiced using our big crocodile with big teeth. We made tooth fairies to hang in the hallway, and Dr. Fitzgerald gave each student a goodie bag filled with items to keep their teeth healthy and clean.

Our week before Valentine's Day was very exciting. The children made a "V is for Valentines" by decorating the letter V with hearts. They made a special card for their parents that said "I Gnome You," and used heart shaped dollies to make a gnome. They were very eager to decorate their valentine's bags for the party. They traced numerals 1-10 that were in heart shapes and traced the heart shape by connecting the dots. The big day arrived and our party was a blast. The children helped plan it, and chose what we would eat and do. They decorated heart shaped cookies with icing and sprinkles, and handed out their valentines to their classmates and friends. The last two weeks of February were very loud in the Starfish classroom. We learned about dinosaurs and there was a lot of roaring going on throughout the class. The students learned about what they ate, what types there were, and what possibly made them become extinct. We exploded a volcano and had dinosaurs walk through lava. The children were paleontologists when they discovered dinosaur bones and fossils in a tray of bean dirt. They also helped dinosaurs escape from frozen dinosaur eggs by using tools and water spray bottles. Dinosaur fossils were made with toy dinosaurs and Play-doh®, and dinosaurs were created using Play-doh® mats. Colorful dinosaurs were made using paper plates, and the children created beautiful dinosaur silhouettes on watercolor paper that they had painted. We danced to "We are the Dinosaurs" and "Dinosaur Stomp."

With all the activity we were able to squeeze into a short month, we still managed to introduce the letters Q, V, L, and D, the numbers 11 and 12, and the heart shape. We are eager to see what March will bring to the Starfish classroom.





Ms. Karen & Ms. Patsy

February brought lots of crazy weather but it didn't stop the Sea Turtles from getting outside to play and explore. We even planted bulbs in our garden with Ms. Susan's and Ms. Devin's class. To our surprise, they have already started growing. On Valentine's Day, we passed out valentines and had a special snack to celebrate. We also continued working on our counting skills and on identifying circles and hearts. The Sea Turtles also love to sing and dance. Some of our favorite songs are *If You Are Happy and You Know It*, *Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed*, and the Wiggles' song *Rock-a-bye Your Bear*. We are looking forward to March.



Ms. Claudia of the Music and Art Studio

All sorts of amazing things happened in the studio in February! I embrace the open-ended, messy nature of *Process Art*. Because there is no right or wrong way to do things, there is no possibility of failure. *Process Art* celebrates the experience of discovery, the final product is always unique, and the focus lies in the creative process, not the outcome. Here are some glimpses at the process:

The **Sea Turtles** class enjoyed finger painting while 'baptizing' the new art smocks.



Check out these delicious oversized donuts!



The **Starfish** class was very focused, creating sculptures using wire, beads and other loose parts.



...and celebrated afterwards with colorful scarves.



The **Stingrays** enjoyed a 'Trash to Treasure' project using cardboard. Their collaborative efforts were rewarded with this stunning hanging sculpture...and explored the cabasa on the music side.



The **Sea Otters** made new connections on all levels. Their cardboard sculptures were worked in tandem with a table partner



...and the clippings were used to create portraits!



The class collaborated on connecting all loose parts on their tray to create one art piece. Oh, the fun they had!



Of course, it would not be February without Valentine's Day and some serious Heart Art!



Thank you for sharing your lovely wonder filled children with us, I am looking forward to another amazing month in the studio!



Maestra Mercedes

Hola! Febrero has felt even shorter this year...time is flying by! During this short month, your children have been working really hard on their projects. The Sea Turtles continue with their number lessons, although the highlight of my time with them is always when they get to pick their favorite fruit and they watch the number and fruit videos. They ask me for those specific videos every class and they absolutely love them! The Starfish class is getting better and better at coloring their number book. The difficulty increases every week, and the harder it gets, the better they do! They are truly amazing! Besides working on their books, we still reserve some time for them to tell me what their favorite fruit is...in Spanish, of course, as well as practicing our animal song. They love the video about farm animals! The Stingrays are doing really well on their number books. They practice their colors and numbers as they complete each page. I think you are going to be very pleased when you see the amazing job they are doing. We continue to practice our numbers by watching one of their favorite number videos. The Sea Otters class completed the lesson about the days of the week in Spanish. They did a terrific job and enjoyed watching the videos to practice them. We just started the lesson about the months of the year, and they will put both lessons together when we try to learn a song about them in the coming month. I look forward to having more fun teaching your amazing children! Gracias!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9TTN5smxcs&t=35s> Las Frutas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZiNFXntWOJw> Los números y colores

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YwYckV5hLjI> Los animales de la granja

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v7mm8MC1MgY> Días de la semana

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzhHrQbHZMA&t=36s> Los números 1-20



Coach Jess of Kid Fit

'Twas a quick February!

This month we played TONS of Valentine's games. We threw our balls to hit large heart targets. We played hopscotch and drew hearts on the ground to jump into and played with my heart flashcards that had different games and activities on them. We celebrated the Super Bowl, and played football. We worked on our balance and even did some yoga! Next month, I am looking forward to nicer weather and lots of spring games! Thank you for letting me spend Tuesday mornings with your child!

*Other KIDFit opportunities: If you're interested in after school enrichment my next session will be starting in March on Fridays!

*JUNE DAZE: After school gets out Memorial Day weekend, I will be hosting an extended school year here at the church from 9:00 – Noon with KidFit June DAZE! Please email me if you're interested! JessFitvb@gmail.com.





For the Fridge...

Date	Kids' Version	Activity	Notes
March 13 th	Daylight Savings Time Begins! Spring forward one hour.		
March 14 th Monday		Staff Inservice Day	ASDS is CLOSED to STUDENTS
March 16 th Wednesday		Soccer Shots Begins	See flyer on page 2.
March 17 th Thursday	Happy St. Patrick's Day!		
March 19 th Saturday 12:00 – 4:00			Located at All Saints' Ages 4 and up register at Link in article on page 2.
March 20 th Sunday	Happy First Day of Spring!		
March 22 nd & 23 rd Wednesday and Thursday		Spring Pictures	EB Hall (Emily) is a former ASDS parent who takes the most beautiful black and white pictures of our students.
April 1 st Friday	Don't get caught without your own April Fool's joke!		
April 11 th -15 th Monday - Friday		Spring Break	ASDS is CLOSED.
April 17 th Sunday	Happy Easter! 		
April 18 th Monday		Classes Resume	Welcome Back!