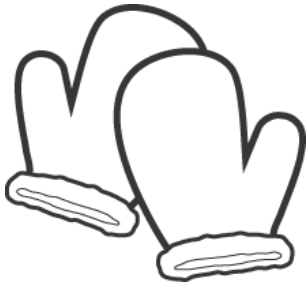




January Newsletter

Colors of My World and The Five Senses



Martin Luther King Jr. Day is Monday, January 16th. There will be no school.

Minneapolis School Choice Fair: Saturday, January 21st at the Hyatt Regency Hotel from 9 a.m.—2 p.m.
School Choice Cards Due on February 29th.

Joyce Preschool Open House for New Families: Monday, February 6th, and Wednesday, February 8th, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Please invite new families who are interested in Joyce for the 2012-2013 school year to attend.

School Choice Cards Due on February 29th.

Presidents' Day is Monday, February 20th. There will be no school.



Dear Families,

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a great holiday break.

The themes for January are colors of my world and the five senses. Use the January calendar to see which color to wear each day, and which color of snack to bring! The dramatic play area is a **doctor's office**. Families, we invite you to share your hobbies, occupations, and family traditions with the class. Play an instrument? Like to cook? Other ideas for learning about the 5 senses? Share your passions with us! Please contact one of the teachers to set a date and time. Thanks!

Alliteration and Rhyming Please help your child to learn about alliteration—words that start with the same sound like Door, Duck, and Day. Also practice words that rhyme, such as Shoe, Blue, and Zoo. We will be assessing students on these skills throughout the winter.

Learning Good Manners and Positive Behaviors

Please keep helping your child to use his/her good manners of listening, appropriate vocabulary, saying please and thank you as well as positive behaviors such as helping others, working as a team, taking turns and using their words and asking for help before using their body inappropriately. Thank you!

Severe Weather: If Minneapolis Public Schools close due to severe weather, Joyce Preschool will also close. If we cancel classes, we will contact parents, leave a message on Joyce's voicemail, and post a message on the Joyce website: www.joycepreschool.org. We will also notify families via Joyce Preschool's Facebook page.

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Minneapolis School Choice Cards are due on February 29th. If you have questions, call 612-668-1840. Para Español, llame al 612-668-3702.

Early Childhood Screening: Minnesota State Law requires that early childhood screening be completed before entering kindergarten. Minneapolis Public Schools recommends that children be screened at age three, but it can be done at age four or five. Please call 612-348-8667 (TOTS) to set an appointment. Screening is free and is done during the school year only.

Shoes: Please send shoes to school with your child if they are arriving to school in snow boots. If you would like to leave shoes here at school, please write your child's name on the bottom of the shoes with permanent marker and leave them in a clear Ziploc

bag. **Also, please remember to write your child's name on clothing** such as sweaters, hats, etc. We have several unclaimed clothing items that are located in our lost and found box.

Contact Information: Families, please make sure we have all current home, cell and work phone numbers for you and your emergency contacts. MN Licensing requires the school to have at least two emergency contacts on file. Additionally, we need contact information for your child's medical and dental providers (name, address and phone number).

Registration for 2012-2013: Registration forms for next school year will be going home this month. Current and past Joyce Preschool families have the opportunity to pre-register *before* the general public. February 3rd is the last day to turn in your registration form and nonrefundable registration payment if you plan to enroll a child at Joyce next school year.

Vino.Arte.Comunidad. 2012 will be Friday, February 17th from 7:00-10:00 pm. **A benefit for Joyce Preschool**, this event features Latin wine and a wine auction, artwork by Latino artists, Latin fusion food and a silent auction. The event will be held at the FIVE Event Center. *Early price tickets now on sale:* \$75 per ticket through February 7th (\$40 of the ticket price is tax deductible). Purchase tickets online, www.joycepreschool.org, or by calling 612-823-2447. Beginning February 8th, tickets will be \$90.

Special pre-event wine tasting from 6—7. \$130 per person (includes main event).

More info on reverse —>

January Vocabulary

Rayas	Stripes
Arcoiris	Rainbow
Vacaciones	Vacation
Feliz	Happy
Arte	Art
Felicidad	Happiness
Crayolas	Crayons
Colores	Colors
Colorear	To color
Azul	Blue
Amarillo	Yellow
Verde	Green
Anaranjado	Orange
Rojo	Red
Morado	Purple
Café	Brown
Negro	Black
Blanco	White
Gris	Gray
Mirar	See
Tocar	Touch
Escuchar	Hear/Listen
Oler	Smell
Gustar	Taste

Spring Break

Joyce will be closed for spring break April 2nd—6th.

Padres de Familia

Joyce's next workshop led in Spanish for parents will be Tuesday, January 24th.

Color Days in January

Please check the January calendar for the color of the day. Encourage your child to wear clothes and to bring a snack representing that color!

Color in the color wheel!

