

January  
2024

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one step at a time .....

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## TRUCKSVILLE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 8— PEG Undeck Halls  
Volunteers Needed

Jan. 8— Registration  
Forms Distributed

Jan. 12- Half Day

Jan. 15—NO SCHOOL  
Martin Luther King Day

Jan. 16 & 17 —  
Blue Days

Jan. 23 & 25  
Open House Tours

Jan. 30— Snow Make Up  
for Tours

2024-25  
FULL DAY

#### KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

(Starfall Curriculum)

Must be 5 by Sept 30th

14 Students Maximum

&

1st Grade

(McGraw Hill Curriculum)

10 Students Maximum

Jan. 22nd— Mrs. Conforti

Jan. 31st—Mrs. Lee

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

TECEC's Scholastic Online  
Book Order Code  
GZG8M

## REGISTRATION FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

**JANUARY 8—** Forms Distributed to our  
Education Center, Alumni,  
& Church Families.  
Registration Begins.  
All Current families must  
re-register for next year.

**JANUARY 23rd-25th—Registration Open  
for New Families**

### Open House Week

Prospective New Families are encouraged to utilize  
this time to tour our facilities and pose questions to  
our staff on open house group tours.

**JANUARY 23rd & 25th (5-7pm)**

Open House Group Tours Call to Register.  
(570) 696-3899

Snow make up day Feb. 1st





## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### SNOW CLOTHING AND DELAYED SCHEDULE

We are looking forward to "all the experiences we will share together" during the new year. Hopefully, the children will have ample opportunity to play in the snow and build fabulous snowmen and discover the wonders of the winter season. Please send your child's labeled snow clothes to school in a labeled tote bag when your teacher sends you a Bloomz message. Keep in mind teachers have many students to assist. Keep it simple please! (mittens instead of gloves, closures children can manipulate, etc.) We do not go out on days when the temperature or wind-chill is below 25 degrees.

Remember announcements concerning schedule changes due to inclement weather will be placed on TV Stations Channel 16, 22 & 28 & facebook and School Bloomz. However, if Dallas School District cancels or delays, we will also.

### MANY THANK YOUs.....

Thank you to all who decorated TECEC for the holidays and those who participated in our Holiday Workshop and Store. Our PEG committee did an outstanding job. The elves had a fun time and the children were thrilled with their purchases. (Fundraisers provide this fun experience)

Thank you parents and caregivers for your patience in our parking lot when you bring your children to school and at dismissal time. You and your child's safety is our priority.

Our students and families also donated \$150 and supplies to Mama Bird.

Thank you to everyone who donated toys so generously to "Maddy's Gift" in our lobby. They had a wonderful turn out this Christmas. The Children and their families at Geisinger were so thankful for your kindness.

Thank you to who all helped with our Scholastic Book fair. Hannah Butterwick, Rianna Karalunas, Meghan Nutche, Laura Pluchinsky, Kelly Malarkey, Jordon Benn, Jamie desRosiers, Bill desRosiers, Robin desRosiers

Thank you all who helped our children at the Santa Shop. Christine Wine, Megan Dutko, Courtney Burridge, Kathryn Golecki, Rob Falls, Meghan Nutche, Marisa Gianni, Hannah Butterwick, Debbie Mamola, Tiffany Streznetcky, Jordan Benn, Christine Marcos, Kelly Malarkey, Michael Marcos, Erin Barlow

### A NOTE REGARDING DELAYED SCHEDULES

Winter is coming and listed below are the Delayed Schedules for Snow Delays:



Before Care will begin at 9:30a.m.

- 3's and Y4's Classes will meet 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
- PG and 4's Classes will meet 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- Mrs. Collins' Kindergarten Class will meet at 10:15 a.m.—2:45 p.m.

Normal Pre-school and Kindergarten for dismissal and after care. closings and delays. Delay messages will read **1 hour delay**. You can also check our FB Page and Bloomz for delays and closings.

If the Dallas School District is Closed we are Closed for Snow.

### Kindergarten & 1st Grade

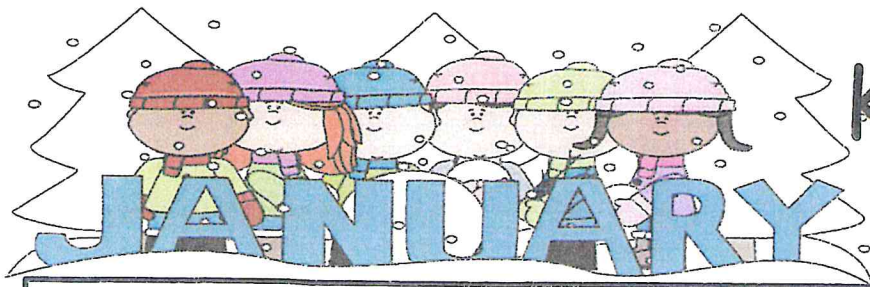
#### KINDERGARTEN \*Full Day Kindergarten—9:15-2:45

Our Kindergarten class size is limited to 14 children, promoting opportunities for more individualized instruction. We utilize Starfall and Starfall Math Curriculums, and implement Writers Workshop, utilizing the Lucy Calkins model. The Starfall Curriculum is research based and field tested. It incorporates reading and language art skills and strategies with social studies and science, and employs technology in the classroom. The curriculum meets and exceeds PA Standards for Kindergarten. You can learn more about Starfall by visiting [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com) and click on Kindergarten Curriculum, then Curriculum at a Glance.

#### \*Full Day First Grade—9:00-3:00

Our 1st Grade class size is 10 children for a smaller class size and individual instruction. We use the McGraw Hill Curriculum and implement gym, art, music and excitement into our daily learning. Report cards and conferences are given. The curriculum enhances and moves forward from our Kindergarten Curriculum. The requirements meet and exceed PA standards of Learning for First Grade. You can add before and after care if needed with your families schedules.





# Kindergarten Connection

Happy New Year to you and your family! The goal of the Kindergarten Connection for T.E.C.E.C. is to provide information to current and prospective Kindergarten families. Our current Kindergarten class has been having an amazing year! Through the Starfall curriculum, students are making tremendous progress towards becoming independent readers and are also familiarizing themselves with American Sign Language. Our mascot, Backpack Bear, is a constant friend who motivates his classmates to grow and explore. Our math curriculum, Starfall Mathematics, is carefully designed to build and expand a student's mathematical proficiency and understanding. During Writer's Workshop, students will continue to strive to write stories with a beginning, middle and end. If you are considering our program for your child next year, please do not hesitate to talk with Mrs. Strutko, Mrs. Collins, Ms. Nelson, Mrs. Banks, or any of our current Kindergarten parents. If you are interested in a possible First Grade, please be sure to fill out the survey that was sent home.

During January, children will review each letter and its sound and we will begin discovering vowels. Learning to blend these letters and sounds to make words makes for very excited early readers. The Kindergarteners are doing an amazing job at writing and illustrating books in Writer's Workshop with Ms. Nelson on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons!

We will begin a discussion about our Solar System including planets and constellations. As part of the fun, together as a class we will write a story about an imaginary walk through the night sky! The class will continue to practice using their "kid writing" to write about their illustrations. We have been enjoying our Top Secret Reader on Friday afternoons in which a child's family member comes in as a surprise reader to read a favorite story to the class!



**Note to Kindergarten Parents:** Kindergarten students will go outside for recess daily, weather permitting. Please dress your child appropriately for the colder weather. When we have a significant amount of snow, we will go outside to play in it. It will be necessary to send in snow clothes and boots at that time. It is very helpful that your child is able to put on winter gear independently including fastening buttons, snaps, zippers, and putting on boots and gloves.

# JANUARY 2024



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1  NO SCHOOL	2  School Resumes	3	4	5
8 Registration Forms To TECEC Families And TUMC Members	9	10	11	12  HALF DAY
15  NO SCHOOL	16  <div>Blue Days</div>	17	18	19
22	23 <div>5-7 pm Open House Tours for New Families</div>	24	25 <div>5-7 pm Open House Tours for New Families</div>	26
29	30 Snow Make up for Open House	31	