



Newsletter: Oct 6 - 10, 2025



I've got the JOY JOY JOY JOY down in my heart. Down in my heart ... goes the children's song. JOY, the Bible theme for the month of October, is an emotion we all want to have. The good thing is JOY can be found in the small things we experience daily. Delicious food; the chirping birds; the baby smell of your child; the warmth of holding your child's hand.

My recent encounters of JOY: Seeing the children's faces light up when they sing/dance to a song they love; enjoying tonkatsu in Tokyo; hearing the ocean breeze; and reading the children's book *Tickle Monster*, by Josie Bissett.

Slow down and take a few moments every day to find JOY in the small things.

Learn this song with your child: <https://youtu.be/hpDrndhk1ko?si=BL6BtTzOCvwkhQRP>.

Read *Tickle Monster* with your child HERE:

https://youtu.be/JuhMNCQ4x8Q?si=y2Ktv97v_bDFwvyY&t=5

1. Theme of the Week

Theme: Letter E. Show & tell is on Friday. Please bring in an item that starts with the letter E. It is helpful to encourage your child to share something about the item he/she chose to bring. Help your child answer one of the 5WH questions - What, When, Who, Where, Why, or How.

2. Paint job around the campus

Monday, 10/6, through Friday, 10/31, painters will be working on all buildings in phases. During this period, some playground areas may need to be blocked off for safety.



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There may be some noise and dust along the way. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we take care of these improvements!

3. HOPE money from the Open House

If you are one of the 6 parents who won a \$25 HOPE money from the Open House, please bring it to Ms. Shirley and she will give you \$25 credit in your child's account. If she is not in the office, you can write down your child's name and class on the back of the money, then put it in the school mail box, which is outside of the school office. She will give you credit as well.

4. Workshop 1 Slide Show

Thanks Ms. Samantha & Ms. Suki for a fun workshop. If you are interested for what they shared, click the following link for the slides: <https://shorturl.at/0BREc>

5. Church Singing - 10/12/2025 (Sun) 9am English Service

Penguins & Owls will be singing during the English Service on Sunday, Oct 12, at the 9:00 am service. All children are asked to participate, unless excused by their teacher for special reasons. As it is difficult for children to sit through the service, we asked that the Penguins & Owls students be dropped off at room 6 at 8:45 am while parents proceed to chapel for service. Please dress children neatly for church. Thank you!

6. Early Dismissal - 10/17/2025 (Fri)

4:30pm Early Dismissal (Staff Meeting)

7. Mark Your Calendars

2025-2026 School Year (You can view the calendar on our [website](#))

We will notify you ASAP when change is necessary. (updated: 8/29/2025)

10/12/2025 (Sun) 9:00am	Church Singing @ English Worship (Penguins & Owls)
10/15/2025 (Wed)	Fall Picture Day for Bunnies, Colts, & Dolphins
10/16/2025 (Thu)	Fall Picture Day for Ducklings, Alligators, Owls, & Siblings
10/17/2025 (Fri)	Fall Picture Day for Bears, Lemurs, & Penguins *** No make-up day, so please try your best to bring your child in for individual pictures and class pictures.
10/17/2025 (Fri)	4:30pm Early Dismissal (Staff Meeting)
10/24/2025 (Fri)	Costume Parade & Harvest Carnival on campus
11/1/2025 (Sat)	Saturday Parent/Staff Work Day 1:00 – 4:00pm
11/7/2025 (Fri) 5-6pm	Workshop 2: Cooking with Children by Sarah & Windy
11/11/2025 (Tue)	Veterans Day (school closed)
11/27 – 28/2025 (Thu-Fri)	Thanksgiving Holiday (school closed)
12/13/2025 (Sat)	Christmas Program: 4s & 5s @3:30pm; 2s & 3s @5:00pm
12/24/2025 (Wed)	Early Dismissal @ 12:30pm



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12/25/2025– 1/2/2026 (Th-F)	Christmas/New Year Break (school closed)
1/5/2026 (Mon)	Staff Work Day (school closed)
1/6/2026 (Tue)	School Resumes
1/12 - 2/20/2026 (M-F)	Parent/Teacher Conference
	1/12 (M), 13 (T), 14 (W): Ducklings
	1/15 (Th), 16 (F), 20 (T): Bunnies
	1/21 (W), 22 (Th), 23 (F): Dolphins
	1/26 (M), 27 (T), 28 (W): Colts
	1/29 (Th), 30 (F), 2/2 (M): Owls
	2/3 (T), 4 (W), 5 (Th): Alligators
	2/9 (M), 10 (T), 11 (W): Bears
	2/12 (Th), 13 (F), 17 (T): Penguins
	2/18 (W), 19 (Th), 20 (F): Lemurs
1/19/2026 (Mon)	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (school closed)
1/23/2026 (Fri)	Snow Day
1/25/2026 (Sun) 1-3pm	Family Day (Ducklings, Colts, Dolphins, Bunnies)
2/6/2026 (Fri)	4:30pm Early Dismissal (Staff Meeting)
2/8/2026 (Sun) 10:30am	Church Singing @ Cantonese Worship (Bunnies & Alligators)
2/11/2026 (Wed) 5-6pm	Workshop 3: 2/11/2026 (W) Beyond the Screen: Finding Letters & Numbers All Around Us by Duane and Amy
2/16/2026 (Mon)	Presidents' Day (school closed)
3/5/2026 (Thurs) 5-6pm	Workshop 4: Meals without screens By Carrie & Kristina
3/7/2026 (Sat)	Saturday Parent/Staff Work Day 1:00 – 4:00pm
3/11/2026 (Wed)	Spring Picture Day for Bunnies, Colts & Dolphins
3/12/2026 (Thu)	Spring Picture for Ducklings, Alligators & Owls
3/13/2026 (Fri)	Spring Picture for Bears, Lemurs & Penguins ***Cap & gown pictures for kindergarten bound children
3/22/2026 (Sun) 1-3pm	Family Day (Owls, Bears, Penguins, Alligators, Lemurs)
3/26 - 27/2026 (Th & F)	Staff Development and In-Service (school closed)
4/2/2026 (Thu)	Easter Egg Hunt on Campus
4/3/2026 (Fri)	Good Friday (school closed)
4/12/2026 (Sun) 9:00am	Church Singing @ English Worship (Bears & Lemurs)
4/15/2026 (Wed) 5-6pm	Workshop 5: Do You Spend More Screen Time or Green Time with Your Child? By Daniel & Winnie X.
4/24/2026 (Fri)	Field Trip (Happy Hollow)
5/3/2026 (Sun) 1-3pm	Family Day (Ducklings, Colts, Dolphins, Bunnies)
5/8/2026 (Fri)	Mother's Day Activity 3:30 - 5:00pm
5/11-15/2026 (Mon-Fri)	Teacher Appreciation Week
5/15/2026 (Fri)	4:30pm Early Dismissal (Staff Meeting)
5/18 - 6/26/2026 (M-F)	Parent/Teacher Conference (Class specific dates to be determined)
5/25/2026 (Mon)	Memorial Day (school closed)
5/30/2026 (Sat)	Saturday Parent/Staff Work Day 1:00 – 4:00pm



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6/12/2026 (Fri)	Father's Day Activity 3:30 – 5:00pm
6/14/2026 (Sun) 10:30am	Church Singing @ Cantonese Worship (Colts & Dolphins)
6/19/2026 (Fri)	Juneteenth (school closed)
6/28/2026 (Sun)	Family Day for Incoming New Families 1:00 - 3:00pm
7/3/2026 (Fri)	Independence Day Substitute (school closed)
7/21-24/2026 (Tue-Fri)	Preschool Promotion Program 10:30 – 11:30am
	Tuesday 7/21 Owls
	Wednesday 7/22 Penguins
	Thursday 7/23 Bears
	Friday 7/24 Lemurs
8/12 – 14/2026 (Wed-Fri)	School Cleaning Days/Staff Work Days (school closed)