



TodayCare Times

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A Newsletter for St. Joseph's Child Care Center

Happy New Year!

Up-Coming...

- **New Year's Day** - January 1st.
- **No VPK Days** - January 2nd - 6th.
- **Martin Luther King** - January 16.

The team at St. Joseph's Child Care Center wishes you peace, joy and prosperity throughout the coming year. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to working with you in the years to come.



SCHOOL CLOSURE

The school will be closed on Monday, January 2nd, for New Year's.

Procare Electronic System

As you know, this year we are implementing a new electronic system called Procare. Please be patient with us in case there are some technical issues at the beginning. Only those with pick-up authorization in the Emergency Contact Information form will be authorized to pick-up your children.

This system will host family accounting (balances and dues), allow payments using your checking account information and keep all information organized and gathered more efficiently.

Parents,

Don't forget to keep two full changes of clothes in your child's cubby for those little emergencies. And please remember to include socks and extra underwear (for children who wear them), and to label all of the items. Also, please check often to make sure the extra clothes are weather appropriate, and that they still fit your child.

The SJCC Parent Advisory Board meets on the third Friday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in our Teacher's Lounge

Meeting Dates 2023:

January 20

February 17

March 17

April 21

May 19

June 16

July 21

August 18

September 15

October 20

November 17

December 15

Please join us.

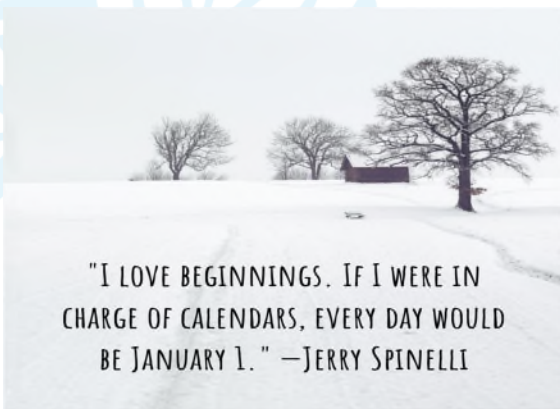


Book Selections for January

- ◆ **The Snowy Day** by Ezra Jack Keats
- ◆ **Pigloo** by Anna Marie Pace
- ◆ **Williams Winter Nap** by Linda Ashman
- ◆ **The Thing About Yetis** by Vin Vogel
- ◆ **The Itsy Bitsy Snowman** by Jeffrey Burton
- ◆ **Little Penguins** by Cynthia Ryland
- ◆ **Red Sled** by Lita Judge
- ◆ **How to Catch a Snowman** by Adam Wallace

ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH YOUR CHILDREN

- Take a train ride from the Amtrak station in Jacksonville to downtown Winter Park.
- Go to Marineland Dolphin Adventure, the Alligator Farm, the Castillo de San Marcos, the Bridge of Lions and the pirate ship "The Black Raven" in St. Augustine.
- Catty Shack Ranch Wildlife Sanctuary will be thrilling as you observe the big cats in their natural surroundings.
- Watch the Mermaid show at Weeki Wachee Springs for a real-life version of *The Little Mermaid*.
- Crystal River on the Gulf Coast is where you can swim with manatees in the winter.
- Black Hammock Adventures on Lake Jessup has free bird and live alligator exhibits.
- Lake Eola Park in downtown Orlando has 43 acres of recreational area for you to picnic.
- Bring the kids camping at Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort.
- LEGO Imagination Center in Disney's marketplace is a huge 4400 sq. ft. space for children to explore and build to their wildest imagination with Legos; and it's all free.
- Disney's Boardwalk has free live entertainment in the evenings.
- Coral Castle Museum in Miami has been featured many times on television.
- Lowe Art Museum on the University of Miami campus.
- Xtreme Indoor Karting is the fastest indoor go carting facility in Fort Lauderdale.
- Everglades Alligator Farm in Florida's Everglades has an exciting airboat ride.
- Jungle Island in Miami boasts a wide variety of rare and exotic wildlife, birds, monkeys, and flora.
- IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame and Museum in Dania Beach, Florida.
- See the Key West Aquarium with exotic fish, giant sea turtles, sharks, and more, all native to Key West, Florida.
- Check out the Miami Science Museum with its Smithsonian Expeditions.



EASY MOZZARELLA CHEESE SNOWMAN

- ½ cucumber
- 250g mozzarella cheese pearls
- 2 slices carrot
- Handful black sesame seeds

Cut 12 rounds, each around 1 cm thick, from the cucumber. Using a mini round cutter, cut circles from the cucumber slices to form the bases of your snowmen.

Push a cocktail stick into the top of a cucumber slice so that it is standing vertically. Carefully push two mozzarella pearls onto the cocktail stick to make the snowman body and head.

Cut the carrot slices into tiny triangle wedges for the snowman noses. Push a carrot nose into the head piece of the snowman.

Add black sesame seed eyes and buttons to the snowman, pressing them gently to the cucumber slice. Press the mozzarella pearl to place.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...!



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- ★ *Trey - January 1* ★
- ★ *August Centrone - January 2* ★
- ★ *Miles Howard - January 15* ★
- ★ *Zain Nimeh - January 18* ★
- ★ *Olivia Savinon - January 21* ★
- ★ *Thomas Mann - January 21* ★
- ★ *Oliver Castells - January 25* ★
- ★ *Palmer Rabold - January 25* ★
- ★ *Lilly Watters - January 31* ★

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