

## Welcome to 2017 & Happy New Year!



**You're off to  
Great places!  
Today is your day!  
Your mountain  
is waiting, so...  
Get on your way!**

**- Dr Seuss -**

Welcome to 2017 everyone! Hope all of you had a wonderful holiday and were able to enjoy the break with family and friends. It is hard to believe the school year is half over. But it is proving to be fun one already. I know I am looking forward to the weather turning nice and more days outside in the sunshine. Also, I hope you all are as excited as I am about our new space at St. James Episcopal just down the street. Please be sure to ask your teachers/co-chairs/Class presidents if you have any questions regarding these changes and our new space. Enjoy the rest of the week everyone!!

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## Teacher's Corner

I won't always cry, Mommy,  
When you leave the room.  
And my supermarket tantrums  
Will too end soon.

I won't always wake, Daddy,  
For cuddles through the night.  
And one day you will miss  
Having a chocolate face to wipe.

You won't always wake to find my foot  
Is kicking you out of bed.  
Or find me sideways on my pillow,  
Where you want to lay your head.

You won't always have to carry me  
In asleep from the car.  
Or piggy back me down the road,  
When my little legs can't walk that far.

So cherish every cuddle.  
Remember them all.  
One day, Mommy,  
I won't be this small.

~ Submitted by Teacher Cindy



## Weather Reminder

Remember we are still in the winter months and can get some bad weather, especially if the evening/night temperatures drop below freezing. Remember to check before heading to classes if the weather is bad. KM follows the Kent School district so if the schools in Kent are running late by one hour the morning classes will be cancelled. Also, please use caution when driving down the big hill to the school when the roads are icy, as it can be very dangerous. The teachers may also use their own discretion when it comes to weather conditions. Be sure to check with classmates, teachers or on Facebook when the weather is bad!



### KM Shout Out!

A Huge THANK YOU to My Gym of Kent for all the support they have given to our preschool. Not only have they given us numerous gift certificates for our various events and programs, but they work hard to advertize our preschool at their facility as well. Thank you so much to My Gym of Kent for your continuous support!!!

**My Gym of Kent**

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### Kindergarten Readiness Night

This is a wonderful and informative session presented by Donna Mayer, a former KM Co-Op parent, Kent School District kindergarten teacher, and current reading specialist in the Auburn School District. Donna will cover expectations for your student as they enter public school, strategies you can do at home, and frequently asked questions for new families entering the elementary school system.

It is strongly recommended that Green, Blue, and Purple class parents attend as part of their parent education requirements but this session is helpful for Red and Orange parents as well as you can start prepping your student now for the most successful transition to kindergarten.

Tuesday, March 28th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Preschool

### Thank You!!



Have you noticed how clean the carpets at preschool are? We sure have! Thank you so much Brothers Carpet Cleaning & More for taking the time to clean our carpets and rugs. They came in before classes resumed in January and helped us to start off 2017 right. Thank you so much!!

### February Fundraisers



Get ready! Our February Fundraisers are Yankee Candles and Jamba Juice cards!! Let your friends/family/co-workers/neighbors know you can hook them up! Be on the lookout for additional information via email soon!



## Orange Class

In the last couple months, Orange class seemed to be making leaps and bounds. We all had a nice break during the holidays and are back to our routines in class. The children are feeling more comfortable and their silly personalities are showing. It is amazing to watch these little kids grow from young 2 years old to the confident self they are now. If you look around our classroom, there are more children dancing during open circles, more conversations are being had between the kids and more friendships being made. These aren't the same kids that started in September shyly sitting on their parents lap. They are growing up right before our eyes.



How many kids from Orange Class can fit in a bus? It seemed like they all tried to get in at the same time 😊

## Green Class

The kids are glad to be back from vacation and back in class. The kids have gotten to play in fake snow in the sensory table, and the kinetic sand was a big hit as well. They got to play dress up and we had a lot of princesses and knights, along with a couple fearsome dragons. We went on a field trip to go see The Boy Who Cried Wolf at the Carco Theater in Renton. My kiddo I know liked Sam the shepherd and the wolf. We will be ending the month with a teddy bear picnic and parade. It promises to be a lot of fun.

## Purple Class

Beep beep! The kids of Purple class enjoyed decorating big boxes with paint, wheels, headlights, many creative flourishes, and even personalized license plates! Then they took their awesome car creations to a drive-in movie. How cool is that?! This month we've also done art and exploration with ice and winter themes. (We now have an ENORMOUS water color snowflake taped to our window at home.) Our field trip this month was to a play at Story Book Theater; in class the next day the dress-up unit was out and the kids got to design their own costumes and roles. Starting in this new year, each child gets a turn to bring a poster and a favorite book to her or his own VIP day. It is fun to learn about our friends, their families, their favorite things, and what makes each of us special.

A HUGE thank you to Gina from Teacher Cindy!  
"She stays after class almost every day to mop the floor in our classroom. The church has cut way back on their janitor service and without her help our floors would be really bad. She also came in after break to clean the bathrooms for us so they would be clean upon our arrival!"

ReBecca and Gina also came in to help move furniture so our carpets and rugs could be cleaned.  
Thanks ladies for going above and beyond!!

## Class Photos

Class photos are scheduled for February 6th, 7th, & 8th. If your class falls on one of these days, you will have the option to pay for an individual portrait to be taken of your child by Yuen Lui. Photos will be taken during your class. Pricing for these portraits as follows:

**Package A – Basic \$20**

- 2 – 3x5
- 8 – Wallets

**Package B – Classic \$30**

- 2 – 5x7
- 16 – Wallets

**Package C – Deluxe \$35**

- 1 – 8x10
- 2 – 5x7
- 8 – 3x5
- 16 – Wallets
- Complementary Studio 8x10 Gift Certificate

**Package D – Ultimate \$50**

- 2 – 8x10
- 4 – 5x7
- 8 – 3x5
- 24 – Wallets
- 1 – Digital Image
- Complementary Studio 8x10 Gift Certificate

You should have received a pricing form in your child's box this last week. You can pay online or the day of your classes' photos. They make online payments easy. If paying by cash or CC, please do not combine payment for multiple children. Do fill out an envelope and include payment for each child.

For those that like to plan wardrobes for picture day, the backdrop we've traditionally chosen is blue with a subtle cloud pattern.

Large group class photos will also be taken the same day. These photos have been complimentary to all students in the past.



As you know we are a co-op preschool and our board is run by volunteers. And we need help! Our outgoing Purple class is headed to kindergarten and they have done an amazing job stepping up to lead but now there are a lot of spots open for next year. If you are interested in any of these spots please let Kris or Eileen know. They are more than happy to talk about the time commitment and responsibilities.

Board meetings are once a month except during July, they are usually the second Tuesday of the month 7-9pm. The day of week may change with a new location. Open positions include:

Co-Chair (1 position, working closely with Kris Thompson)

Vice-Chairs (2 positions)

Tuition Treasurer (1 position)

Health and Safety

Purchaser

Please let us know if you are interested!

**Don't forget that Tuition is due to the preschool on the 1st of every month! If you haven't already mailed out that check, do so now. Be sure to check out the website to find out how to use PayPal to pay tuition as well.**



### Upcoming Events & Reminders

February 7th – Green Class Cleaning  
February 21st – KM Board Meeting  
February 20-24th – Mid-Winter Break No Classes  
February 28th – Purple Class Family Night  
  
March 7th – Blue Class Family Night  
March 28th – Kindergarten Readiness Night  
March 21st – Red Class Family Night  
March 28th – Yellow Class Cleaning  
  
April 4th – Green Class Family Night  
April 10th-14th – Spring Break No Classes  
April 25th – All School Meeting  
  
May 2nd – KM Board Meeting  
May 9th – Red Class Cleaning  
May 19th – Last Day of Classes  
May 23rd – End of the Year Picnic



Don't forget, newsletter submissions are welcome from any member of the preschool! Do you have a funny story about your class or something special you'd like to share? Did you snap that super cute pic on your phone & want to share? Send your submissions my way!

Comments or suggestions? Contact Mary Henson:  
[mary.charlee@gmail.com](mailto:mary.charlee@gmail.com)

### Method to Clean Pee Out of a Mattress

I have used this recipe a few times lately and it seems to work for us. Sadly, our waterproof mattress pad has lost its mojo only one year after we purchased it. But with at least one washing a week, that's a lot of wear and tear on something.

~ From Jen Finch

1. Remove all sheets, blankets, any mattress covers, etc. and wash.
2. Blot (don't scrub!) the urine with a large towel, getting up as much of the liquid as possible.
3. Lightly spray the entire urine spot with white vinegar and let stand for five to ten minutes.
4. Continue to blot out any liquid.
5. Cover entire area with baking soda. Let stand for 8-10 hours. (Ideally, you will do this first thing in the morning, as soon as you discover the pee!)
6. Vacuum up the baking soda.
7. Repeat the process if the stain and odor are not gone to your liking. The odor *should* be completely gone, but you may still have a faint stain.

"Play is the process by which children are learning"  
~ Fred Rogers