

Dates To Remember

- JANUARY 2ND—FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL!
- JANUARY 15TH—DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
- FEBRUARY 19TH—PRESIDENTS' DAY SCHOOL CLOSED

Refer a Friend

If you know any **friends or family** who might be interested in our wonderful preschool program, please invite them to our preschool. Our reputation and your referrals are our best source of advertisement. In appreciation of your referral, we offer a **\$150 tuition credit** on your next month's tuition when your friend or family enrolls their child at The Enriching Hour. We thank you for the many referrals.

Notes From The Teacher:

January 2024

During the month of December we learned about wonderful holiday traditions and family customs. Our children can begin to value diversity when they are exposed to celebrations and traditions that may be different from their own. The holidays are a special time for families to create lasting memories.

Thank you to the many families and children who gave such thoughtful Holiday remembrances and gifts to the Staff. Thank you for donating refreshments for our rainy Sing Along! Your kindness is gratefully appreciated.

During the month of January we will be exploring winter topics such as snow, polar bears, penguins and hibernation! The children will

have the opportunity to dress up in "winter gear" in our Dramatic Play corners. If any families have old winter items that would enhance our activities, please bring them in! Shaving cream, soap suds and Styrofoam pieces will serve as our "snow" for various projects.

Please remember to send your child to school with weather appropriate clothing. We have cool mornings and evenings and enjoy using our outdoor play areas. Children also need safe, supportive shoes for an active day at school. Dress-up shoes are not appropriate for outdoor playground activities. Also, check with your child's teacher to see if the extra clothes we have at school for your child are warm enough for this time of year. **Label all clothing and possessions.**



Thank You

The Enriching Hour would like to thank all of the families who donated food and supplies to our MANNA boxes to make our less fortunate neighbors' holidays brighter. Your donations were warmly received.

Teacher Highlights



Ms. Barbara has been teaching at The Enriching Hour since 2014 and is currently a Teacher in our pre-K program with Ms. Juliet. She lives in Ventura and has one adult son.

Ms. Barbara is a graduate of the University of California at Santa Barbara, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. She holds an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Studies from Ventura College, and is certified in Early Childhood Education from the State of California.

Ms. Barbara began teaching in 1990, and has primarily taught Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten. She was nominated for “Star Service” in the Southwest Naval Region of the United States for her work as a Kindergarten teacher with the Navy in 2001.

In her spare time, Ms. Barbara enjoys water activities, yoga, hiking, reading, and spending time with friends and family. She values the opportunity to work with the children, families and staff here at The Enriching Hour Preschool.



Happy New Year

Notice To All Parents

The State of California Department of Social Services sets certain standards for the safety and well being of all children. The current requirements from this agency refer directly to the Sign-In/Sign-Out sheets that are on the clipboards outside each classroom. The State is requiring that the adult signing a child in or out, do



so by signing their full legal name and enter the time of day the child is accepted into the school and the time of day the child is released from school. These sheets are legal documents and are the only required record of the children placed in our care for the day. It is **EXTREMELY** important that you sign your child in and out. In case of an emergency and evacuation, these clipboards are our means of knowing which children are attending school or if they have been picked up early.

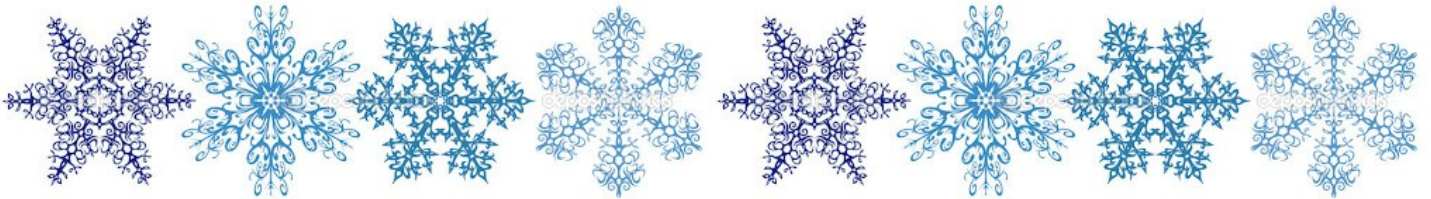
The Department of Social Services collects a \$100.00 fine per unsigned child in a facility. In the event that we receive such fines due to a lack of signatures, we will have to collect the fine from the appropriate families. Please help us keep our children safe by signing them in and out correctly. If you forget to sign your child in/out, please note you will be called to come back to school to sign your child in/out. Thank you for your continuous help in this matter.



Preschool Calendar 2023-2024

The following is a list of school closure dates. Please keep these dates for your reference during the school year. You will be reminded of these and other important dates in the monthly Newsletter under “Dates to Remember”. We do attempt to implement the same holidays as those offered in the local public school district.

WINTER HOLIDAY	December 22, 2023-January 1, 2024
MARTIN LUTHER KING	January 15, 2024
PRESIDENTS’ DAY	February 19, 2024
IN SERVICE	March 11, 2024
SPRING HOLIDAY	March 29 & April 1, 2024
MEMORIAL DAY	May 27, 2024
SCHOOL YEAR ENDS	June 28, 2024 (half day)
SUMMER HOLIDAY	July 1-5, 2024
SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS	July 8, 2024 (first day)



Presidents’ Day Holiday



February 19, 2024

School Closed