

JANUARY

Grace ECC News



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UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

- 5 - Classes Resume
- 5 - 2026-27 Re-enrollment Opens Online
- 15-16 - 100 & 101 Day of School!
- 19- MLK, Jr., *ECC OPEN*
- 22 - Medium Lockdown Drill
- 29-30 - Preschool Progress Reports Sent Home
- 29-30 - Character Dress Up Days

FEBRUARY

- 3 - Fun in the Sun Enrollment Begins
- 12-13 - Valentine's Day Parties
- 23 - President's Day, *ECC OPEN*



Winter Closings & Delays

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

Closings and delays due to weather are a possibility this winter! All closings and delays will be decided and announced by 6:15 a.m. and posted on Grace-ECC.com main page. We will also send a **MojoTxt** text to parents and staff if there is a 2-hour delay or if we need to close.

To receive our text messages, you must sign up. For information on how to sign up, please stop by the office. For more information on our closing policy, please refer to the Parent Handbook.



Re-enrollment Opens

BEGINNING JANUARY 5TH

Exciting news, ECC families! Starting Monday, January 5, we're thrilled to open re-enrollment for the 2026-27 academic year, which begins in August 2026! Registration is quick and easy through our online system. If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to visit our office—we're here to help!

Remember, even if you've recently enrolled your child, you'll need to complete the re-enrollment process and pay the non-refundable \$150 fee to secure your spot. If you're interested in our Enrich 4/5 program (previously known as Pre-K+), be sure to check out the specific enrollment forms for more details. Spots are limited, and class placement is based on the order in which re-enrollment forms and fees are received. We'll send acceptance notices in April, and we can't wait to welcome your child back for another fantastic year!



Blessed by your Generosity

THANK YOU

The Office Staff is genuinely grateful to everyone for the generous, delightful gifts you shared before the Christmas Break. Your thoughtful kindness was an unexpected blessing that brought us joy and warmth—thank you for making our season brighter!

Thank you

Another Successful Polaris Gift Shop

THANK YOU

Grace Polaris Church would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to making a child's Christmas a little brighter. On Saturday, December 6, the church hosted its 3rd annual Polaris Gift Shop. Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, the gift shop was able to provide six gifts per family for just \$2 each. A total of 181 guests shopped for 468 children. Nearly 1,100 toys, coats, and gifts were sold, resulting in \$2,220 in proceeds that will be donated to six public schools to support children in need.

Additionally, almost 500 leftover toys were sent to the Gahanna Gift Shop to assist families in need there. The 150 remaining gifts for teenagers were delivered to Star House Columbus, an organization that partners with teens and young adults as they transition out of homelessness and work towards stability in a supportive community. Founded in 2006, Star House is Central Ohio's only drop-in center specifically for youth and young adults aged 14-24.





Feeling unwell?

KEEP YOUR SICK CHILD HOME

If your child isn't feeling well, we kindly ask you to keep them at home to ensure a quick recovery. It's best not to use fever-reducing medications that might hide their symptoms, as this can cause discomfort and possibly spread illness to others at school. Please take a moment to review our illness policy in the Parent Handbook. We ask that your child remains home until they've been symptom-free for a full 24 hours. Together, we can help everyone stay healthy and thriving! Thank you for your understanding and support!



Will your child be absent?

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE

We'd love to hear from you if your child can't make it to the ECC on their usual days! Whether it's due to illness, a vacation, or a special event, keeping us informed helps our staff plan accordingly. Please give us a ring at 614-431-8228. Thank you for your support!



TODDLERS 24-36 MONTHS

The Biblical concept is that God wants us to **Obey**.

Classes will learn about Winter. During Bible time, students will learn about Jonah (Book of Jonah). Our Bible verse will be "We ought to obey God" (Acts 5:29).

Foxes (123) and Teeny Tigers (125): Teachers will partner with parents on potty training to prepare children for the transition to preschool in mid-August. **All students must be fully potty-trained by July 1 to transition to the ECC Preschool.**

Please ensure that you bring wipes and diapers for January.

INFANTS 18 TO 24 MONTHS

Classes will learn about Winter. During Bible time, students will learn about Jonah (Book of Jonah). Our Bible verse will be "We ought to obey God" (Acts 5:29).

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JANUARY CLASSROOM INFORMATION

3-Year-Olds:

Our Bible quality for January: **Wisdom** – knowing what is right AND choosing to do the right thing.

Our Memory Verses: Psalm 119:11, Proverbs 2:6, James 3:13.

This month, classes will learn about Winter. They will also learn about famous authors and illustrators and read several nursery rhymes and fairy tales. During Bible time, classes will learn about the Wisemen's visit (Matthew 2:1-12), when Solomon asks for Wisdom (1 Kings 3:5-14), the Wise and Foolish Builder (Matthew 7:24-27), and when Daniel ate the Food that pleased God (Daniel 1).

Students will continue to cut out simple shapes and to recognize winter, book, and positional words. They will continue to work on ABCABC patterning.

4-Year-Olds:

Our Bible quality for January: **Wisdom** – knowing what is right AND choosing to do the right thing.

Our Memory Verses: Psalm 119:11, Mark 1:17, Psalm 77:14.

This month, classes will learn about Winter. They will also learn about famous authors and illustrators and read several nursery rhymes and fairy tales.

During Bible time, we will be learning about Jesus' childhood, John the Baptist (Matthew 3; Mark 1:1-13; Luke 3; John 1:19-34), and the Disciples (Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11; John 1:43-51).

Students will continue to identify letter sounds, trace their last name, practice ABCABC & ABAB patterns, and identify characteristics of freezing and melting.

Mrs. Bayless' Enrichment Class (4/5-Year-Olds)

Our Bible quality for January: **Wisdom** – knowing what is right AND choosing to do the right thing.

Our Memory Verses: Matthew 28:19 and Psalm 77:14.

This month, classes will study Winter around the world. They will also learn about the roles of famous authors and illustrators, as well as transportation in our communities.

During Bible time, students will be learning about the Wisemen (Matthew 2: 1-12), Jesus' Childhood (Matthew 2:13-23; Luke 2:22-52), John the Baptist (Matthew 3; Mark 1:1-13; Luke 3; John 1:19-34), the Disciples (Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11; John 1: 43-51) and Jesus' miracles.

Students will work on more sight words and how they are used in a sentence, same vs different, basic time telling, and recording observations