



# AEK ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Monthly Newsletter from Ascension Episcopal Kindergarten

## January Calendar

- January 5  
NO SCHOOL  
Playground Installation
- January 6  
School Resumes
- January 7  
Registration Begins
- January 9  
5K Informational Meeting  
(5's room at 9:15 a.m.)
- January 14  
Registration Deadline
- January 19  
NO SCHOOL
- January 28  
4's Circus  
(Ware Hall at 10:45 a.m.)
- January 30  
5's Beach Party
- TBA  
Chapel with Fr. Stephen

## Registration Information

It is so difficult to believe that this school year is almost halfway over! It has been a wonderful year and we are accomplishing so much, thanks to your kindness and support. It is now time to register for the 2015-2016 school year. Enrollment forms and information have been emailed to all current AEK students and siblings. If you would like a hard copy please let me know and we'll send one home with your child. I will begin accepting enrollment forms and fees on Wednesday, January 7th. If you are interested in a particular 2's class or Friday Enrichment for 3's, you will want to turn in your form and fees in a timely manner. Registration for current students and siblings will continue until January 14th. At that time, I will accept students from our waiting list if spots are available. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the registration process.



## Attention Parents of 4's:

If you are uncertain of where your child should be next year, please schedule a conference with Ashley or Jennifer. An informational meeting about our 5-year-old program will be held Friday, January 9th at 9:15 a.m. in the 5's room for all interested parents. This will give you an opportunity to learn about our 5K program and make an informed decision.

## Please Help

This time of the year we begin to accumulate lost coats, hats, etc. because there are no names in them. Please remember to label all of your child's outer clothing. There is a lost and found downstairs if you are missing an article of clothing.

## The Circus is Coming to Town!

The 4-year-old class will present the Greatest Show on Earth on Wednesday, January 28th at 10:45 a.m. in Ware Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend this grand performance!

## Playground Update

Our deepest appreciation to all who have generously contributed to our playground upgrades in so many ways! An updated list of donors is attached to this newsletter.

Due to the rainy holiday break, installation of the new equipment was delayed. The new installation date is Monday, January 5th. Wish us luck!

Also, employees of Mugshots Vestavia have offered to paint the equipment that will remain and Moran's Rocky Ridge Hardware has donated all required materials. This was to have been completed on Saturday, January 3rd, but rainy weather again prohibited it. We will let you know once a new date has been set in case you would like to join the paint party!

## Inclement Weather

I know we will not soon forget "snowpocalypse 2014"! While we are hoping that 2015 will bring a kinder, gentler winter, please remember that we follow the Vestavia School System for school closings and delays. Please be alert when the weather looks iffy. We will do our best to keep in touch via email, text, phone calls and social media. You may call the school (979-8711), text or call Laura Maddox (901-2017) or email Laura at [laura.a.maddox@me.com](mailto:laura.a.maddox@me.com) if necessary. Please know that your children will always be safe and loved while in our care.

## Jam-Packed January

\*2's: The 2's are going to be focusing on the seasons, winter and the weather. One fun project they will enjoy is making bird feeders with pine cones. They will also be exploring movement. Time to get the yoga mat out!

\*3's: The 3's will spend the month of January learning about winter and brushing up on their manners. The highlight of the month will be the manners breakfast, which the children will help prepare. It will be a good chance for them to practice their table manners. They are also looking forward to exploring our new playground!

\*4's: This month the 4's will learn about animals. At the completion of the unit they will be presenting "The Greatest Show on Earth". They will be focusing on the letters J, D, P, and B, and will end the month with Backwards Day on January 30th. They will have fun wearing their clothing backwards that day!

\*5's: The 5's will enjoy two of their favorite units of study this month. They will learn all about dinosaurs and then begin their sea unit. Their sea unit will culminate in a fun beach party complete with sand, water and bathing suits!

\*Music: Ms. June and the children will dive into preparing songs for the AEK music program this month. Mark your calendars for the evening of March 3rd. The 3's, 4's and 5's will participate in the program and you'll want to invite the whole family! The 2's will have performances later in the spring.

\*P.E.: The weather will dictate plans in P.E. this month. If it's cold or rainy, the children will stay inside and learn yoga poses to calm and strengthen their bodies. If the weather is nice, they will definitely head outside to move around!