



**News from the Meadow
January 2021**

HAPPY 2021!!!

Thank you to all of the Meadow Flower families for your contributions to Holiday Express. A total of \$1,300 was collected. Holiday Express purchased gift cards for the Harbor School in Eatontown. Happy New Year to all!

The staff at Meadow Flower would like to wish you and yours a happy, healthy New Year. The past year has been difficult for many of us but, we hope the New Year will bring many joyous memories of how your children have grown.

Your homes may have a little less glitter, the nights don't glow and the days seem bleak, but we will fix that in a jiffy. We will be replacing your holiday decorations with color-color-color. There will be bright colored mittens and hats, and maybe we will be able to go out and enjoy some snow. Don't be surprised if you see a snowman or hear about the fun we had sledding in Fair Haven fields.

Enjoy this sometimes-bleak month by taking or making the time to read those new books and play one of those new games. Learning the rules and not just making them up is a great lesson. This is a great time to encourage following directions; give your children simple tasks like putting their clothes away (it doesn't have to be toys), setting the table, feeding the family pets etc. Independence will be the main focus this month as we buckle down to serious "work." We will be encouraging the older children to write their name in upper and lower case letters, and the younger children to put on their own coats. We also suggest you encourage them to do the same at home. We know that school mornings can be hectic, but on the other days you can let them match the color of their socks and shirt, as well as put on their own coats, shoes, hats and mittens. This mastery of tasks helps encourage independence and self-worth.

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Registration for September 2021 is going very well. We have public open house scheduled for this month, **Wednesday Jan 13th from 7:00 – 8:30 PM.** It will be held in the church sanctuary. There are specific instructions on our web site. If anyone is not able to make the scheduled open house, please call the office and make an individual appointment. **The 1st payment for September 2021 should have already been paid.** If I don't receive your payment by Friday January 8th, I will be unable to hold your child's spot. If you have decided not to send your child to Meadow Flower next year, please let Sandy know.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank anyone who has spread the word about our school. A large percentage of the people visiting heard about us from attending families. Please keep up the good work; you are our best source of advertising.

REMINDERS

1. If you have changed your cell phone number or any other information on your application please update it with your child's teacher.
2. Remember to send winter clothing with your child every school day. **The child's name should be on everything.** **Mittens** are always easier than gloves. Please place mittens and hats in the sleeve of their coats.
3. You will receive an email from staff if school is closed because of inclement weather. If you prefer a phone call please let the teacher know.
4. Payment # 6 is due Jan 4th.
5. No school on Monday January 18th, Martin Luther King Jr Day.

