



JANUARY

NEWSLETTER

A Note from the Director

THANK YOU to ALL who donated pajamas and books for the Collin County Children’s Advocacy Center. Our goal is to collect at least 100 pair of pajamas or children’s books and as of today we are well on our way. The donated pajamas and books are a tangible expression of God’s love to the children who receive them. Thank you!

The GEM Staff is busy making plans for a new semester of learning and fun! In addition, all class teachers will be offering Parent/Teacher conferences on Monday, January 15, 2024. Parents will receive information on scheduling a conference directly from classroom teachers.

Please be sure to visit your class BAND app and teacher emails for weekly classroom newsletters and check your email for monthly GEM news from the office. This is the best way to stay current on class and school wide information. Please visit the GEM website @ gemexpress.org to access the school calendar, newsletters, and information about our program.

The GEM board and administrative team are working on plans for the 2024-25 school year. We remain committed to offering GEM families a biblically based, developmentally appropriate, early education experience which will provide a foundation for a lifetime of learning. We are thankful for God’s faithful provision as we continue to partner with parents in the training and teaching of their children.

Registration for current students and their families begins on Monday, January 22nd. We are offering returning GEM families the option of sending completed registration forms and the registration fee in your child’s take home folders to reserve a spot in our 2024-25 program. **You may pay the registration fee by cash, check payable to GEM, or on January 22nd ONLY, you may pay the registration fee online. Registration Packets will be sent home with GEM students on January 11th and 12th. Classes are filled on a first-come first-serve basis. Registration will be open community wide Friday, January 26th @ 9:00am. To reserve a spot, new GEM families must enter the building to submit their registration forms and fee. We will continue to offer \$25 tuition vouchers for referrals to GEM Express. In order to qualify for a tuition voucher, the family you refer to GEM must complete the registration process and write your name in the referral section of the registration form. One tuition voucher will be issued for each family referred to GEM. You may redeem one tuition voucher per month towards tuition. Thanks for your support!

On Friday, January 19th @ 1:00pm GEM will host a Kindergarten Informational Meeting for parents considering enrolling a child in GEM’s Kindergarten program for the 2024-25 school year. Plan to attend this meeting to get an overview of our program and to meet our awesome kindergarten team lead, Molly Wilaby. GEM offers a traditional kindergarten program using the Starfall curriculum for language arts and math. Students completing the program are well prepared for a successful elementary school experience. Our experienced and dedicated staff, great teacher to student ratio, biblically integrated curriculum, and accreditation by The Association of Christian Schools International are just a few of the distinctives that set us apart as the BEST private kindergarten program in the area!

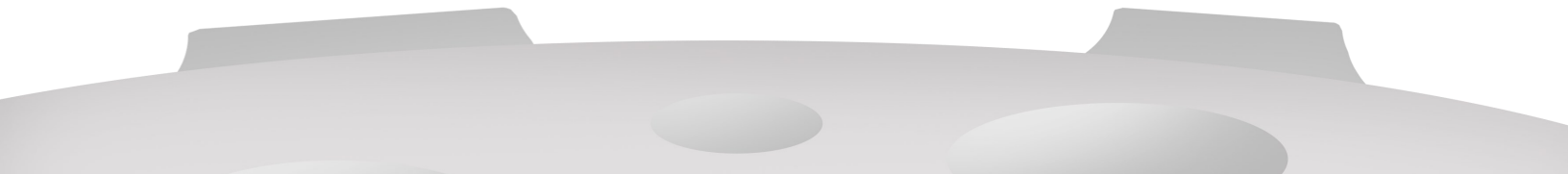
If you need GEM account information for the 2023 tax year, please email Bonnie at bonnie@grace-efc.org to request a tax form.

I am excited to start a new calendar year and anticipate an awesome second semester of learning, growing, and seeing God at work in the lives of our students!

In His Service,
Diana Abbott



“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”
Joshua 1:9



Registration Information Coming Soon



Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year!

Registration for current students and their families begins January 22nd. Completed registration packets along with registration fee can be submitted beginning on January 22nd. You may either send with your child in their folder or come to the GEM office at 9:00am.

Registration will open to the public on January 26th at 9:00am. For each registered family that you refer (and who writes your name on the registration form), you will receive a \$25 tuition voucher.

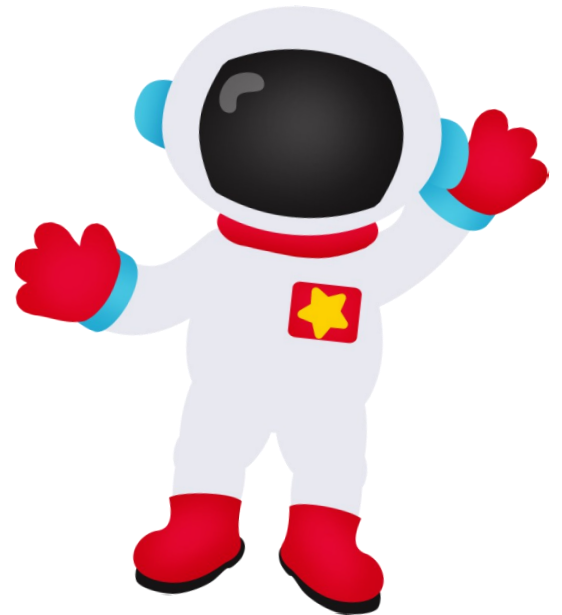
Registration packets will be sent home with all families in the 2s and 3s classes on January 11th and 12th. If you would like an additional packet or a Kindergarten handbook please let your child's teacher know or contact the GEM office at 972-727-0071.

NO MORE CLIPPING



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Kindergarten Informational Meeting



If you or someone you know has a child that will be a kindergartner, this meeting is a must! Please join our amazing Kindergarten Team on Friday, January 19th at 1:00pm to hear what sets our program apart. Invite your friends and neighbors too!

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

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Melissa Huerta

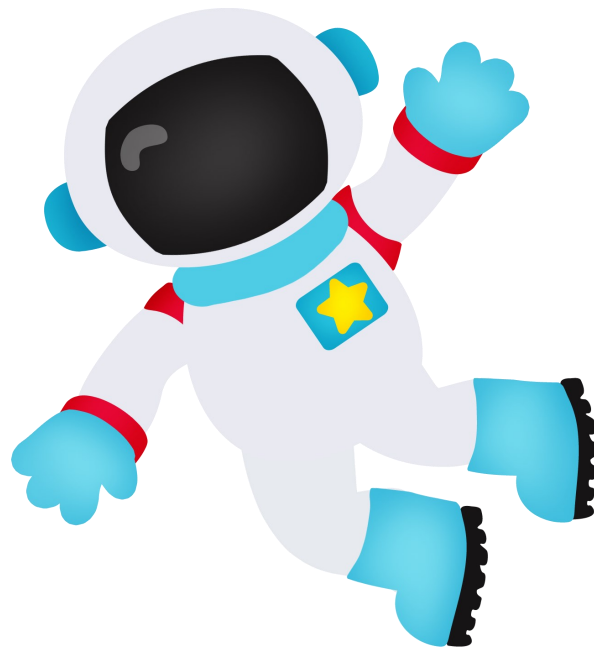
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Grace Kids CORNER

GraceKids times are Sundays at 9 & 10:45am. Join us this Sunday, December 17th to hear the children's Christmas choir during both services.

Sky Ranch Day Camp registration is open for the weeks of June 3rd & 10th at Grace. This is available M-F from 9:00am-4:00pm for children entering kinder to 3rd grade. Scan the QR code to register.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS BREAK					
7	8 CLASSES RESUME	9	10	11 	12 	13
14	15 NO SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES	16	17	18 Pajama Day	19 Kinder Info Meeting at 1:00pm Pajama Day	20
21	22 REGISTRATION BEGINS	23	24	25 3s Olympics 	26 3s Olympics 	27 NEW FAMILY REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9AM
28	29	30	31			