



January 2026 News 4 Year Old Classes



Thank you to all the December Leaders of the Day and a big thank you to everyone who donated items to our Fort Mill Care Center drive. We were able to donate over 130lbs of non-perishable food and personal care items!

We will begin our New Year exploring winter activities, animal habits during the winter, our alphabet letter, our number of the week, and begin to add a shape of the week. Please remember to talk about the letters and numbers with your child. When writing letters with your child be sure to practice both the upper and lower case letters. We encourage practice at home! Also, any reading at home you do will greatly increase your child's vocabulary! This will be a great help to your child when he/she enters kindergarten.

Our letters of the month will be 'J,j', 'D,d', 'P,p', and 'B,b'.

Winter has certainly arrived and we would like to remind you of our inclement weather policy. When faced with potentially dangerous weather conditions, Preschool will follow the Fort Mill School District's decision on closings. These decisions are made and posted by 6:00a.m. FMSD has information on the website at www.fortmillschools.org where closings and delays will be posted. Information about closings is also relayed to the primary radio and television stations in Rock Hill and Charlotte. Please note that Fort Mill is located in the York County School District 4. (We have several friends who live in the Indian Land community and they are listed under the Lancaster County School District so be sure to check the Fort Mill School schedules). We will also post closures through our GroupMe app.

If FMSD is delayed for any amount of time, preschool will be CLOSED for the day. Should inclement weather occur after preschool begins, we encourage parents to pick up their child as soon as possible. We will also post on our GroupMe app.

January Dates to Remember

Thursday, January 1st – February Tuition is Due

Tuesday, January 6th – Back to Preschool!!

All Stars with Amy – Tuesday, January 6th, 13th & 20th, and 27th

FUNDamental Days – Wednesdays – 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Swim Days – Fridays – 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Monday, January 19th - **Preschool Closed** – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



Monday, January 26th – The Lunch Crew – Bring your lunch and stay until 2:00pm. TLC is an additional \$10.00 and the children stay, eat, and play with their classmates! Children not participating in TLC will be picked up at the normal dismissal time. Participants must sign up for TLC at the front of the Complex or [online](#).

Friday, January 23rd – **Registration for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year will begin for current students and siblings.** Location: FM Complex in the Conference Room Time: 9:00am

Wednesday, January 28th – Registration for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year will open to the public. Location: FM Complex in the Community Room Time: 9:00am

Friday, January 23rd – Teddy Bear Tea Party – Bring a teddy bear for hibernating, and we'll kick back for a morning of "beary" fun activities.

We will be discussing hibernation, what animals do in the winter, and constructing a "cave" in our class. Bring a bear (not one that is so special he will be missed) to hibernate in our class cave for the winter. These will stay in our classroom cave until spring, so please do not send one that is a security for your child. Parents please talk with your child about hibernation and decide together who will hibernate. (FYI – the Dollar Store has bears for just \$1 which are ideal for hibernation.) We really have a lot of fun talking about and checking on our sleeping friends. What an exciting day when the bears wake up the first day of spring.

Summer Camp Registration will begin in January. Our Kinder Camp is for rising kindergartners. Our hours of camp will be Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm. Our Little Hoots Preschool Camp is for children ages 3-5 years old. Our hours of camp will be Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:30pm. See dates for registration below!

An email with a detailed description of each week of camp will go out soon!



SAVE THE DATE SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

JANUARY 7, 2026

Open to current participants of childcare programming
(Afterschool and Preschool)

JANUARY 14, 2026

Open to current YMCAUP Members

JANUARY 21, 2026

Open to the public (non YMCAUP members)