

GSRP News



Troy School District Preschool

December 2022

We are writers!

We encourage children to practice writing throughout the day. They have opportunities to practice writing letters, words, and names both through planned activities and through materials available during Work Time.

- **Sign In** – During sign-in each day, the children practice writing their names.
- **Writer's Workshop** – This week, we introduced the concept of using words to label our picture/story. Some children labeled the people in their stories, such as mom and dad. Others wrote what their picture was about.
- **Work Time** – The writing area is very popular during work time. The children frequently write the names of their friends and family members.
- **Message Board** – The children help with writing the names of the children who are absent or filling in the blanks of familiar words that are missing letters.

205 W. Square Lake
Troy, 48098

Building Phone:
248-823-3000

Attendance Line:
248-823-4501

Our Class
Room: L-11

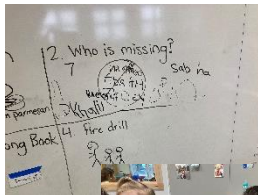
Arrival: 8:30am
Dismissal: 3:30pm

Early Childhood Educator:
Ms. Bellhorn

Associate Teacher:
Mrs. Pruitt

Classroom Phone:
248-823-4542

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Important Information

Important Upcoming Dates

December 1 – No School
(Conferences)

December 7 – Late-Start (10am
arrival)

December 8 – No School
(Conferences)

December 9 – GSRP Parent
Engagement Meeting – 10am

December 15 – Pajama Day

December 17-January 2 – No School

January 3 – School Resumes

GSRP Parent Engagement

All GSRP parents/guardians are invited to attend the GSRP Parent Engagement Meeting. Parent Engagement Meetings are typically held three times throughout the year. At the meeting, families will learn the goals that we have set for our GSRP program for the year (similar to how we set goals for each student). Families will receive information and materials to use at home to extend the learning our children are doing at school. We will also provide information about community resources and Troy School District resources.

Late-Start Days

December 7 is a late-start day. Arrival will take place at Door #3 at 10am. Breakfast will not be served at school. You will receive breakfast items sent home the day prior. Children should eat breakfast prior to coming to school at 10am.

Class Holiday/Celebration Book

We want to honor your family celebrations and recognize them at school. We will be creating a class holiday/celebration book at school. We want to include photos that represent what your child/family does during these holidays/celebrations. Photos can include:

- Birthday celebrations
- Diwali festivities
- Halloween trick-or-treating
- Thanksgiving gatherings
- And more!

Please email or send SeeSaw photos of your activities so we can make sure your child and family are represented in our class book. Children love sharing photos and stories about themselves! Photos can be sent throughout the year.

Important Information (cont.)

Parent Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering, it's not too late to start. You must complete an iChat form and submit a copy of your driver's license to be reviewed and approved by the district.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Guest reader
- Work Time volunteer
- Lending Library reader
- Scholastic Book Clubs (at home volunteer)

[TSD Preschool L-11: Classroom Volunteers \(signupgenius.com\)](http://signupgenius.com)



Winter Weather Gear

Your child will need coat, boots, snowpants, hat, and gloves at school each day. We go outside in both the morning and afternoon, so we recommend waterproof gloves or 2 pairs. If you would prefer to keep your child's snowpants and boots at school, please let us know, so we don't send them home each day.

Absences

While we encourage regular attendance, we recognize that absences do occur. If your child will be absent, please call the attendance line and leave information about why your child is absent.

Sick Policy

If your child is exhibiting any symptoms of illness, please keep your child home. We will be strictly enforcing all health guidelines.

If your child will be absent, please call the attendance line and leave information about why your child is absent. We work diligently to provide a healthy environment and want families to be informed of any communicable diseases to which their children have been exposed.

If we notice your child exhibiting symptoms of illness, we will notify you by phone and expect someone to pick up your child immediately.

Thank you for helping us to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment!

Troy Community Activities

- December 1-29 - December Monthly Craft Kit - Troy Public Library
- December 1, 8, & 15, 6-6:30 - Zoom Family Storytime - Troy Public Library
- December 2, 6:30-8pm - Christmas Tree Lighting - Troy City Hall
- December 3, 9am-12pm - Santa Letters Mailbox - Home Depot
- December 3, 10am-2pm - Cookies and Crafts with Santa - Troy Historic Village
- December 4, 11am-2pm - Cookies and Crafts with Santa - Troy Historic Village
- December 5-29 - Arctic Animals Scavenger Hunt (on your own) - Troy Public Library
- December 5-January 20 - Winter Reads Challenge - Troy Public Library
- December 10, 1-2:30pm or 2:30-4pm - Holiday Hoopla - Troy Community Center
- December 10, 5-7:30pm - Family Night Out - Troy Community Center
- December 19-January 2 - Holiday Break Day Passes - Troy Community Center
- December 31, 5-7:30pm - New Years' Eve Family Night Out - Troy Community Center

(Registration is often required in advance. The logos below are linked to the websites.)



Home-School Connection

- Read with your child every day – When reading a new book (lending library book for example), encourage your child to look at the cover and listen to the title and make a prediction about what the story will be about. Stop in the middle of the story to again have your child make a prediction about what will happen at the end.
- Limit screen time – Replace that time by playing with toys, reading books, drawing/coloring, playing with playdough, etc.
- Encourage your child's independence – Think about some jobs that your child can do at home. (Ex. Take the laundry out of the dryer, put the silverware on the table). We will be starting classroom jobs at school soon.