

# Preschool Press



## Dear Preschool Families,

With the New Year come some new changes and faces at the preschool.

We extend our congratulations and well wishes to Michelle Pogliano as she embarks on a new adventure as the Early Intervention Supervisor at the Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD). I will be taking the lead with direct support from Mary Wiese, Assistant Director Student Intervention and Support Services.

We will do our best to ensure that this staffing change will be invisible to all our families and our services will continue in the same manner as expected.

If you should have any questions please feel free to reach out to me.

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## January 2021 Upcoming Events –

January 4– Return to School

January 18 – No School –

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 20 – **Postponed** – Road  
to Kindergarten **until February**

## February –

February – Road to Kindergarten

February 10 – Student Count Day

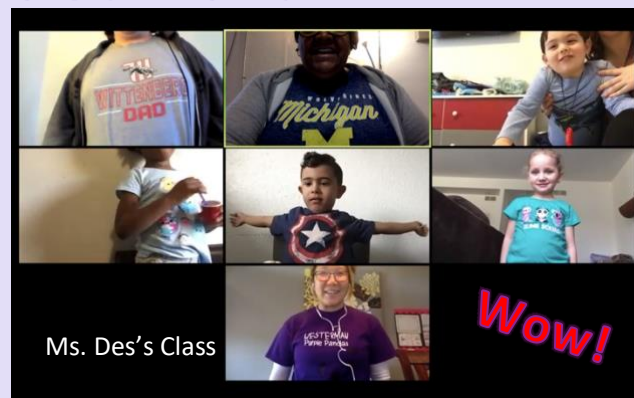
February 12 – 15 – No School

Mid-Winter Break

[Hand Washers Strike  
Back! AAPS Trailer](#)

## Spirit Week! Let's have some fun!

Whoohoo, is that you Cindy Lou?

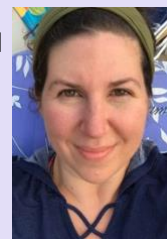


Favorite Shirt Day!



## Winter Words: Supporting Language Every Day!

Winter time is full of new experiences for children, including words that they may not have heard much since last winter! You can talk with your child about how winter is different than fall: we have to wear different clothes, there might be snow on the ground and there are no leaves on the trees. When getting dressed to go outside, talk about **what** you are putting on, **where**, and **why**. “We are putting **mitten**s on your **hands**, because they will **keep your fingers warm!**” Later you can ask your child a question to check for understanding. “What did we put on your hands when we went outside?” If your child can’t answer, you can provide the answer, this helps build understanding. When you are outside with your child, you can talk about things you see, feel, and hear. Cold snow, icicles, and frost on windows are all exciting and interesting to children, and we can use that excitement to build language skills.



Laura Valle, Speech Therapist



Aaron Pressel, FCRS

## A Diversity of Voices

Spending time with your child exploring, playing, and talking are great ways to help your child learn and grow. As your child's first and most impactful teacher, your voice and actions help your child understand the world around them. A great way to help your child learn and grow is to find other family members and close family friends to spend time with your child exploring. In many families, Mom is the only teacher. But Dads and brothers, grandmas and aunts can all be great teachers. Having both male and female and young and old family members reading and playing games with your child can really help make learning exciting. So try thinking of ways for the whole family to be involved.



Kathy Gaines,  
Physical Therapist

## Winter Indoor Fun!

Cold winter weather makes it harder to get outside for exercise, so here are some indoor ideas to stay active, and warm!

- Roll up socks into balls and have a “snowball” fight over the couch!
- Put paper plates (or even better, wax paper) under your child’s feet so they can “ice skate” around the house.
- Stack up sofa cushions to build a “snowman” for some heavy work. Kids can logroll to crash into the tower!
- Snowman Bowling – stack 3 toilet paper rolls to make a “snowman”, then roll a ball or throw a sock ball to try to knock him over.
- Sing and dance along to Let it Go! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L0MK7qz13bU>

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This year, thanks to our donors, over 78 children and their families were able to stay in their homes With rent assistance, have food for their family on Thanksgiving, go outside with warm winter clothing and boots, and celebrate the holiday season with a gift or 2 for their children. Ours is a community of many people. As a result, we are also a community with many needs right now during the Covid 19 pandemic. An African proverb states, “It takes a village to raise a child. Find a village. Encourage one another and open your village to others.” We are beyond grateful for the support that our donors have given to our community this year. We wish each of you health, happiness, and the gift of togetherness. With warm wishes, All of us at AAPS Early Childhood Programs



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