



2024

Connecticut Farms Church Nursery School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back and Happy New Year!
School opens on Tuesday, January 2nd

Our Holiday Programs in December were great and the children did a fantastic job!

Registration: Information for the 2024-2025 School Year has been sent out. Registration forms and a \$75 registration fee are due back by Wednesday, January 31, 2024. The form and payment will hold your child's spot for the 2024-2025 school year. Your May 2025 payment will be due in May of 2024. We will be opening up to the public February 1, 2024. Spaces fill up quick, be sure to register before February 1st.

Illness Policy:

If your child is out sick or is sent home sick, we will need a doctor's note or a negative Covid test, in order for your child to return. You may do an at home test and send the results to my email. cburger@ctfarms.org



In the event of inclement weather: You will be receiving a message on the Remind App for all school closings or delays.

Reminders:

Tuition: Due on: Tuesday 1/16 or Wednesday 1/17

School Closings: Monday, Jan. 15th -Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Upcoming Events:

1/8 Music Class: with Pea's & Carrots

1/25 & 1/26 Sports Winter Fest:

The children will participate in various winter sports that will be set up in the gym. (Ice skating, ice fishing, igloo building, and of course we will have a snow ball fight. It will be a fun day!

Mark your calendars: Early Dismissal:

Wednesday, March 6th for Teacher's In-Service Day. All students will dismiss at 11:30am.

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**"The surest way to be happy is
To seek happiness for others."**

Martin Luther King Jr.

Cheryl Burger, Director

Reasons to Read Aloud to Your Children

There are six really great reasons why you should read aloud to your children. After reading these reasons, I am hoping you will pick up a book and start reading aloud on a regular basis.

1. Reading aloud to children creates a lifetime interest in reading.

If you start reading to your children while they are young, they will be much more likely to grow into the habit of reading. When they associate reading with happy memories, they are more likely to persist in learning to read, even when they run into occasional roadblocks in the process of learning to read.

2. Reading to young children extends their attention spans.

Do not overdo it at first. You might need to start with just ten minutes of read-aloud time, and gradually extend the time until your child is able to [maintain full attention](#) for longer periods of time. A longer attention span will help a child perform better both in school subjects and in real-life projects.

3. Reading aloud to children aids in language development.

As children listen to you read, they assimilate strong language skills. They pick up correct word pronunciation, word usage, and proper grammar. Their [working vocabulary](#) increases, and they internalize correct sentence structure. All these skills will eventually transfer to their own speaking and writing. Improper grammar will begin to sound wrong to them, and they will be more likely to choose good grammar when they communicate.

4. As you read aloud, the power of a child's imagination is strengthened.

As you read to your children, they visualize the book's events in their minds. Through the pages of a book, children are able to experience events and situations that are outside of their own personal experiences. They can picture life in other parts of the world and in other cultures. Children who have been read to are usually more adept at creating stories from their own imaginations.

5. Reading aloud helps build a child's comprehension.

As you read and discuss books together, your child increases his problem-solving abilities and gains insight into characters' motives. Discussing a book as you read helps teach a child how to make good predictions. As you read aloud, you can fill in missing background information that helps a child better understand the book's setting, historical background, and characters—details that might be missed if a child reads a book on his own. Reading aloud also gives you the opportunity to emphasize important character traits as you read. Point out examples of compassion, kindness, perseverance, and optimism, then take a moment to discuss these traits with your children.

6. Last, but certainly not least, read-aloud time is great one-on-one bonding time.

Reading aloud is a wonderful chance to share adventure, intrigue, and emotion—without having to leave your living room. And that is irreplaceable.