



# January 2025

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Dear Parents,

**Welcome back and New Year!**  
School opens on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Thank you for coming to the Holiday Programs in December, the children did a fantastic job!

**Registration:** Information for the 2025-2026 School Year has been sent out. Registration forms and a \$75 registration fee is due back by Tuesday, January 31, 2025. The form and payment will hold your child's spot for the 2025-2026 school year. Your May 2026 payment will be due in May of 2025. We will be opening up to the public February 3, 2025. Spaces fill up quick, be sure to register before February 3<sup>rd</sup>,

**Illness Policy:**

If your child is out 2 or more days due to sick, they must return with a doctor's note.



In the event of inclement weather: You will be receiving a message on Procure and by email for all school closings or delays. Any closings or delays will also be on Facebook.

**Reminders:**

**Tuition:** Due by: Thursday, 1/16

**School Closed:** Monday, Jan. 20 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Upcoming Events:**

1/15<sup>th</sup> Music Class: with Pea's & Carrots

1/28<sup>th</sup> Traveling Tumblers

1/31<sup>st</sup> Winter Fest

1/6<sup>th</sup> - 2/5<sup>th</sup> We will be collecting socks for a non-profit organization (Brandon's Heart and Sole). This organization donates socks to homeless shelters, veterans, and families in need. Bins will be outside your child's classroom. For more information click on the link below.

[www.brandonsheartandsole.org](http://www.brandonsheartandsole.org)

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You can now find us on Instagram at [cfnurseryschool](https://www.instagram.com/cfnurseryschool).

"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."  
Dr. Martin Luther King

Cheryl Burger, Director

## 6 Reasons to Read Aloud to Your Children

Here 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.