



### Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2026! We're thrilled to ring in the new year with you. Thank you for showing your appreciation and helping our teachers and staff start the year with joy and laughter. It's a time to set new goals, build new habits, and, most importantly, create AMAZING memories.

### Brr-Low Freezing

As temperatures begin to drop, please be sure your child comes to school prepared for colder weather. We ask that you pack extra clothing, including long-sleeve shirts, full-length pants, socks, and underwear. Please also send a winter jacket, hat, gloves, and scarf as needed. Children will continue to go outside for recess and outdoor play. Our school follows the Child Care Weather Watch indicator provided by DSS to determine when it is safe for children to be outdoors and for how long. Thank you for helping us keep your child warm and comfortable during the winter months!

### Helping Our Little Ones Stay Healthy

As we move into the season when common illnesses such as colds, flu, strep, and hand-foot-and-mouth disease are more likely to appear, we want to remind families that these are common in preschool settings and should be monitored closely. To help prevent the spread of germs, please follow CDC-recommended precautions, including frequent handwashing and keeping children home when they are sick. We've attached helpful resources with additional tips and guidelines.

### February Teacher Conference

Every year, our teachers and staff attend a training conference as required by state licensing to fulfill mandatory training hours. This conference provides an opportunity for our educators to enhance their skills and collaborate with other teachers, gaining valuable insights from their experiences. The conference will take place from February 20th-22nd, 2026. Please note that FMPS will be **CLOSED** on Friday, February 20th, to accommodate this event.



### Up Coming Dates! JANUARY

- 1st-** New Years Day -  
*School Closed*
- 2nd-** Teacher Work Day -  
*School Closed*
- 15th-** Pajama Day
- 19th-** Martin Luther  
King Day

### FEBRUARY

- 13th-** Sweetheart Party  
@3pm
- 14th-** Valentines Day
- 18th-** Pajama Day
- 20th-** Professional  
Development Day -  
*School Closed*

### MARCH

- 2nd-6nd** - Read Across  
America Week
- 13th** - National  
Preschoolers Day
- 17th** - St. Patty's Day  
Party @3pm
- 19th** - Pajama Day
- 20th** - School Zoo Trip  
*School Closed*

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## Daily Schedule

- **DROP OFF** - between **7:00 - 9:00am**. Students must be in attendance by **9am**. (Infants is between **7:30am -9:00am**)
- Please stop by the office if your arrival is after **9am**.
- **PICK-UP** - before **6:00pm** (Infants is before **5:30pm**)
- If pick is later than **6:00pm** please call FMCS or message via Brightwheel
- **Late Pick-Up Fees starting 6:01pm**: \$1/per minute through 6:10 pm. \$5/per minute starting **6:11pm** per Student .

## Here are some trusted online resources to help keep kids healthy:

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):**  
[Preventing the Spread of Illnesses in Children](#)  
[Handwashing: Clean Hands Save Lives](#)  
[About Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease](#)
- **American Academy of Pediatrics (HealthyChildren.org):**  
[Common Childhood Illnesses](#)  
[When to Keep Your Child Home from Child Care](#)
- **KidsHealth (Nemours Children's Health):**  
[Colds, Flu, and Other Respiratory Illnesses](#)
- **World Health Organization (WHO):**  
[Hand Hygiene Resources](#)