

Director's Notes

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a health, Happy New Year. Returning to back to school routines may need an adjustment period. Children thrive on routines and consistency. Be kind to your selves, let us know if we can help with drop off or pick ups.

More Than One Kind of Smart

Some times we talk as though intelligence were a single commodity that people have in greater or lesser supply. Yet we see all around us adults and children who are very smart in math but not at all good with words, musically gifted but klutzy on the athletic field, and so on. Most of us, in fact, struggle with some tasks and sail through others.

Educators now know more about this variety in individual "intelligence"- the modes we use to interact with the world- thanks to the work of psychologist Howard Gardner. Seven of these intelligences are described by Gardner.

Children with a **musical** intelligence have a natural ear for melody, rhythm and other musical elements; **spatially oriented** children enjoy reading maps and exploring how mechanical devices work. Other children are more at home using their **linguistic** aptitude- telling stories, playing with words, and reciting tongue twisters. Strong **logical-mathematical** intelligence show up not only in math aptitude but in enjoyment of games and problems requiring logic and reasoning. Children who learn best when they are moving and handling things rely on their **bodily-kinesthetic** intelligence. An affinity for the natural world and it's creatures stands out in children with a **naturalistic** mode of intelligence. Finally, children who make friends easily and have plenty of "street smarts" are **interpersonal** naturals, while quite thinkers and strong willed debaters shine in more internal, reflective **intrapersonal** mode.

All of us have preferences modes of intellectual functioning. At the same time, we need to use each of the modes in one situation or another. Recognizing the various ways that children think and learn, teachers can help children both to use their individual strengths and to become more adept in learning modes that are not their strong point.

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Upcoming Dates:

- ☉ January 4th—Welcome back to school
- ☉ January 15—No school MLK
- ☉ January 22-26 Lutheran schools week
- ☉ January 25-26 No school parent teacher conferences

The full School Calendar can be found on our school website.

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"This is the day
the Lord has made"
Psalm 118:24



"The mission of Zion Lutheran Early Childhood Education Center is to open the door to a lifetime of learning. In a Christ-centered community."

Enrollment for 2024-2025 school year is open. If you have any friends who are looking into preschools, pass along a good word of mouth for Zion Lutheran Early Childhood Education Center. Thanks!