

The Children's Center – January, 2012

Happy New Year!



We have returned from the holidays with a rejuvenated commitment to provide quality early childhood education for your children. As you put away the holiday lights and trimmings, remember that one of life's greatest gifts is to be able to spend time with children. They show us many joys and the beauty of life with their curiosity, their honesty, and their creativity.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 16 – NO SCHOOL – MLK Jr. Birthday

February 2 & 3 – NO SCHOOL – Conferences

February 13 & 14 – Valentine Exchange

February 20 – NO SCHOOL – President's Day

February 27 – NO SCHOOL – Duty Day

March 1, 2 – Pajama Day

March 5 – Pajama Day for MWPM (Heilman class)

March 3 – Mardi Gras Fundraiser 6:00 pm

March 7 & 8 – Class Group pictures

March 26 – 30 – NO SCHOOL – Spring Break

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on **Thursday, February 2** and **Friday, February 3**.

There is NO SCHOOL on these days. Sign up sheets will be in the hallway starting January 17.

Children do not come to preschool conferences. Perhaps you could trade with the person before or after you for childcare. The Activity Room will be available but children should not be left unsupervised in any part of the building or on the playground while you are in this meeting (15 minutes).

Conferences will not be made up on other days and we are unable to schedule telephone conferences. If you miss your conferences, your child's work will be sent home for your perusal.

Remember... this day has been set aside since the first of the year for special sharing time with your child's teacher. It would be unfair to ask the teacher for a separate conference during her set-up or personal time.

MORE PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!!

Mrs. Hurianek, Ms. Ogden and Mrs. Wilson have announced the next round of Parent's Night Out! The dates for the next 2 months will be:

Friday, January 6 & 20

Friday, February 10 & 24

The time is 4:30 – 8:30 p.m.. The cost is \$20 per night, per child (cash only) and includes pizza and a GP rated movie. It is limited to the first 15 children each night. Sign up sheets will be on the entrance table.

CHILDCARE TAX DEDUCTION INFORMATION

Federal Tax I.D. # 81-0613961

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FUNDRAISING FUN!!! It is time for us to begin collecting donations and planning for our Mardi Gras Celebration on Saturday, March 3 at 6:00 p.m. The McKay Landing Clubhouse will be staged as our Mardi Gras “cocktail lounge” and live auction forum and the Preschool will hold our silent auction items. Our food and drink will be catered by Lucile’s Creole Café.

Last year we were able to raise over \$4,000 which was used to replenish the Scholarship Fund (\$2,000) and the rest went toward paying for the artificial turf on the playground. We are hoping this year to continue the Scholarship Fund and to pay off the remainder of the artificial turf (\$2000). Each year we provide four \$500 scholarships to families in need.

What can you do to help?

- We are looking for committee members to go to the businesses that we missed last year. Mrs. Heilman will be contacting the contributors from last year. If you are interested in serving on this committee, send us an e-mail and we will get together to plan.
- If you own a business and would be willing to make a donation, let us know.
- Cash works! Would you or those wonderful grandparents want to make a donation to support the quality of this early childhood education program? All donations are tax-deductible.
- One of our most popular items last year was the themed baskets from the classroom. Each child is asked to bring an item to put in the basket. The themes are:

Mrs. Ehrig’s classes – **Cooking**, Mrs. Heilman’s classes – **Family Movie Night**.

Mrs. Wilson’s morning classes – **Chocolate/Wine**, Mrs. Wilson’s afternoon classes – **Kid’s Fun**

Mrs. Hurianek’s morning classes – **Baby**, Mrs. Hurianek’s afternoon classes – **Beauty/Spa**

Ms. Ogden’s morning classes – **Gardening**, Ms. Ogden’s afternoon classes - **Fiesta**

We will need those donations by February 24. Rememberall items that you donate are tax deductible!

You will be receiving a reminder e-vite soon. Don’t forget to RSVP by February 24th so we will have adequate food and drink for you! THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR STAFF AND PROGRAM!

Our themes this month will focus on fun winter activities, snow and ice, Hibernation and Outer Space.

The 3 Year Old Program:

Language Arts Skills:

Experiencing the letter l, h, n and m
Our color for January is blue
Our shape is a triangle
Continue name writing skills

Math Skills:

Introduction to number seven
Fun with patterns ABC
More than and less than
Memory activities

Favorite Books:

“The Snowman Story Book”
“There was an Old Lady That
Swallowed Some Snow”
“Snow is My Favorite and My Best”
“The Snowy Day”
“Peek-a-Boo Penguins”
“On the Moon”

Science Skills:

Fun with snow and ice
Discovering things that melt
Measuring with water
Penguins
Exploring planets

Favorite Songs and Fingerplays

“I’m a Little Snowman”
“Hot Chocolate”
“Little Penguins”
“The Itsy Bitsy Snowflake”
“Winter is Coming”
“The Snowkey Pokey”
“Five Little Astronauts”

The Pre-Kindergarten Program:

We are so excited to get back in the “school” routine with your children. A big part of this will be writing our names the “Kindergarten” way. Please help your child write their name with the capital first letter and the rest in lower case. This is a big focus for us in the Pre-K classroom and we want to make sure the children are working on this at school and at home. Thank you for your help with this.

As always continue to read to your child! This is a great way to give your child what they need to become an independent reader. It is also a great excuse to sit down and snuggle!

Language Arts Skills:

Writing our names
Forming letters k, f, l, j
Scissor skills
The Mitten Project

Science Skills:

Ice & Crystals
Gravity
Polar Bears
Hibernation
Outer Space

Songs and Fingerplays:

“Snokey Pokey”
“The Hibernation Song”

The Pre-Kindergarten Plus Program

All of the above plus:

Directional Words
Reading Readiness
Counting by 10's

Math Skills:

More or less than
Addition
One to one correspondence
Complex & simple patterns
Pattern ABCABC

Literature:

“Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You See?”
“Owl Moon”
“The Snowy Day”
Books on Outer Space
“The Mitten”

“Going to the Moon”
“Hot Chocolate Song”