



HAPPY HOLIDAYS! DECEMBER NEWS 2018

IMPORTANT DATES:

Holiday Break – Thurs. Dec. 20 – January 7 NO SCHOOL

January 8- School Resumes

Monday, January 21– NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

December is always a joyful but busy time of the year. This month we will experience the true meaning of the holiday season as we create gifts, cards and crafts for our families and participate in a variety of fun activities. **REMEMBER** – The only thing you can give a child that no one else can give is what you give of yourself. Give the gift of **TIME**... Time to talk, Time to listen, Time to play, Time to share, Time to love... We wish you a joyous Holiday season! We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude on behalf of the Purdy family for your outpouring of concern and support, we have passed all of this along to them and we know they are so appreciative.

Important Note: Please remember to read to your children. This is one of the biggest indicators of future success of students. Children should be read to every single day. Make it part of your routine. Let them pick one or two books at night, take them to the library and let them choose books that interest them.

LIMIT SCREEN TIME!! We cannot stress this enough. We see more and more children who are unable to hold conversations with others about anything other than a TV show or a video game. This is concerning! It is okay for them to be “bored.” It is during these times where they use their imagination, create games and activities, and learn to entertain themselves instead of constantly needing stimulation and planned activities. Remember, **YOU ARE IN CHARGE**, it is okay to say no! Let them put on their coats, hang up their back packs, put on their shoes. It is good for them to struggle a little bit, this is how they learn! You will be surprised at how much they can do on their own, it may take longer, but the more they do it, the faster and more confident they will become.

The Children's Center Fundraising campaign is underway. Thank you to all of you who have donated so far. We are asking for a small donation from our families in lieu of selling items door to door, or doing a big fundraising gala this year. Asking you for money is not our favorite thing to do, but it is vital to our ability to raise funds as a non-profit. These funds have given us the ability to pay tuition for families who have lost their jobs and come into unexpected hard times..., and we are also able to pay for new equipment for our beautiful center. Any way you could help would be greatly appreciated! ***Thank you for your support of our small, local business.***

SNOW DAYS- When Adams 12 schools are closed due to inclement weather or dangerous road conditions, The Children's Center will be closed. You can go to www.adams12.org or Channel 22 for School District updates. Also, the local TV channels carry school closings.

Registration for Pre-K for 2019: Thank you for turning in your numbered class list choice forms. We have put your forms in order by the date that you turned in your original application for your child. I am going down that list and placing children into the classes that you have chosen. Please remember, not everyone who is in morning now, will get a morning spot next year. Pre-K students come more days, which means we have fewer morning spots. If you do not get your first choice, I will place you in one of your other options and automatically put you on the wait lists for your first choice. In January, I will send you a contract via email to complete registration. This process takes several weeks to complete but we hope to have everyone in the school placed by Valentine's Day. *You will need to return the contract within 2 days with a \$150 cash or check/ \$155 credit card non-refundable fee to hold your spot until September. Please remember we have a LOT of names to get through so please respect the 48 hour time frame, or we will have to move to the next name on the list. We cannot move onto the next name until we have received your contract and fee.*

Registration for 3 Year-Old Students for 2019: We will email you in January regarding the class options that are available when we get to your name. This process takes several weeks to complete but we hope to have everyone in the school placed by Valentine's Day. After you choose your spot, we will send you a contract. Remember: *You should be thinking about your schedule for next year and what class options would work for your schedule. It is wise to have several choices as your first choice may not be available when we get to your name. You will have 48 hours to give us your class choice, so you want to be somewhat prepared. You will need to return the contract within 2 days with a \$150/\$155 credit card non-refundable fee to hold your spot until September. Please remember we have a LOT of names to get through so please respect the 48 hour time frame, or we will have to move to the next name on the list.*

We will need all sibling applications by December 15 to receive priority status for the next school year! It is never too early to submit an application for future school years.

If your child has already been in our Pre-K Program and you are thinking of delaying their departure to kindergarten or if you have one that just barely misses the kindergarten cut-off date, please contact Mrs. Heilman at mckaychildcenter@gmail.com regarding our Afternoon Pre-K Plus class. This class is limited to 12 children.

***Grandrabbits Toy Shoppe** – If you shop at Grandrabbits at any of their locations, please tell them your child attends The Children's Center Preschool and that we are members of their Bunny Bucks program. We receive 10% of your purchase back in gift certificates to spend in their store on fun games and toys. Last year we earned over \$200 to buy toys for our program. Every little bit counts! Thank you!

Favorite books: Dream Snow - Eric Carle

****Gingerbread Baby - Jan Brett****Snowmen at Night - Caralyn Buehner**

****Bear Stays Up - Karma Wilson**

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Our Activity Room Themes this month are Gingerbread Bakery, Holiday Post Office

3 Year Old Program:

Language Arts

Experiencing letter g,l,i

Continue pencil and scissor skills

Science Skills

Recognizing shapes in objects

Comparing size, height, and weight

Discovering seasonal scents

Math Skills

Pattern ABC

Counting candles

Experiencing numbers 9, 10

Review numbers 1-10

Favorite Finger plays and Songs

“I’m a Little Snowman”

“Frosty the Snowman”

“Jingle Bells”

“Snowkey, Pokey”

“Look at the Snowflakes”

Literature

“Gingerbread Baby”

“The Gingerbread Man”

“The Giving Tree”

“The Nutcracker”

“There Was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Bell”

“The Little Engine That Could”

Pre – Kindergarten Program:

Math Skills:

Numbers 9, 10

Numbers 1-10 review

Patterning ABC

Shapes

More or less

First, second, third.....

Science Skills:

Shapes in objects

Graphing

Visual discrimination

Academic Skills

Forming letters g,l,i

Writing names “kindergarten” style

Writing names in proper format

Favorite Books:

“Dream Snow”

“Gingerbread Baby”

“Snow”

“The Polar Express”

“The Mouse Before Christmas”

Songs:

“Frosty the Snowman”

“Snowkey-Pokey”

“Snowflake, Snowflake”

“Jingle Bells”

There is no app

to replace your lap

read to your kids!

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