



## December Newsletter

### Infant One

Happy Holidays! We are getting into the holiday spirit by working on different winter wonderland projects.

Our Might Minute this month is entitled "Crawling Mouse."

What you do:

- Sing to the tune of "Oh, Dear! What can the matter be?"
- Oh, dear! What can the matter be?
- Oh, dear! What can the matter be?
- Oh, dear! What can the matter be?
- A mouse has crawled up to my [chin].
- Walk your fingers on the child's body and gently tickle to part of the body that you named.
- Continue using other parts of the body...

Please remember to check your child's bin for weather appropriate extra clothes.

We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday

## **Infant Two**

Welcome December and the cold weather!

We cannot believe that the holidays are around the corner. As we always say, the year flew by and it seemed to fly by even faster when we were busy teaching and playing with this beautiful group of babies.

We would like to welcome Twyla and Holden to our class. We look forward to getting to know them and their families.

We would also like to wish Sasha all of the best as she joins her old and new friends in the Younger Toddler Room. We are so excited for her, but will surely miss her!

The babies are continuing to explore the classroom and sensory activities while building strength, coordination, and a concept of balance as they move their bodies into so many positions – including cruising, crawling, standing, and walking. These new activities are building physical coordination, social skills, and self-esteem as the children engage in the power of play.

Just a few friendly reminders: We are closed on Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1. Please be sure you are taking your daily sheets home every day.

Have a wonderful Hanukkah and a Merry Christmas!

## **Younger Toddler**

Wow, December!

We hope everyone had a great and safe start to the holiday season!

Please check your child's drawer to be sure they have warm extra clothes. We do go outside everyday if weather permits.

The first two weeks, we are going to learn "All About Me" and "The Five Senses."

We are going to do a lot of fun holiday crafts this month. We will make a holiday tree as one of our art projects and we will also learn about the holiday colors – red, green, and white.

Finally, if you find any toys, CD's, books, etc. that you no longer want while making room for new toys, we would appreciate any donations.

Thank you so much!

## Older Toddler

Happy Christmahaunakwanzakah to all! We are going to celebrate diversity this month and discuss how there are many people that chose to celebrate in different ways. We will focus on Christmas, Hanukah and Kwanza as we make our way through December. We would love to hear what your family traditions are each year and how you like to spend them (who, what, where). It is fun to learn all about our differences and similarities while still remembering to embrace who we are.

We will be filling up our space with fun crafts. I will be asking each child to bring in a picture of their Christmas tree to share with the class.

We will be putting up our own mini tree in the room and other fun décor. If you have a special holiday book from home to share, feel free to send it in. We love to see what the toddlers are doing at home and they love to share it with their friends - it makes them so proud. Our discovery box will be filling the room with the sweet smell of cinnamon and pine.

Please send weather appropriate clothing (hat, gloves, warm coat) as we will still go outside if the weather allows - thank you. We hope you have a holiday season that lights up your heart with joy and love, just as your children do for us.



## Preschool

December is here and the Preschoolers can't wait for the snow to start and for the holiday atmosphere that the month of December brings everywhere.

Last month, we worked on letters D, E, F, and G and numbers 4, 5, 6, and 7. This month, we will continue on letter H and I and numbers 8 and 9. Please expect to continue to see homework coming home to reinforce the concepts we are working on. We work on an art project everyday that addresses the weekly theme and/or our letters and numbers. The

children glue beans, use craft sticks, yarn, pretend grass, etc. over glue lined or cut out letters. They look at books to find the letters of the week and talk about what begins with that letter.

This month we will be focusing on the following topics:

- December 5-9 – Clothes, Letter H, Number 8
- December 12-16 – Christmas Around the World, Letter I, Number 9
- December 19-23 – Merry Christmas, Letter and Number Review
- December 26-30 – Happy New Year, Letter G, Number 7

Please join us in wishing Andrew a very happy birthday!

Please be sure that your child has a complete change of weather appropriate clothing and is dressed for the weather as we are still going outside daily. Please check your child's folder daily for important information and artwork.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Preschool teachers

## **Pre-K**

December will bring the start of a new unit, We will be learning about how everyone has needs. We will talk about nutrition and exercise. We will meet Mr C (colloidal cap) and Ms. E (exercise energy) With the excitement of the holiday season, we will also take a look at some holiday traditions that are celebrated around the world. We would love to find out how your family celebrates around the holiday season.

The "Me' bag will be going home with A different family each week. The directions are pretty simple. You and your child use the bag to bring in items that let us get to know more about them. Examples are photos, book, c.d, movie, etc. if you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

With winter weather approaching, please keep weather appropriate clothes on hand. We will try to go out as much as possible.

## **Office**

\*Breakfast is from 7:30-8:30 in all classrooms. Please be sure that your child is here on time if you wish for them to eat breakfast at the center.

\*Please be sure that your child has at least two complete changes of weather appropriate clothing.

\*Please welcome our new teachers: Jennifer in Infant 1, Sue in Preschool, and Kim in Preschool.

\*If you order from Amazon, please consider ordering through Amazon Smile. It is the same as ordering through Amazon, it just gives a donation to a charitable organization of your choice. So, go to Amazon Smile and select Lakewood Community Care Center and you can support us with every purchase!

\*Remember to get your labels from Mabel's Labels. This is a great way to label school supplies and clothing. Be sure to look for LCCC when you order.

\*We will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1, 2017.

\*December 15 – Ugly Sweater Day

\*December 22 – Dress Up Day and Decorate Cookies Day

\*December 28 – Pajama Day

\*We are wishing all of you a very safe and happy holiday season with all of your loved ones.



# December 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Ugly Christmas Sweater Day	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Dress Up Day  Decorate Cookies	23
24	25	26	27	28 Pajama Day	29	30
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