

**Great
Beginnings
Christian Child
Care Center**

Newsletter

January

2020



Director's Desk...

Happy New Year one and all! I pray that 2020 brings everyone a year of feeling closer to God, of spending quality time with family and friends, of finding meaningful purpose in your daily work, good health and many opportunities to share God's kindness with others.

January brings us back to our regular routine of work, school, etc.. I love the holidays for sure, and then I appreciate getting back to the regular rhythm of life. Speaking of rhythm, it's time for **Music Class with Mrs. Deanna** to begin again, Thursday, Jan. 16th. Music class is for Toddlers through 4's, it's a half hour with each class every Thursday morning for 10 weeks. **The cost for this class is \$28 and can be added to your next tuition check.** I then pay that amount to Mrs. Deanna in one big check so she doesn't have to collect from each family.

Mrs. Deanna has been teaching music here at the center for decades and the children love it! Sadly this will be her last season with us. She is moving across the state with her husband to retire and be closer to her daughter who is expecting! We wish her the very best and say thank you for being such a wonderful teacher and enriching the children's lives with a love of music! You are a blessing to us!

We are also saying goodbye to some of our college age staff whose winter class schedules prevent them from being with us on a regular basis, but we may see them as substitutes. We welcome several new teachers and several new children and their

Amy Bartlett

families! It's always nice to make new friends!

Pizza Pizza! It's time for **Little Caesar's Pizza Kit Fundraiser!** Watch your cubbies for order sheets.

Orders due: Feb. 7th

Payment: online or turned in with order

Delivery: week of Feb. 24th

Funds will go to playground improvements and supplies. ☺



Miss Jenny

ture time with edible food like cereal and bananas, there's something about making a mess that is so appealing to them. Until next month, God Bless!

- **Welcome to all of our new friends and your families!**
- **Thanks to Abby Joswiak (one of our students from many years ago) for donating the Penguin in our lobby. And thanks to her dad, Larry Joswiak for bringing it over!**

Young Infants

Happy New Year from the Young Infant class! I hope everyone enjoyed spending time with family and friends this holiday season. During the month of January we will be welcoming lots of new friends to our class. We will be sure

to give a proper introduction once we meet everyone. We are so excited to have a full class again! This month we will be introducing different textures to our friends. They especially like the touch and feel books. Our older friends love tex-

Older Infant

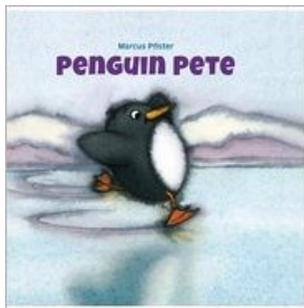
Goodbye 2019 and welcome 2020! We hope that this year brings as much fun in the older infant room as last year!

This month we are going to be having a lot of fun learning about winter and winter animals. Our artwork will include painting snowflakes, snowmen, polar bear, penguins, and many more cold weather items. You may see snow, ice and winter animals in our sensory bottles and sensory table.

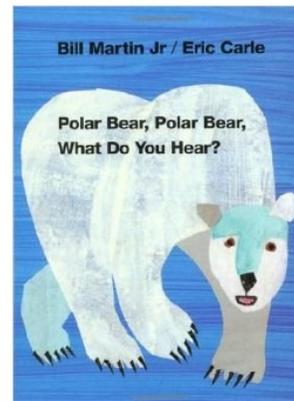
Polar Bear, Polar Bear has been one of our past favorite books to read, along with Penguin Pete. We will also be using some signs when reading these books including bear, cold, penguin, snow. Also, continuing to use more, please, all done, and thank you.

We will be talking about all the ways Jesus shows us that he loves the little children. Jesus provides food, shelter, clothes, toys and everything else we need. We will be reading lots of stories to show us how he does this.

Have a great month!



Miss Ann



Toddlers

HAPPY NEW YEARS! Welcome 2020! I hope you all were able to enjoy ringing in the new year with your family and friends. I hope you were able to stay somewhat healthy? I know a few of our friends were not feeling well before the big night but I pray they got better.

This month we welcome back Jailyn and her baby brother. We say welcome to the center family and to our room to T.J. and Elliot. We hope you will feel like family and be happy in Toddler land.

The month of January has brought some changes in our staffing. We lost all our college girls due to their class schedules. We **have been trying out and hiring some** new staff. We hired Cindi who will work with Miss Loren in the Young Toddler room and Mattea who will work in the afternoon. We are still looking to fill a few more position, so until we do Veronica, Terrie and myself will be working in the afternoons also. If you have any questions or concerns please bring them to my attention.

Miss De

We do like to venture outside so remember to bring the kiddos snow clothes. They are little troopers about being outside, they absolutely enjoy themselves. Its nice to get out and breath clean fresh air, for a minute or two.

We wish all our families a Happy New Year! May Gods blessings be upon you this year.



Threes

Welcome to Winter and the beginning of January! Here's to a great 2020! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and found some time to enjoy being together as a family. Thanks to all of you for making our Christmas party a success! The kids really enjoyed it.

We will explore this month with our theme "Winter Wonderland". We will be turning our room into the feeling of the winter season by creating snowflakes, snowmen, penguins, mittens and a few other special projects.

Our texture table has been a



huge hit with the friends playing with the colored rice. During the next month some different textures will be added at the tables to play with some hands on fun.

As the winter weather approaches please remember to bring everything



Miss Di

that your child will need to go outside and please if you haven't done so label their belongings as it makes it a little easier when things get misplaced (we apologize if they do). We try our best to keep things together whether it is in the cubby or hanging up to dry each day. We go outside everyday from

9:00-10:00am as long as the weather doesn't feel like 0°. This is good for kids to get their fresh air and they love the snow!

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to let Jacky or myself know so that we can work together with your child.



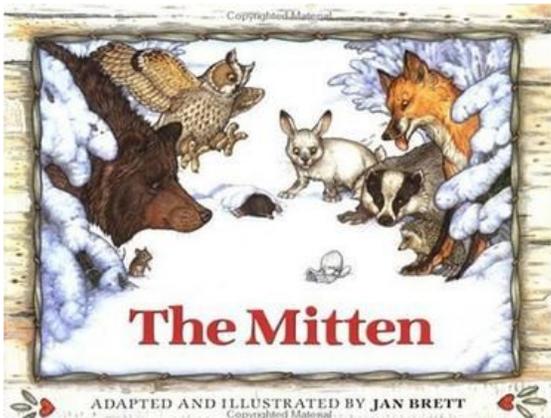
Fours

Happy New Year! We will be welcoming the new year with various themes focusing on winter and snow. We'll also be enjoying "story extensions" with a couple winter themed storybooks: "The Snowy Day" and "The Mitten". I love doing "story extensions" and they give such great reinforcement and offer interaction in vari-

ous forms for the boys and girls. "The Mitten" is an Ukrainian folktale that is so much fun to read and interact with. The boys and girls will be acting out the story, which always proves to be very cute and funny! It's always a favorite!

In January we'll be reciting "Chubby Little Snowman" and "Five Silly Snowpals." Science will be fun with experiments focusing on temperature, measurement, ice, snow, snow formation, and a silly/cool experiment involving raisins! In phonics our letters will be Nn, Oo, Pp and Qq. "Oo" being another vowel and two "basement letters!"

Have a great January!



Miss Heidi

Happy Birthday to Teddy!

Thank you to Hailey and her family for sharing scrap paper!!! We are really becoming writers and paper is in short supply! Always appreciated!

