

NEWSLETTER

January 2021

DIRECTOR'S DESK...

Happy New Year!

Welcome 2021, we have high hopes for you!! Well we are all back from the holidays. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves over the Christmas break and are energized to start a new year!

January brings some changes, a few of the children are moving up to the next age groups, some new babies and families are joining our Great Beginnings Family and some new staff are joining our family as well. Welcome to our new friends!

Now for some house keeping...

- ◆ 2021 new tuition rates will be starting the week of Jan. 11th. There are some new rate sheets on the lobby table if you didn't get one.
- ◆ Tax Season is here—your 2020 tuition payment totals will be coming to you soon.
- ◆ Keep up the good work protecting yourself, your families and others during the pandemic! Hang in there!

MISS AMY

- ◆ Little Caesar's Pizza Kit Fundraiser will be starting soon. Watch for order forms and instructions to be coming home soon.



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YOUNG INFANT

Happy New Year to all from the Younger Infant Room. January brought us a room full of babies. We welcome 3 month old Cecilia & Chase. Funny we refer to them as our twins, both born on the same day but to different families. We also welcome four month old Julia. They are all so precious and small. Remi is our other 4 month old. She's trying to be a big

girl and tries to hold her own bottle and likes sitting with support of the boppy pillows. Meredith is the big 7 month old and army crawls about the room. Mason and Madelyn are eight months this month. Madelyn is making her way across the room and pulling herself up on things. Mason is sitting up on his own. Teddy is the leader of the pack at 9

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months. His little knees get him everywhere.

It is so fun to have a room full of babies. Watching them interact and watch one another is so fun. We are busy happy little friends and it's just the best feeling to see their smiles and growth each day.

Have a great month!

“Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand...”

Edith Sitwell

OLDER INFANT

Happy New Year!

With each new year comes lots of new snow. We try to get outside as much as we can.

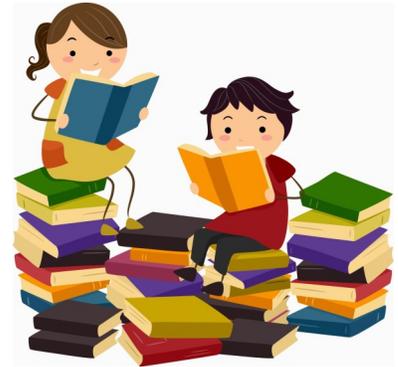
Please be sure your child has warm snow gloves to keep their hands toasty.



This month we will be working on learning spoon control during meal times, as well as helping to give voice to the things we want and need. Some of our friends are already using words such as "more" and "all done". We will be building on those words.

One way to help learn new words is by reading. We will be introducing some new books throughout the month and reading them frequently. We look forward to seeing where each child has grown from month to month.

MISS LOREN



TODDLERS

I hope you all had a great start to the new year. I know things are still a little crazy in our world, but I pray your home and family are at peace. I realize we still have to deal with covid but I hope we can see light at the end of this very long tunnel.

We have been enjoying our outdoor time. The friends have fun getting pulled and even pulling their friends around on the sleds. These friends are good little troopers when outside. They, for the most part, have fun outside.



MISS DE

This month we are talking about winter weather, so I hope we get some more snow. We would like to go sledding on the hills, and maybe build more snowmen.

I pray you all stay as healthy as possible. God bless you and your families.

THREES

Welcome to Winter Wonderland as we have received our first big snow! The kids have really enjoyed using the sleds and getting rides in the backyard. When we get even more then we will head to the hills for some sledding and lots of exercise to get there!

Winter Wonderland will be our theme for January as we do activities that center around winter! We will be making snowflakes and our own snowman for projects! We will be filling a jar with

snow and then watch and guess how long it will take to melt.

During our outside time sledding and making snow angels will keep us active and also possibly building our own snow igloo! We take the kids out every morning as long as the "feels like" temp is not below 0°.

Welcome to our room CeCe, Brynn and Ameer and their families. We are so happy to have you join our room!

MISS DI

Our good friends TJ and Alaiya moved up to Miss Heidi's room. They will be learning so much and I know they will do great things!

Wishing all of our families at Great Beginnings many blessings in the New Year! Stay safe through these tough times and know that we are praying for you!

Happy New Year

Miss Di

FOURS

Happy New Year! Here in the Four's Room we'll be welcoming the new year with various themes focusing on winter and snow. We'll also be doing "story extensions" with three winter themed storybooks: "The Snowy Day," "The Mitten" and "Geraldine's Big Snow." I love story extensions! We bring the literature into our learning centers: concepts from the story are included in math, language, science and fine motor centers. We often turn them into dramatic play as well! "The Mitten" is an Ukranian folk tale that is so fun to read and interact with! The boys and girls



will be acting out the story using a "large mitten" on the floor as "our stage." They're always so cute and funny doing this! Some friends will even

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do the voices! It's always a favorite!

For our poetry in January the boys and girls will be learning "Five Silly Snow-pals" and "Chubby Little Snowman."

Science in January, will include experiments focusing on temperature, measurement, ice and snow formation and a silly experiment, "why are raisins wrinkled?"

In phonics our letters are Nn, Oo, Pp, and Qq. "Oo" being another vowel and two more "basement letters," should make for a fun phonics time!

Have a great January!

Stay safe! Stay well! ❤️

YOUNG 5'S/KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Happy New Year! We are praying for God's blessing in 2021. I'm thankful to be back in class with most of our friends. It's great hearing about all the fun during our looong Christmas vacation.

Our themes for January are "Healthy Bodies" ending the month with "Instruments and Song Leading". We will start the month reading and singing about our heart and pulse. Then on to our skin and finger prints. Next lots of reading about our bones and we will make a skeleton. Weaving through the month will be experiments having to do

with our five senses. Changing gears at the end of the month we will make some rhythm instruments and learn to be song leaders.

This month in phonics we will feature Mm, Rr, Ww, and Pp.. We have added more blend ladders to our centers and we have added final consonants to our blends. We are now reading real words like pig, top, Ted, ram to mention a few. At the end of the month we will begin our "Reading Club"! The boys and girls will read a book silently, read the book to me and then go to another doorway to read the same book. Awesome!

MRS. LAYER

In our math centers we are talking about place value as we begin reading numerals like 143, 367 and 985! We are working hard on dot to dot pages in a very exacting way. Next month we will celebrate our 100th day of kindergarten. This is our only homework of the year. Every student needs to bring in a 100 collection. It could be 100 marbles in a zip-lock bag, 100 stickers on a poster or a creation of 100 Legos on a baking pan etc. We just love math.

Enjoy January! 😊

