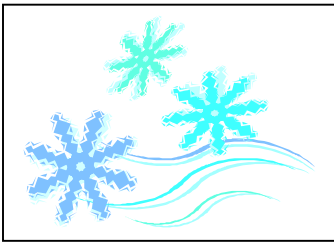


Milestones Child Development Center Monthly Newsletter

January 2012



Kelly Mertes-Director; Beth Straubel-Asst. Director **Director's Corner**

*Happy New Year! Now we can all take a deep breath, sit back and wait for the snow to come!

*We've heard it will be big year for lots of snow when it finally does make it our way. Please be sure to check with WZZM or Wood TV8 for any closings we may have over the winter months.

*As always if you have questions please do not hesitate to email Kelly at belmontdirector@milestonescdc.com or Beth at belmontad@milestonescdc.com

Up Coming Events:

January 2nd
Milestones Closed
for New Years

January 3rd
School resumes

January 16th
No school
Forest Hills

January 20th
No school
Chandler Woods
Northview
Comstock Park

January 26th
No school
Forest Hills

January 27th
Half Day
Rockford

Employee of the Month

Miss Skye

Skye is patient caring and fun!! She has gone above and beyond for both the children and the parents in her classroom. We appreciate your hard work!

Parent Nominated

Kids Say the Funniest Things...

The Pre-K class was busy preparing "Reindeer Food" the week before Christmas. Hannah Klecha in a very serious tone told Ms. Rhonda that "she didn't think she had any reindeer in her neighborhood!"

Making Math Fun!!

Here are few fun math activities to play with your child at home, at the grocery store or on the GO!

Look around as you travel from place to place, and help your child find numbers on buildings, buses, taxis, and houses that they can add and subtract while on the road.

The grocery store is one of the best examples of a place where math is real. Allowing your children to participate in weighing, counting, and figuring price per unit versus price per pound will help improve their ability to estimate and predict amounts with accuracy.

Prepare flashcards numbered 1-10 (3 sets of each). Play "Go Fish" to add numbers up to 10. (Example Sally has a 4 so she's asks her mom for a 6 to make 10). Whoever has the most sets of 10 wins!!



January Birthdays



Alyssa M. 2nd
 Tyler L. 3rd
 Logan M. 6th
 Rowen S. 11th
 Lily C. 12th
 Savannah 16th
 Ryan s. 16th
 Coben B. 17th
 Ms. Shalin 18th
 Ian C. 21st
 Harper M. 22nd
 Abby S. 26th
 Devin F. 26th
 David D. 26th
 Owen L. 27th
 Tyler W. 28th
 Sam M. 28th
 Kaitlyn H. 30th

Infant Room A News

We hope you all enjoyed your holidays. We wanted to thank you again for the many gifts you gave. They were much appreciated. We feel so honored to take care of your precious children & the gratitude you expressed was wonderful. We want to welcome Quinn Pyper to our classroom. She is going to be such a wonderful addition, and we look forward to watching her grow. This month we have some sensory experiences planned. We will also be creating some new artwork to hang in the hallway. We wish you a Happy New Year & are looking forward to seeing what it holds for you, your child & us!

~Ms. Michelle V., Ms. Cheri & Ms. Sarah K.

Infant Room B News

In January Infant Room B made Reindeer with their hands and feet, they are too cute and hanging in the hall for all to see. We also made gifts for the parents for Christmas, we hope you enjoyed them. We have so many babies crawling in the room these days; it's been fun to be a part of this great milestone in your child's life. We are looking forward to the month of January with some great hands on projects. The babies are using the baby signs and we think this is such a great way to help them communicate with us, we hope you find it useful at home.

~Ms. Kelly, Ms. Becky & Ms. Michelle H.

Wobbler Room News

We Hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas. We wish you all a Happy New Year! We will be doing some fun themes this month. We'll spend the month focusing on snowflakes, snowmen & sleepy animals. We'll wrap January up with winter fun!

~Miss Melissa, Ms. Christi, Miss Tricia & Ms. Nicole

Toddler A News

December was a fun month learning and exploring holiday traditions around the world. During January, we will be exploring snow and ice, winter sports, arctic animals, and snowmen. We will end the month going into February with Fairy Tales. I would like to welcome Noah & Miss Nicole to the Toddler A classroom this month!

~Miss Trisha

Toddler B News

This month we will be focusing on dinosaurs, machines & transportation, dental health and winter. During dental health week, I would like for you to bring a toothbrush and toothpaste to leave here at the center. We will be practicing brushing teeth. This will be a great self help skill, as the children love to do things on their own!

~Miss Becca, Miss Chelsea & Miss Andrea

Older Toddler News

Happy New Year! The Older Toddlers are starting out the year focusing on the unit winter. The Children will be learning about the coldest season by taking a look at winter clothing, winter sports and all the changes that occur during this season indoors and outdoors. Throughout this month we will explore activities such as creating cotton ball snowmen, enjoying stories about winter, experiencing snow and ice in the sensory table as well as sorting mittens by size, shape and color.

Reminders

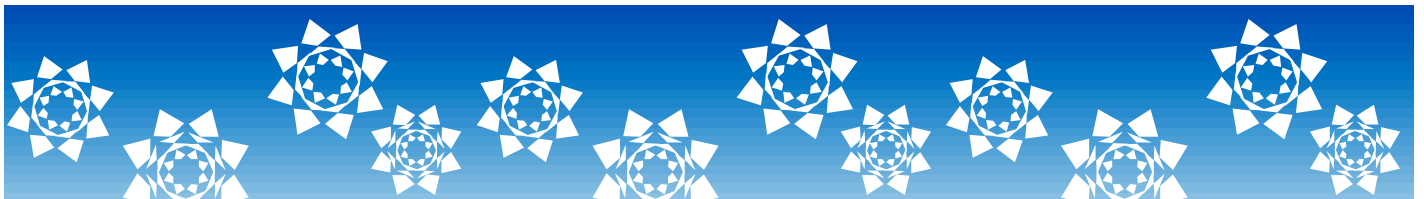
- There will be no school on Monday, January 2nd.
- Let us know if your child will not be attending school the first week of Jan.
- Pay close attention to our calendar this month for all of your upcoming events!

~Mrs. Sarah, Mrs. Cari, Mrs. Emily & Ms. Skye

Early Preschool News

Early Preschool will be busy this month! We'll talk about things that keep us warm, Winter sports, Chinese New Year (January 23rd is the Chinese New Year) & Dental Week. Please bring a sled on January 20th for your child we are planning to go sledding at the park that day! We would like to congratulate Kyle & Savannah on becoming big brother & big sister both families welcomed healthy baby girls in December.

~Ms. Joanna, Ms. Jillian, Ms. Kayla, Ms. Hannah & Ms. Elise



Preschool News

Happy New Year! Preschool will start January talking about snow & all the fun things we can do with it. We will also talk a little about ice & how to stay safe in the cold. Winter animals will be the focus for week 2 as we learn about what animals enjoy the cold weather and live in ice & snow. Of course, we will move along to hibernation to learn about animals who sleep through the winter and how they get by. On Friday, January 20th Preschool will have a PJ hibernation day! We'll all bring a stuffed animal, slippers and cozy movie. We will end the month learning and practicing some winter sports with lots of help from Miss Kari.

-Ms. Nicole, Ms. Kari & Ms. Elizabeth

Pre-K News

Happy New Year! Tumble Time will start again on Wednesday, January 3rd and Swimming will begin again on the 10th. Our themes this month will be the New Year, Winter sports, Penguins & numbers. We hope to have a few sledding days this month!! We are also planning a fieldtrip to Java Gym at the end of the month, more details to come!

-Ms. Rhonda, Ms. Darcy & Ms. Danielle

Pre-K B/AM Preschool News

Wow, what an amazing month we've had in our room! With the arrival of Miss Katie's new baby, Aubree, our Christmas program, Holiday party and break we've been very busy! I have had so much fun this month getting to know your children and look forward to spending January with them.

We would like to extend a big welcome to Matthew who will be joining our class this month. He arrives just in time to enjoy our wintry themes for January. We'll be spending weeks on Winter Wonders, Arctic Animals, Winter Sports, and finishing up with talking about our pets. There are so many fun projects that Miss Desirae, Miss Patti and I can't wait to share!

-Ms. Katie, Miss Desirae, Miss Patti & Miss Angela

Kindergarten Enrichment News

It was a busy December for our Kindergarten group. We would like to thank Miss Leah for stepping in to help while we found a candidate for the lead teacher. We are so happy to welcome Miss Amalia to our teaching staff. She has jumped right into the swing of things and has made an excellent addition to the already wonderful Kindergarten/School Age staff we have. This coming month the kindergarteners will focus on the following themes: New Years, Snowflakes & Snow, the children's book The Mitten, Winter Animals & Our 5 Senses.

-Ms. Jenny, Ms. Amalia, Miss Leah & Ms. Sarah

New Students (January)

Matthew G. ~ AM Preschool
Chloe H. ~ Infant Room A
Noah H. ~ Toddler A
Quinn H. ~ Infant Room A



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New Staff: (January)

REMINDERS AND NOTES:

CREDIT TOWARD TUITION FOR REFFERALS!!

TUITION EXPRESS IS NOW AVAILABLE. NEVER GET A LATE FEE!!! THERE WILL BE A \$5 MONTHLY PROCESSING CHARGE FOR CREDIT CARD CHARGES AND CHECKING ACCOUNT WITHDRAWLS. MANY FAMILIES ARE USING IT AND IS A GREAT CONVENIENCE FOR THEM.

WINTER IS HERE! PLEASE REMEMBER TO SWITCH OUT YOUR CHILD'S EXTRA CLOTHING FOR WARMER WEAR! REMEMBER THE MORNINGS ARE OFTEN CHILLY BUT BY THE AFTERNOON THE SUN GETS WARM...LAYER, LAYER, LAYER!!! PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL YOUR CHILD'S GLOVES, HATS, BOOTS & SNOWPANTS!

Please remember to pay your tuition on time. Tuition is due by TUESDAY at NOON or the FIRST day of the week your child attends the center. A \$20 late fee will be added to your account if payment is not made on time.

Thanks!

Reminder any returned checks will require us to charge you a \$30 fee.