

Milestones Child Development Center Monthly Newsletter

December 2009

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



*We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday! The kids enjoyed a Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday November 24th here at the center.

* Appreciation Lunch is scheduled for Friday, December 4th. We are collecting donations for a staff lunch this year. Please let us know if you have any questions.

*Our annual Christmas program is scheduled for Thursday, December 17th at 6pm, with a reception to follow. We have outgrown the Belmont Baptist Church so this year our program and reception will be held at the **Rockford Reformed Church** on 11 Mile Rd in Rockford. Tickets for the program and reception will be available to purchase starting November 16th. The charge will be \$1 per adult, ticket sales will cover the cost of the cookie and punch reception after the program. We will not be providing dinner or transportation to the program this year due to the increase in students participating and the distance to the church. Please let us know if you have questions. **Please be sure to have your children to the church by 5:45 so we can do our best to run on time!**

Reminder: We will be closed on Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th for Christmas and Friday, January 1st for New Years Day, we will be open our regular hours for New Years Eve.

Reminder: Tuition is due Tuesday morning for fulltime families and the first day of attendance for part-time families. A \$20 late fee will be assessed to all tardy payments.

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Upcoming Events

Rockford Lighting Ceremony
11/18

Downtown Holiday Open House
11/18 & 11/19

Center closed Thanksgiving
11/27/09 & 11/27/09

Santa Parade - Rockford
12/5/09

Holiday Program Thursday 12-17-09
6 pm

Center closed Christmas/
New Years
12/24/09 & 12/25/09

Employee of the Month

Miss Becca S.

Thank you for going above and beyond in the classroom! Your artwork displays are great and you do a wonderful job running the young toddler room after I leave!

Thank you
Miss Amber

Brady Haskins to Miss Darcy:
"Do you want to know what I am thankful for?"
"Yes" Miss Darcy replied.
"YOU!"

Homemade Gifts

1. Bath Salts
2. Baked Good
3. Decoupage Holder
4. Fabric Christmas Wreath
5. Grandma's Apron
6. Hanukkah Menorah
7. Hershey Kiss Trees
8. Punched Tin Luminaries

9. Swiss Cheese Candle

See familyeducation.com for complete instructions.



Infant News

The infants have been busy making their Turkey's to hang on the wall outside our classroom. Now we will be getting ready for Christmas! We welcome Paige, Drew and Sophia to our room this month! We want to wish Happy Birthday to Kyle and Isabelle.

-Ms. Kelly, Ms. Cheri, Ms. Becky & Ms. Michelle

Younger Toddler News

December Themes: Dance, Christmas around the world, Christmas fun
Christmas colors, Hats, Young Toddler December Blurb:

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Now that we are entering December we will be starting to talk about Christmas around the world, Christmas Fun, Christmas Colors, Christmas songs and dances! We are excited to show our Young Toddler friends what snow is and different ways to play in it! Please remember to practice our Christmas song that we will be singing at the Christmas Program!

-Ms. Amber, Ms. Becca, Ms. Robyn



December Birthdays

Kyle B. 12/3
Jaden V. 12/14
Reese G. 12/14
Ms. Abby 12/14
Sam W. 12/19
Miss Desirae 12/19
Miss Lindsay 12/19
Jillian W. 12/20
Grace H. 12/24
Olivia R. 12/26
Emma F. 12/28
Isabelle 12/22
Miss Melissa 12/29
Tyler B. 12/31

Older Toddler News

Wow, November went by so fast! We hope you all had a happy Thanksgiving. This month we are going to be talking about: Winter, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and New Years. We would like to wish Tanner and his family congratulations on the arrival of Landon on Thanksgiving Day.

-Ms. Becca, Ms. Devon, -Ms. Lindsay & Ms. Rachael

Early Preschool News

Wow it's hard to believe it is December already! We are preparing for the snow and we will be working on dressing ourselves for outside play! We will be talking about snow, Santa and reindeer, trees, presents and elves. We will make snowmen and penguins to wrap up December. Have a fun and safe holiday season!

-Ms. Melissa, Ms. Christi, Ms. Laura & Ms. Joanna

Preschool News

December is a very eventful month for us! It's hard to believe the year is coming to an end. Preschool will start the month talking about winter clothes and snow. We will then learn about Hanukkah and Kwanzaa before we talk about Santa and Christmas. Please keep your eyes open for information on a Holiday program and classroom party. We will be ending our month talking about winter sports.

-Ms. Nicole, Ms. Kari & Ms. Desirae

Pre-K News

Ho Ho Ho Christmas is coming soon! December is going to be a busy month in the Pre-K room. We are practicing our Christmas songs for the program on December 17th. The classroom Christmas Party is Friday, December 18th. I will post a note about the time and events for the day! We are planning to do a book exchange, \$2.00 limit please. You can wrap it and label it from: "your child's name" and to: "a friend". We will be having a Pajama Day again, on December 30th. I will be sending home a special project for your child to decorate and bring to school.

-Ms. Rhonda, Ms. Darcy & Ms. Amber

AM Preschool/Pre-K B

The school year is going by so quickly. December is busy, busy for us! We will be learning about Hibernation, Hanukkah, Kwanza and Christmas. We will be celebrating Christmas with our Christmas Program on December 17th and our class party on December 18th. ~More party details in the class newsletter. ~ No AM/PM Preschool December 22nd through January 2nd. Hope everyone enjoys the holidays.

-Ms. Katie, Ms. Desirae & Ms. Kelsey

Kindergarten Enrichment

The holiday season is here! During the month of December we will be learning about all different kinds of holiday traditions from cultures around the world. We will continue to develop literacy skills by focusing on different parts of the story as a whole. We will of course also be practicing our songs for the Christmas Program. Stay tuned for information regarding a Holiday celebration and any special activities we might plan for the school agers during Holiday break. Happy Holidays!

-Ms. Jenny, Ms. Sarah, Ms. Leah & Ms. Angela

New Students



Paige G. ~ Infant Room
Nathan Samuel ~ AM Preschool
Nathan W. ~ Returning to Milestones
Bailey L. ~ Young Toddler

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New Staff (December)

We're on the Web!
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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.

BETH & KELLY WILL BE OFF ON TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS FOR THE FALL SEASON.

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.
Brrr...it's cold out! Remember to bring in hats, mittens, boots, snow pants & extra pants and shirts!