

January 2012

Director's Corner



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2011 is here! Hopefully everyone had a great time bringing in the new year! Now that the holidays are over, we are looking into the long months of winter! February is our annual state visit so if you have received an email from me regarding paperwork I need, please get it to me in a timely manner.

PIC meetings will resume this month with our January meeting falling on the 26th!

It is very cold outside and some are still coming to school without snowpants and boots! Please remember the teachers are required to take the children out during the winter months! Thank you!

Teresa and Tracy

Happy ☺ Gram

Milestones' January Happy Gram Winner is...

Ms. Heather McCartney!

Ms. Heather does such a good job working as a team with the other teachers in her room! She is very organized and greets parents of all rooms warmly in the mornings! Ms. Heather is always willing to get down and play with the children too!

Quote:

The time is always right to do what is right.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

UPCOMING EVENTS

16th- No School for FHPS and RPCA (Ridge Park Charter Academy)

26th - PIC Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

26-27 - No school for FHPS

27th - No school RPCA

Getting Enough Water

Since the human body is approximately two-thirds water, it is very important for kids (and adults) to replace what is used in a day. Young kids who don't drink enough water may suffer from fatigue or constipation. To combat dehydration, have your child drink 8 ounces of water for every 250 calories consumed. If your child takes in 1500 calories a day, that means at least 6 cups.

Early Preschool News



This month has gone by fast with the holidays! We learned about Christmas here and around the world and Hanukkah. For the Christmas around the world we made different ornaments from other parts of the world for our Christmas tree. In the sensory tub we had pine tree branches for the children to explore. Parent teacher conference schedule will be out next week! In January we will be learning about nursery rhymes, the five senses, and my body. Due to the weather getting colder please make sure that your child has warm clothes. We will be going outside at least once every day. Thank you!

Ms. Keysha and Ms. Lindsey

Preschool "A" News

Happy New Year from the Preschool A room!

We would like to extend a personal thank you for all the gifts and goodies that we received. That was so nice of you and it makes us feel so appreciated! We enjoyed getting to know our families and taking care of your children. We are looking forward to all the fun things that 2012 has planned for us...so let's get ready for another great year!

Preschool A would also like to wish a Happy Birthday to Beatrice on the 13th and to Jack on the 15th!

Sincerely,

Ms. Amy, Ms. Heather, and Ms. Jen

January Birthdays

Violet-8th (Pre)

Juliet-8th (Inf)

Levi-9th (EP)

Jaclyn-10th (EP)

Beatrice-13th (PreA)

Maina-14th (PreK)

Jack-15th (PreA)

Annabel-17th (SA)

Jordan-17th (Pre)

Elliot-19th (SA)

Nicholas-19th (SA)

Dylan-23rd (PreK)

Emily-28th (SA)

Sasha-31st (SA)

Preschool "B" News

"Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!" Winter weather has finally arrived, and we are excited that Jack Frost is nipping at our nose in Preschool B. This month we will be exploring: Winter gear, Snow, Polar Animals, and Penguins. As January turns to February we will take time to check on the Ground Hog's shadow. Now that snow is here, please be sure to provide appropriate snow gear and label each piece so we can keep them straight. There is also a hanging rack in the hallway that our class is sharing with two other classes to put snow pants on. Our hangers are labeled with each child's name. The boots belong on the mat at the bottom of the rack. I would like to finish with a thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas party! It seemed the children enjoyed having time with their parents. I also enjoyed seeing everyone's smiles playing our present game.

Have a blessed New Year

Ms. Sarah and Ms. Elizabeth

Infant News

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday! Time to get ready for cold weather and snowy conditions... This month our focus will be on shapes, we will also be giving the infants opportunities to get their hands in some snow now that it has arrived!! If you would like your infant to participate in outside play time please be sure they have the proper clothing and accessories to do so. Even if your child does not go outside they will still get the opportunity to explore in some snow inside! We would like to warmly welcome Reece to our room this month and wish Juliet a happy 1st birthday!!

Ms. Megan, Ms. Tracy, Ms. Amber, and Ms. Carolyn

Pre-Kindergarten News

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful holiday! I would like to thank all the parents for the party supplies; the children enjoyed their holiday party very much.

Themes we will be talking about this month include Polar Bears, Arctic Regions, Seasons and Space.

We would like to give a big welcome to Carli as she moves to our room. We are very excited to have you join our class.

Another reminder, please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the colder weather as we will continue to go outside.

Ms. Mariam, Ms. Karla & Ms. Bev



School Age/Kindergarten News

Welcome 2012! We hope you all had a wonderful, healthy, and joyful holiday season. Last month was so much fun in our room. For the first two weeks, the kindergarteners learned about the holidays, and then we spent the last two weeks of December just having fun! The School Age winter break was a blast and the kids enjoyed all of our field trips and activities despite our lack of snow. January brings a new year and also some new fun to our classroom. We are going to explore this new year and talk about some of our resolutions for the year. We will also take a look at our five senses, Martin Luther King Jr., and we will study the author Jan Brett!

We are always looking for any craft items or board games that you might be willing to donate for the after school program. Thanks!

Warm Wishes,

Ms. Becky, Ms. Kelsey, Ms. Elizabeth, and Ms. Carolyn

Young Toddler



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Happy New Year! We are excited for another GREAT year in the toddler room! This month we will be doing lots of snowy activities and learning about animals that live in cold places. January 9th we will celebrate Ms. Jill's Birthday!

We are working on using gentle hands when we play with our friends and sharing. We will do some fun motor activities like throwing and kicking balls, as well as rolling them on the floor. We hope to get outside and build a snowman, as well as learning to walk through the snow! Please be sure your child has all the snow gear necessary for playing outside. Also, make sure it is labeled with your child's name or initials. Happy Winter!

- Ms. Jill, Ms. Sandy, and Ms. Jessica

AM/PM News

Welcome to 2012! What a great school year it's been so far. I am so proud of the children! They've grown so much in such a short time! I look forward to seeing this growth continue in the new year. Welcome to the new families joining the class, I am excited to get to know you and help your child develop and get ready for their next step.

Sincerely,
Mr. Bill and Ms. Shahida

We're on the Web!
www.milestonescdc.com

REMINDERS AND NOTES:

- AFTER SCHOOL MAD SCIENCE BEGINS AGAIN THE WEEK OF THE 30TH! PLEASE SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS WE NEED A CERTAIN NUMBER OF ENROLLMENTS TO RUN THE CLASS. FLYERS ARE ON THE FRONT TABLE.
- UNFORTUNATELY, THE PRESCHOOL MAD SCIENCE PROGRAM IS COMING TO AN END FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR. YOU SHOULD BE GETTING YOUR REFUND AND LETTER IN THE MAIL. WE WILL TRY AGAIN IN THE FALL TO SEE IF WE CAN GET MORE PARTICIPANTS! THANK YOU!
- SWIMMING LESSONS START BACK UP THE WEEK OF THE 16TH!
- PARENT INVOLVMENT COMMITTEE MEETS THE LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH @ 5:30PM HERE AT THE CENTER. THE PIC SERVES VARIOUS DIFFERENT PURPOSES INCLUDING; HELPING ME WITH EVENTS, FUNDRAISING, HEALTH AND SAFETY DISCUSSIONS, AND MORE! ANYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND, EVEN IF YOU CAN'T MAKE EACH MEETING.