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Growing Highlights

January 2021

Dear Parents,

I saw a post on social media and thought it was too good not to share. "Nobody claim 2021 as 'your year.' We're all going to walk in real slow. Be good. Be quiet. Don't touch anything." I feel like if we were able to make it through 2020, we can make it through anything!

As we head into the new year, we are typically greeted with colder temps and more snow. As a reminder, toddlers will go outside unless the temperature is below 20*, and children 2 and older will go outside as long as it is above zero.

Colder temps usually bring more time inside, and more time inside usually brings more illnesses. Since COVID 19 symptoms are that of every other illness, it is important that sick kiddos stay home. As a reminder, if you or anyone in the home is being tested or has a pending test, your child is not allowed to attend until the test result comes back negative. The only exception to this would be if you have mandatory testing at work (and are symptom free). In our eyes, a pending test is a positive test, so until the result comes back negative, we are assuming the person is contagious.

[Click here](#) to review our Travel Guidance and quarantines for families; which can be found on our COVID-19 Protocol page on our website.

As always, please see me with questions or concerns!

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Happy Birthday

1 Wesley M.
5 Ms. Hannah
6 Elinor S.
13 Carter K.
17 Ms. Jousline
18 Avery K.
20 Ms. Nikki
21 Arthur S.
24 Amelia R.
24 Ellison P.
26 Layla L.
27 Olivia P.
27 James R.
30 Ms. Emily
31 Brandt P.

Executive Order - Face Coverings

Governor Evers has extended the Executive Order through January 19, 2021. Children ages 5 and over are now required to wear face coverings while inside at Grandma's House; except when eating and drinking.

*Just a reminder....children should not come to the center if:

1. **Anyone in your household has been tested for COVID-19 and you are waiting for results.**
2. They have a fever.
3. They have taken any medications in the last 48-hours for a fever or for COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms.
4. They have ANY signs or symptoms of COVID-19, such as shortness of breath, persistent cough, chills, body aches, loss of taste or smell, rash, vomiting, or diarrhea.
5. They have come into contact with anyone who has COVID-19 or ANY signs or symptoms of COVID-19.

*Staff take their temperatures upon arrival at the center each day and answer the above questionnaire each time they clock in.

Smurfs

Happy New Year Everyone! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday. Our babies enjoyed making their gifts. This month we will be working with the color white and exploring snow animals. We will also be experiencing snow for our sensory project.

Infants, Ms. Iris & Ms. Octavia

Little Dreamers

Pixar Pals

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season!. We have been working on getting our winter gear on to go outside. We have a few who can get everything on by themselves. We have been learning about sorting colors by using different colored beads, pom poms, and goldfish crackers. Next month, we will be talking about winter animals and hearts. Please make sure that your child's hats, mittens and boots are labeled!

2's, Ms. Courtney & Ms. Esther

Quote of the Month: "Every day is a chance to begin again. Don't focus on the failures of yesterday, start today with positive thoughts and expectations." - Catherine Pulsifer

The New Year brings new friends into our room and though we are sad to see our old friends go, we know they are ready to start a new adventure. The New Little Dreamers will be practicing cruising, balancing, and sign language. Sign language really helps to let us know what the children want or need. We practice this every day! Parents are always welcome to visit. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays.
3rd Infants, Ms. Sherry & Ms. Shantice

Little Seussicals

Happy New Year! During the month of December, we enjoyed learning about and using the colors, red and green to decorate trees, gingerbread men, snowflakes, stockings, and candy canes. We love listening to flannel stories and music. One of our favorites was Frosty the Snowman! We have been using our gross motor skills as we experiment with the new wooden climber in our room. We also have been practicing nice touches and sharing with our friends.
Toddlers, Ms. Annissa & Ms. Kayleigh

Farmhouse Friends

Tangled Up

Happy New Year Everyone! With 2021 starting, we will be "adding on" to our stories we have been enjoying in our classroom. During our theme weeks, we will have books in bags that you can check out and return when finished reading. This exciting take home activity will be located on our yellow board in "dramatic play." We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays!

3's, Ms. Jess & Ms. Liz

PK Masks

Have you caught a glimpse of our "Fancy Day" yet? We had so much fun learning new songs (which enhanced our language skills) and dancing to them. Dancing is a great way to work on our gross motor skills. Our melted snowman activity was so much fun, too! We used our fine motor skills to make our melted snowman kits and our math skills to count the correct amount of ingredients. Keep up with us via our classroom Bloomz app!

4's, Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Melissa

Happy New Year everyone! We made it! At points, it felt like we were barely hanging on, but together, we did it! We just wanted to take a moment to let you know we are so thankful to have the families' support throughout the year. We could not have done it without you. We are so grateful to work with such wonderful friends, families, and children. We wrapped up the end of the year on a strong musical note. Our friends loved learning about beat and rhythm, and mainly dancing to our favorite song, "Party Freeze Dance Song", by the Kiboomers. Try playing at home and see your little one light up like the new year! We have gotten the question from parents about flannels. What is flannel time? Usually, before lunch and at the end of the day, we sit by our felt board and tell stories, rhymes, or songs using images with Velcro that stick to the board on the wall. These flannels aid in the improvement of language and literacy. Children establish connections that images are visual representations of real things. The same goes for books! Plus, it's just fun! We look forward to a fabulous new year with everyone! May your trouble be less, and your blessings be more and nothing but happiness come through your door!

2nd Toddlers, Ms. Hannah & Ms. Emily