

January 2021

Good Samaritan News

Welcome to 2021!

Welcome back to all our families. We hope that everyone had a wonderful, restful holiday, and everyone stayed safe and healthy. We continue to keep up to date on the fluctuating COVID guidelines and anticipate a vaccine soon. We are happy to see all our returning students.

Vaccine Update

Preschool staff is eligible for the second wave (Tier 1b) of vaccines. Eligibility and availability are not the same thing, so the state may announce the beginning of Tier 1b vaccinations, but local providers might not have them available. We are watching this closely. Staff is eager to get the shot(s).

Giving Tree

Thank you to all the families that donated to the Giving Tree. Teachers are excited to be getting new books which we are ordering this week.

Masks

Moving forward we are requiring every child, 18 months and above, to keep a mask in their backpack, lunch box or cubby. This is only as a precaution. If your child shows any of the COVID symptoms while at school, we will have them put on their mask while they wait in the office to be picked up. We understand that very young children or those with certain conditions may not tolerate masks, but we ask that you bring a child-sized one to keep here. If your child has a condition that prevents them from wearing a mask, please let the office know. This is for everyone's safety.

As described in the Parent Handbook: there is no licensed "sick room" at the center, but ill children must be removed

from the classroom. Parents should try to get them picked up within 30 minutes of being notified. Thank you for your continued support.

Parent Teacher Conferences

In February we will be having parent teacher conferences for the three preschool classes upstairs. We will do this though ZOOM. Your teacher will let you know though email your scheduled date, time, and link. This will give you a chance to meet with your child's teacher and go over how he/she is doing and if there are any areas of concerns. Please keep an eye out for the email.

Valentines Party

Yes, we will still have our annual Valentine's Day party next month. Children are welcome to make their friends Valentines cards to pass around. Also, we are asking one parent to bring a yummy treat to share with the class that day. It can be homemade or store bought. Please let us

know if you need a class list; we'd be happy to email one.

Dates to Remember

School closed January 18th
Martin Luther King Day

Valentines Party February 12th

School closed February 15th
President's Day

Teddy Bear News

Happy New Year!!! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. We will begin the new year with lots of activities and art projects. During the month of January, we will focus on Winter. Through our art projects we will introduce snow, snowflakes, snowman, snowballs, etc. Our colors of the month are white and green, and the shape is circle.

We want to welcome Abby to our class. She has just graduated from the Ladybug room!

Reminder: we need napping items labeled and a bag to stay at school for the week.

Thank you,

-Ms. Maria and Ms. Co

Flower Room News

Happy New Year one and all!!

The holiday season is such a great time to reflect and count our blessings. I'm so happy and excited to see all the flower kids return in great spirits and refreshed for another fun filled year.

December was filled with lots of holiday fun and much learning about the different holidays. We talked about Christmas and Hanukkah. We made a Christmas Tree, Christmas gifts, ornaments and lots of Christmas art and decorations.

January will bring lots more excitement. We will begin our journey into Winter/Wonderland, Martin Luther King, Human Body and Chinese New Year. And we will continue learning our alphabet, shapes and colors.

We would like to thank all the parents for their generosity for participating in the giving tree. And also, thanks to all the parents for the gifts, sweets and kind words.

Have a wonderful first month of the year!

-Ms. Lyn

Hello Rainbow News

Hello Rainbow Room families!

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. We will continue with our regularly scheduled routine. In January we will continue learning our letters and numbers. Letter S,T,U, and V are the letters we will be focusing on in January. Rote counting is also a focus in the class, as well as learning to recognize the different numbers. We will be indulging in many fun winter art activities as well as focusing on art that includes one of our letters we are working on.

Please make sure your child is wearing comfortable, warm clothing. The weather is changing, and it's getting a lot

colder. Also make sure everything is labeled.

Thank you,

-Ms. Dee

Alpaca News

Hello Alpaca room parents,
A Happy New Year to all of you! December was a beautiful month of exploration and celebration. We learned about the butterfly life cycle, we worked very hard on our Christmas carol, we baked, listened to the many stories of Christmas, danced to Irish music, listened to the King's Choir sing our favorite Christmas carols and did a lot of Christmas crafts. This January we began the year right with the Anna Dewdney book study. We had actually read 'llama llama holiday drama' in December. The children loved the book so much! I thought we could do a whole week of her books. There are a ton of social/emotional skills to be discussed and practiced in those books. The rest of the month we are getting ready

for an animal safari where we will see exquisite wild animals, native to the different countries in the world We will explore their habitats, listen and mimic rare animal sounds, mimic animal movements and do a lot of arts and crafts

Bumblebees January

Newsletter

Welcome to 2021! We are going to have a wonderful start to the new year together. We will begin the new year by studying life at the farm. We will talk about who lives on the farm and what is grown at the farm. We will discuss chicken life cycles, what farmers do, and make lots of animals in art. Our second two weeks of January will be spent learning about our 5 senses. We will have taste test surveys, scent matching, shaving cream letter writing and more! I am looking forward to starting this new year with my wonderful class.
-Ms. Lydia

Hedgie News

Happy New Year Hedgie family! Hope everyone had a safe Christmas and New Year! We learned so much last year and we will continue to keep learning new things! :) For this month we will focus on learning about Arctic Animals. We will learn about different animals and where they live. We will also discover which arctic animals are endangered and how we can help these animals survive:). We will continue learning our numbers and learning new sight words. I will be having parent teacher conferences next month and will put out a sheet outside the classroom door so you can sign up for a date:). -Ms. Vanessa

Turtle News

Welcome Back Turtle Room Parents,
December has come and gone in a flash! We did some fun Christmas activities, sang, danced, and made "gingerbread" houses.

We hope you all had a fabulous holiday break. During the month of January, we will be working with the students on time management, using their timers, and following their daily schedules. We hope that by creating a routine of setting their own timers and keeping track of the time, our students will be able to follow their schedules no matter which teacher is in the classroom with them.

As always, we have materials for all students for art, science, or even math and word search activities if they choose. We are also working on independent art bags for each child to have some set art activities they can do on their own.

Thank you for all your support,
-Ms. Maria and Ms. Sarah