

PowerUP! News

North Missouri Center for Youth and Families

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Invoices and Monthly Payment

Each month we bill parents for the days our program is open. We have checked with other daycares and this is their policy also. The reason we have to bill you at the beginning of the month for the days after school and when school has planned dismissals is to make sure that we are fully staffed. This also holds your spot in our program.

However, we do realize that snow days put a burden on families that do not require our services for those days. Beginning January 1, we will bill snow days only to those parents that bring their child to PowerUP! on the snow day. We will not bill if your child not does attend the program **due to a snow day**. We will still bill for planned days off by the school district as we know about these days in advance. Please remember that invoices are handed out the first week of the month and are due by the last day of the month. Thank you for being an integral part of our program.

New Licensing

We have been approved to increase our licensed capacity to 70 students. We have added the old office to licensed space and have turned the old computer room to the office. Because of the increase in capacity we are currently accepting new enrollments.

News from our classroom activities!

Miss Nicole—Art Class: In January we started traveling around the world in art again. We spent the month on safari in Africa. The kindergarten and 1st grade made zebra headbands, hippo puppets, paper rhino craft, lion mask, gorilla and elephant color by numbers and colored giraffes. The 2nd-6th made paper plate giraffes, beaded bracelets, curly haired lions, painted abstract giraffes and even did an African animal research project. All of the groups made paper plate elephants, clothespin giraffes, Maasai necklaces, and snake finger puppets. We also spent Martin Luther King, Jr. Day making books about him and his life. We watched 2 books about Mr. King being read on video and listened to him giving his "I Have A Dream Speech." We then did a group project called, "Love Comes In Different Colors" which is displayed in our window. I hope everyone has taken a minute to take a look at it. We did manage to get a little time outside in January for PE. We played safari, dodgeball, octopus, color tag, freeze tag, rock/paper/scissors race, musical chairs, duck, duck goose and whiffle ball hockey. As we head into February we are going to continue our art adventures in Africa for a little longer. We will be making spin drums, zebras, sunset painting, and giraffe headbands-- even making our own paper beads.

Dates to Remember!

- Chillicothe R-II Schools will not be in session on March 15th. PowerUP! will be open 7:30 am – 6:00 pm.
- Spring Break: Chillicothe R-II Schools will be closed April 1st – 6th for Spring Break. PowerUP! will be open from 7:30 am -6:00 pm with the exception of Friday, April 2nd.
****POWERUP! WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, APRIL 2 FOR SPRING BREAK FOR STAFF. We will only be closed on the 2nd.**

Miss Amy—STEM: In January, students studied Polar bears. They planned and created igloos for them. They planned and created Snowball Catapults from materials that were given to them. They created icebergs to save the penguins from the polar bears. They had to make a snowman on stilts that could stand on its own the longest. They will be learning about light and shadows. Students will be doing different Valentine Stem challenges. Students will be listening to different stories and doing Stem Challenges for each book.

Miss Carla—Learning Center Academics: Hello, everyone January has been cold and icy. But the children have continued working on activities that we hope will help them with learning. I have continued to work with Kindergartens with Sight Word books and cards. We write words in a journal every day and draw pictures that relate to the stories that we are reading. We have created polar bears for our walls. We have also played with playdough helping students to build up little finger muscles. The use of Hot Dot Jr. has helped us to count and learn Beginning Phonics sounds this month.

The 2nd graders have brought spelling words and reading to do each day. We always start with the homework first and we may add a Learning Game or chrome books to practice more the skills they need to know for second grade. We like to use Room Recess or Sheppard Software. If the students have their passwords they can work on Reflex Math or Prodigy.

The 4-6th grades have been working on their Chromebooks to complete Math assignments or to learn the United State map. The boys are in my group and the girls are in Mrs. Garber's group. We have read some nonfiction stories learning about animals and why they respond the way they do. Last, we counted money so the children would be more comfortable counting change when buying items.

February will be including some new items we have just ordered for the children to interact with the teacher and friends and of course Valentine's Day will be a fun time.

Miss Denise—Learning Center Academics: January went sailing by in a blink of an eye so here is a learning center update! Three fun units were taught on full snow days. The first 2 days we studied penguins and polar bears. The library books read were The Emperor's Penguin and Snow Bear. We watched 2 educational videos on penguins and polar bears and then played fact checking answering games. A lot of interesting facts were learned by the children about these 2 topics. A new computer game was introduced from National Geographic Kids playing an arctic animal memory game. The penguin day we made penguin glyphs and on polar bear day they drew a polar bear scene with white crayon on black paper. The other unit we did was on snowmen. I read The Biggest, Best Snowman aloud and we listened to 2 stories online called Snezy the Snowman and How to Catch a Snowman. We did a snowman writing to practice our writing, shapes identification using a snowman, and math fact activity. I really enjoyed these 3 lessons and snow day mornings with the kids learning these fun topics!!

On our days of afterschool we continue our 3 rotations: First grade works on their homework packets from school, 3rd quarter sight words, addition and subtraction facts, and writing practice. Third grade works on reading logs and spelling words and multiplication and division facts. Grades 4th- 6th are working on Zearn lessons on their Chromebooks. These lessons are on fractions and decimals. Time is allowed also for independent reading. February will consist of a craft for Valentine's Day and working on several new learning games we ordered for the center.

Sign up for Remind

Please make sure you are signed up for the Remind text so that if we need to close for severe weather. Sign up for remind by text @powerup181 to 81010.

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