

The Sun Times

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Where did 2018 go?? Hope your holidays were wonderful and your 2019 even better.

With the new year comes new expectations for each of our classrooms. Our Infants start transitioning from cribs to mats, start taking one nap a day and experiencing table foods from our school menu. Our Young Toddlers start working on pre-potty training, going to designated centers for play and getting ready for their next adventure, Older Toddlers. Our Older Toddlers start the BIG transition into Preschool, which includes being completely potty trained, working on their individual pencil grips, cutting with safety scissors and responding to two or more instructions at the same time. Our Preschool students will start their transition into Pre-K which includes writing their name, pre reading skills, multi-tasking with teacher based directions and learning how to "negotiate" with their peers. AND our Pre-kers are working on the next step—KINDERGARTEN! Wow, such a wonderful time of year!

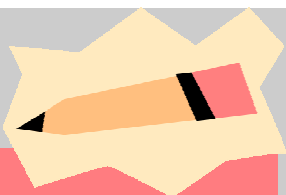
Thank you everyone for your never ending support, holiday gifts and the communication you extend to us. We sure appreciate you all!

Carol



**Dates
To
Remember:**
January 1, 2019:
NO SCHOOL
January 17-31:
**Mid Year Parent
(Guardian)/
Teacher confer-
ences**

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INFANT NEWS

Ana's News

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school! First of all, thank you so much for the wonderful gifts you all gave us. We appreciate your time to think of us!

This year we will be working on the children's 5 domains, which includes gross motor, fine motor, knowing self and others, communication and approaches towards learning. We will be completing them according to their age and needs. We are looking forward to a challenging new year with advancement taking place daily. The children develop so fast! If there is anything in particular you would like us to work on with your child, please let us know! Our door is always open.

We are planning on our Parent (Guardian)/Teacher conferences in January. Please be on the look out for the sign up sheet by our Sign-In book for conference times. Please make sure we have 2 or more sets of extra clothes in your child's cubby. We have fun filled days and can get quite messy.

We are looking forward to new children and their families joining us in January.

Welcome to Claire, Elianna, Theo and Cassie! So anxious to have you all join us!!

Happy birthday to Mireya on Jan. 31! She will be one year old! Feliz Cumpleaños Mireya!!

Come visit with us anytime if you have any questions or concerns that need to be addressed.

Thank you!!



Ms. Ana

Ms. Lisa

Ms. Gail

Sadie's News

Welcome to the New Year! Hope you all enjoyed your winter break!

Our babies are growing so fast! They are moving and exploring new areas in the classroom. We are transitioning to sippy cups and slowly to one nap. We are preparing for the next step which is Young Toddlers. The children are enjoying our short stories, books, music and dancing. We have been exploring textures and will continue with that often. Sensory is such a key element for our little ones! We will also start to introduce warm and cold. This should be a fun month of exploring!

We would like to welcome Warren and his family to our class. We are so happy you are here!

Please remember these few friendly reminders. Please make sure your child has weather appropriate clothes. Since we are transitioning to sippy cups, you are more than welcome to bring one from home if you wish. We have been working on hand-eye coordination with the little ones by using a spoon and a bowl. Please help us encourage this at home as well. We would greatly appreciate it!

Please feel free to speak with us if you have any questions.



Ms. Sadie

Ms. Riah

Ms. Myranda



YOUNG TODDLER NEWS



Alex's News

Happy New Year! We are ready to see what 2019 has to offer! We hope everyone had a relaxing winter break and now we are officially into winter. Please make sure your child has a winter coat and hat and please remember to write in your child's initials inside hats, coats and gloves. We do go outside on most days and we have been experiencing a lot of the same looking outer wear. We just want to make sure they go in the correct cubbies and home with the correct children. Thank you for this!

This month we will continue with our winter fun theme and are excited that we finally got to see some snow. We know after a long break the children will have a hard time transitioning back to school, so a friendly reminder. Make a quick drop off saying goodbye and giving hugs and kisses. PLEASE refrain from "sneaking" out. I'm confident everyone will get back into the swing of things in no time.

We would like to wish Hayden an belated Happy Birthday. She turned 2 on December 31st. Happy Birthday!! We hope everyone had a wonderful start to 2019!

Ms. Alex

Ms. Alma

Ms. Analý

Nicole's News

Happy New Year YT families! We hope everyone had a restful break and a wonderful holiday. We look forward to a brand new year with lots of memories ahead. As we enter 2019, we would like to remind you all that coming back from the long break may take us a few weeks to get back to our normal routine so please bear with us. Quick drop offs are still recommended and we still promise to give your child plenty of TLC.

Thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts. It means so much to us and we truly appreciate it. You all are awesome!

We have added back our "In/Out" pictures next to the sign in book. If you could please kindly remember to put your child's picture "In or Out" upon arrival and departure, we would greatly appreciate it. Please remember to still sign in and out in the blue book. This is all for the safety of your child and is also a requirement of CYFD. Our theme for the month is "Winter Wonderland." We will continue to explore with "snow" - a sensory activity that we introduced last month and the children absolutely loved it. We will read simple books about snowflakes, building a snowman, and the cold weather. We would also really like to boost our fine motor activities through out the day such as lacing and tearing paper which is really beneficial in the long run as we gain "pre-writing" skills. Of course, we love to explore with various art materials such as paint, markers and play dough and we will continue to do so all year long.

If you have not brought in a family photo or would like to update yours, we encourage you to bring one in. We display these in the classroom for the children to look at as it introduces them to various types of families and cultures. It also comforts the children on those days that they have a hard time during drop offs.

A friendly reminder, please, please remember to check your child's cubby for weather appropriate extra clothes. We still get pretty messy throughout the day especially during meal times.

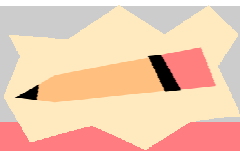
We hope everyone has a great month! Happy New Year!

Ms. Nicole

Ms. Angie

Ms. Mikaela





OLDER TODDLER NEWS

Liz's News

Welcome 2019! We hope you had a magical break and now we are all ready to jump back in. A few things we want to work on are: sharing, using nice words with our friends and choosing areas to play in during free choice. There will be a box and sticky notes for all of you to confidentially place anything you would like us to work on with your child/children. We always value and appreciate all your opinions!

Let's wish Lily a very Happy Birthday on the 13th and Ariel on the 21st.

Thank you for all you do!!



Ms. Liz

Ms. Maria

Ms. Adrianna

Joslyn's News

Hello families and welcome back!! We are very excited to start 2019 with you all. We have a few reminders to start off our new year. Please update your child's extra clothes so we have weather appropriate apparel. Also, please make sure they fit as well. Your children are growing quickly. We would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you for all of the thoughtful gifts you gave us. We do appreciate it so much!

This month we will be working on potty training (we can do this!). We are also going to discuss our emotions and review personal hygiene like washing hands and brushing teeth.

We have 2 birthdays this month! Archer has a birthday on January 30 and Ms. Kateri has a birthday on January 22nd. Happy Birthday!!

Hope your month is great! Thank you for everything!!

Ms. Jos

Ms. Kateri

Ms. Adrienne





PRESCHOOL NEWS

Danielle's News

Happy New Year families!! We hope everyone had a great holiday and Happy New Year and hope that your break was well rested.

We are starting out the new year with a winter's theme. We will learn about how animals live in colder climates and we will also have cooking activities and science experiments. Our letters for the month will be Ww, Pp, Mm, and Dd.



Please look out for Parent (Guardian)/ Teacher conference sign up sheet which will be in the classroom.

We are excited to learn and grow this year, thank you for everything!!

Ms. Danielle

Ms. Brianna

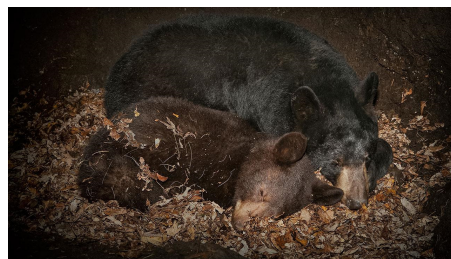
Ms. Jayce

Alyssa's News

Welcome to 2019! We hope everyone had a fun filled holiday with their families! We would like to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year!

We are ready to kick off the new year in pre-school with many fun learning activities. This month, our themes are as follows:

*Jan 2-4	Animals & Hibernation	
*Jan 7-11	Polar Animals	Letter Qq
*Jan 14-18	Mittens & Cold	Letter Rr
*Jan 21-25	Five Senses	Letter Ss
*Jan 28-Feb 1	Letter and Number Review	

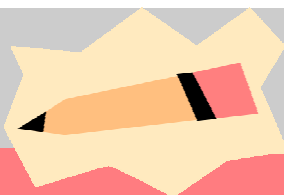


We highly encourage our families to drop in for a read aloud or for you to come in and help with a baking project of your choosing.

We thank everyone who helped us celebrate at our holiday party. We also appreciate all of the generous gifts from our families. Thank you!

Ms. Alyssa

Mr. Brandon



PRESCHOOL- PRE-K NEWS

Shannon's News

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the break and are ready to get back into the swing of things. Thank you to all who were able to attend our Gingerbread Party. The children had fun preparing for their performance for you!

Our January curriculum is as follows:

*January 2-4	Polar Animals	Letter Ll
*January 7-11	My Community	Letter Mm
*January 14-18	My Community	Letter Nn
*January 21-25	Pets	Letter Oo
*January 27-Feb. 1	Pets	Letter Pp

During the unit "My Community," if you would be interested in coming into talk with the class about your role in the community, we would love to have you!

Please be on the lookout for the next set of CQI paperwork that you will need to complete with your child and return to us. Once we have the majority of these returned I will schedule conferences. Thank you for your cooperation!

We are looking for suggestions for our next field trip (probably February or March.) If you have any ideas please share!

Happy Birthday to Sophia!! January 4th!!

Ms. Shannon

Ms. Arely

Ms. Lindsay

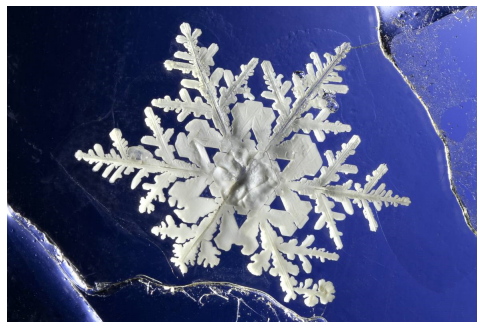




PRE-K NEWS

Lauren's News

Happy New Year! It's hard to imagine your little one heading off to kindergarten this year, yet here it is. In preparation for kindergarten, we will continue to work on the social and emotional skills that will equip your child with the strategies to self regulate and have the confidence to express themselves properly. Currently we are using a positive reinforcement program called "Super Snowflakes." When a student gets "caught" helping their friends, checking on them or have above and beyond leadership or listening skills, they will receive a super snowflake with their name on it to hang on the snowflake window.



Curriculum this month, is as follows:

*Jan. 3-6	Snow and Ice	Letter Qq/Rule Review
*Jan. 9-13	Bears	Letter Rr
*Jan. 16-20	Polar Animals	Letter Ss
*Jan. 23-27	Polar Animals	Letter Tt

Some reminders:

*Our class has had very dry hands as a whole. Please bring in lotion for them to use and store in their own cubbies, chap stick is also requested. Please make sure you label all.

*Mittens/gloves/warm hats are very helpful as we like to get outside even when if the weather is chilly. And, please label.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns. We look forward to working with you to ensure your child's progression and success on our journey to kindergarten readiness. Happy 2019!!

Ms. Lauren

Ms. JoAnn

Ms. Desiree



As you all are well aware of by now, it is winter and it can (and has already) mean snow. Snow can lead to delays and closures. As always, we are looking out for your safety as well as our staffs'. This is first and foremost. We will not compromise this in order to open. While we do try to be open on time and all of our scheduled time, things do happen and we want to make sure that we all arrive safely to see another day.

Thank you to everyone who wished us well, brought in goodies and/or gifts to express your gratitude. We TRULY appreciate each and every one of you!



This January start the year with an empty jar. Each week add a note with a good thing that happened.

On New Year's Eve empty the jar and read about the amazing year you had.

This is always a time of self reflection for me, as I look forward to the coming year, what I can do to improve myself and all the good things that I am grateful for in the past year. I saw something online that I am doing at home and wanted to share with all of you. Get a jar and write down a small note each week of one thing that you accomplished, one good deed or something that made your week a little better. Then, on December 31st, go through all these notes. A year in review! Everyone in your family can participate. Sometimes we forget the little things that make life great. This is one way to remember the little (or maybe not so little) things.



Happy New Year everyone! Here's to a great 2019!!

Lisa



As always, please check with your child's teacher if there is a special project, party, activity, etc. that you can volunteer to help with. Parent participation is always appreciated and welcome!