#### La Luz Early Childhood Center



Happy New Year and Happy 2020!!

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Dates To Remember: JANUARY 1: New Year's day: NO SCHOOL. Jan. 16-31: Mid-Year Parent/Teacher conferences

Hope this New year finds you ALL healthy & happy!

This month you will see your child's classrooms starting some new transitions and updated activities to get each and every one of them ready for the prospect of August soon approaching and a new school year. Don't be afraid to ask questions, sometimes this can be slightly confusing!!

January 16-31st marks our Míd-Year Parent (Guardían)/Teacher conferences. You will see a sign up sheet near your child's Sign In/ Out book for conference dates and times. This is a WONDERFUL time to visit w/ your child's teacher, go over milestones and goals and enjoy a few stories your teacher will share with you! It's always so fun to see where your child is socially, emotionally and cognitive-LY!

Thank you, everyone for all of our wonderful gifts in December. You all are truly the best!!

Carol



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## INFANT NEWS

#### Liz's News

Happy New Year! I hope every one enjoyed their break. This month we will continue to work on core and neck strength by helping them sit with support and tummy time. Some of the older babies have been interested in playing with dolls, kicking balls and even beginning to use chunky crayons to color/draw. We will continue to create activities around those interests.

A friendly reminder, please make sure you check your child's daily sheets for notes we leave. They may need more food, diapers, socks, etc. We would appreciate it!

Our Parent (Guardian)/Teacher conferences are scheduled in February, be on the look out for a sign up sheet!

Cheers to the New Year!!

Ms. Liz

Ms. Adrianna Romero

Ms. Adrianna Ray





#### Joslyn's News

Welcome back and Happy New Year everyone!! We hope that everyone had a wonderful winter break and kept safe. I'm sure the kiddos are excited to come back as much as we are.

This month we will be working on some new fun winter art with the kids. We will be teaching them how to use gentle hands and kisses (no bites), because we have had a few biting incidents happen. We would be grateful if this is implemented at home too.

With that said, let's get back into the groove of things and have a great month!!

Ms. Joslyn Ms. Andrea Ms. Adrienne



# YOUNG TODDLER NEWS

### Kateri's News

Hello New Year and welcome back families!! We hope that your winter break was relaxing and full of joy. This month we will be focusing on potty training (sitting on the potty), fine and gross motor skills and emotional recognition. Regarding potty training, we will be sitting on the potty (with or without a diaper), reading potty books as well as talking about potty time. For fine and gross motor skills, we will be refining them and learning some brand new ones. We'll be working on jumping with both feet off the ground, washing our hands (completely!) and doing baby yoga to strengthen our muscles and help our coordination and balance. During circle we will learn a hand washing song and will doing hand motions to help us learn how to wash our hands independently. We'll start to learn how to hold pencils/crayons in a pencil grasp so we can do art independently. We're so proud of all the strides the kids have made and are continuing to make in their growth, physically, emotionally and cognitively. We're all excited and looking forward to the new year of learning and growth together. If you have any questions or concerns please feel

free to ask.

Happy Birthday to Mireya (Jan. 31st) and Ms. Kateri (Jan. 22nd). Thank you!!

Ms. Kateri Ms. Lisa Ms. Ramona



#### Sadie's News

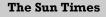
Can you believe that we are already half way through the Young Toddler's school year?? We hope you all enjoyed winter break! It's a great time to reflect all the things we are thankful for.

We will be learning about 'Staying Healthy', eating fruits and vegetables, brushing teeth and getting dressed/going potty. We will be potty training our older children as they are showing signs of readiness! If you feel like your child is ready, please speak with us! As our language is growing so rapidly we encourage families to always speak to your child about feelings. Help them learn how to express how they feel even if they are upset.

As the weather is still chilly, please make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing and has extra in their cubbies.

Happy Birthday to Declan on the 15th and Griffin on the 28th!!

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### OLDER TODDLER NEWS

### Alex's News

Happy New Year!! We hope everyone had a relaxing break. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to our holiday party. It was so nice being together and the food was delicious!

For January, we will continue with winter fun and transitioning back into the school routine. Please remember to bring a winter jacket that is for outside play. We still go outside everyday unless it's below freezing, raining or snowing.

We would like to wish Daniel and Lucas a happy THIRD BIRTHDAY!!

We hope you have a wonderful January!! Cheers to 2020!

Ms. Alex Ms. Alma Ms. Analy

#### Nicole's News



Happy New Year everyone!! We hope everyone had a restful break and wonderful holiday. Please keep in mind that it may take us a couple of weeks to get back into a routine from our wonderful break.

The first half of Older Toddlers is behind us! We have come so far from using our words to potty training and beginning to use scissors and glue. We are so proud of each and every one of our students.

This year we have lots of work to prepare us for preschool. We will be working on saying first and last names and saying "here" when their name is called during roll which is helpful during our routine fire drills. This also prepares them for the years ahead. Additionally, we will continue working on our independent and problem solving skills.

Our theme for the month is "Rhyme Time and Healthy Habits". We will focus on rhyming words to increase our literacy skills and healthy habits such as lots of water and simple exercises during circle time to keep our minds and bodies healthy.

Happy Birthday to Quinn on January 14th who turns a big 3!!

Happy January!!

Ms. Nicole

Ms. Angie

**Ms. Thandie** 



## PRESCHOOL NEWS

#### Danielle's News

Happy New Year!! We are so happy to be back from a fun filled vacation. We hope everyone enjoyed time spent with family and loved ones!!

We had a blast celebrating Christmas and Holidays around the world in December. Thank you all for helping us with our stuffed animal exchange. The children were very excited to see the excitement on one another's faces.

In the month of January, we will learn about snow, ice, polar animals and Chinese New Year. Our letters of the month are: Ww, Pp, Mm and Dd. We will also explore with science and art.

A Parent (Guardian)/Teacher Conference sign up sheet will be posted and hosted on January 27— 31st. Hope you all join in!!

Happy Birthday to Ariel on the 21st and Archer on the 31st!!

#### Have a great month!

Ms. Danielle

Ms. Brianna

Ms. Jayce



#### Alyssa's News

Welcome to 2020!! Hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and enjoyed the time with your families.

We enjoyed visiting with many of you at our Holiday Party and the children were so engaged in decorating the gingerbread houses.

We are looking forward to a fun filled New Year and have many fun activities planned this month. These include: "Animals and Hibernation", "Polar Animals", "Mittens and Cold", and "5 Senses". We will introduce the letters Rr, Ss, Tt & Uu.

I will be holding Family Conferences next month. Please stay tuned for the dates to be announced.

Lastly, please remember to check your child's art files daily. These tend to fill up quickly.

Happy Birthday to Lili who turns 4 on January 13th!!

Thank you families and have a great month!!

Ms. Alyssa

Ms. Maria



### PRE-K NEWS

#### Shannon's News

Dear families,

Happy New Year!! I hope you all had a relaxing break. Now we are ready to get back into the swing of things!!

First, a big thank you to all who attended our Gingerbread Party/Book Exchange. The class really worked hard on their presentation and it meant so much to them to have you in <u>THEIR</u> classroom.

Our January curriculum is as follows:

*January 2-3	Letter Review	
*January 6-10	Polar Animals	Letter LI
*January 13-17	My Community	Letter Mm
*January 20-24	Pets	Letter Nn
*January 27-31	Pets	Letter Oo

Along with our daily curriculum, the children are working on their last names and completing a set of instructions with less teacher help. The class will also be working on another "Kindness Chart" to earn another "Fun Day" of their choosing.

Throughout the month of January we will be learning about community helpers and would like to invite you in to talk to the class about YOUR ROLE in the community. If you would like to sign up please see one of us!!





# PRE- K NEWS

#### Lauren's News

Happy New Year PK families!! I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday break and time with loved ones. We are jumping into the new year with exploration of snow and ice and continuing with our letter/phonetic recognition and letter blend/sight word unit. We will also continue earning class dojo points for excellent social behavior helping others and using teamwork as well as individual progress in participation and persistence.

We are super proud of how much progress this class has already demonstrated and look forward to reaching even more milestones this year!

Our curriculum is as follows for the month of January:

*Jan 2-3	Welcome Back!!	Letter review
*Jan 6-10	Snow & Ice Exploration	Letter Qq
*Jan13-18	Bears, Bears, Bears	Letter Rr
*Jan 20-24	Polar Animals	Letter Ss
*Jan 27-31	SPIRIT WEEK	Letter Tt



\*\*Check the class dojo for weekly reminders, pictures and stories of the adventures happening in our class!!

Thank you so much for sharing your children with us and as always, please come to us with any concerns or comments!

Ms. Lauren Ms. Breanna Ms. JoAnn

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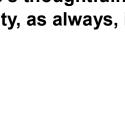


Can you believe we've made it to a new decade? Let's make this one, the best one yet. Let's show kindness to one another, focus on what's truly important, and be impactful in this next decade.

Please make sure you are checking our website for routine questions such as tuition amounts, menu, newsletter and calendar items.

Please check out our Facebook site as we do publish artworks, videos and more (of course, no children are posted on there without expressed approval from their parents).

I hope everyone has a fantastic 2020 and stay warm out there! By the way, I truly appreciated everyone's thoughtfulness over the holiday season. Your generosity, as always, is truly heartfelt and valued.







Lísa

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!

