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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- December
- 2-6: Scholastic Book Fair
- December 24th: CLOSING @ Noon
- December 25-January 1: CLOSED for Winter Break

Happy December!! Can't BELIEVE we are in the last month of 2019!! Every month this year has been crammed with so many activities and December is jumping right on board!

The week of December 2-6 is our Scholastic Book Fair. This is an excellent time to get books for holiday gifts (and without saying we appreciate all your purchases)! We earn points for all purchases that enables us to purchase more books for our classes and well as some much needed toys and equipment.

Saturday, December 7th is our annual Grown up's Day Out for parents to take advantage of holiday shopping without your little ones with you. This will be from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Our teachers man the day, the cost is \$50 per child, \$30 for any additional children after that.

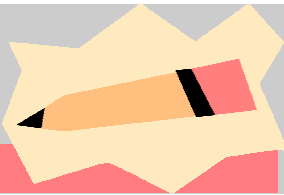
December 24th we ARE OPEN UNTIL 12:00. We are closed December 25th-January 1st for Winter Break.

Hope you all enjoy what December means to family and friends. Be safe and stay healthy!!

Carol



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INFANT NEWS

Liz's News

Let's start off with a **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who joined us for the babies first Thanksgiving luncheon!! We sure enjoyed you being here!!

We ask that everyone check cubbies to make sure each child has clothes that fit, extra socks and a light jacket. Sometimes the temperature fluctuates in the class and it get a little chilly.

This month we will start making some neat winter crafts and doing activities including sensory ones. We are working on helping some of the babies walk while others are working on tummy time and sitting up. Here's to the last month of 2019!! Happy holidays to all!!

Ms. Liz

Ms. Adrianna Romero

Ms. Adrianna Ray



Joslyn's News

Hello everyone and happy December!! Brrrrr, it's cold outside and it has already snowed here. Please be sure to bring your child a jacket. **Also there is quite a bit of illnesses going around so let's be sure we are putting on shoe covers or taking off your shoes at the front gate.** We are trying very hard to keep the room as sanitized as possible.

This month is going to be a fun month. More fun art that will be posted on the window and art wall. Be sure to look out for that. With the older babies we will be working on holding spoons and forks along with self feeding. The little ones will have more tummy time, grasping toys and sitting up. Right now all the kiddos are doing well in class. They sure do love their free play and meal times!

Reminder: Please try to remember to exchange extra clothes in your baby's cubby with weather appropriate clothes. Please READ your child's daily sheet as sometimes we leave notes on there like if they need extra diapers, wipes, etc. With that said, winter break is coming soon so keep the dates in mind when we are off. Let's have a great month!!



Ms. Andrea

Ms. Adrienne



YOUNG TODDLER NEWS



Kateri's News

Welcome winter weather!! This month is filled with cooler weather and warm embraces! We are so excited about our learning journey so far. We've made amazing progress and are still making strong strides toward our goals. We are so proud of all the kiddos! This month we will be focusing on emotional recognition, becoming familiar with the potty and lots of sensory projects. We will be using many descriptive words for our emotions as demonstrated on our emotion chart. We'll also be taking the kids into the potty to have them sit (with or without a diaper on, their choice).

Reminder, please check cubbies for weather appropriate clothing, and jackets as it's going to be a chilly winter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask any of us. Thank you!!

Ms. Kateri

Ms. Lisa

Ms. Ramona

Sadie's News

Welcome to December! First and foremost, a HUGE shout out to all of our wonderful parents and families! We could not do what we do without your support!!

We are in the swing of things, learning about personal space, using some words, learning about our colors and learning about the potty. We are doing so well!

We are working on fine motor skills with refining our use of utensils, coloring and painting. Our large motor skills are coming along greatly. We can jump, run and roll.

Thank you for the great turnout for our Thanksgiving luncheon, our kiddos really enjoyed it and enjoyed you joining us.

Happy 2nd Birthday to Somtochi on the 20th and Ellie on the 27th.

Don't forget we will be closed on December 25th through January 1. Also, we will close at NOON on December 24TH.

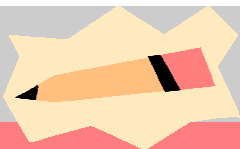
Have a great holiday and a Happy New Year!!

Ms. Sadie

Ms. Mikaela

Ms. Myranda





OLDER TODDLER NEWS

Alex's News

The holiday season is upon us!! December is such a fun time for us in the classroom We're excited to announce our annual holiday party on Friday, December 13th at 3:00 pm. We are asking for our parents to bring in a food that's specific to your culture or tradition. This can be a main dish, dessert or side dish. Please remember **NO NUTS**. If you have any questions please feel free talk with any one of us!

This month we are focusing on holiday fun. Colors that we will continue working on are: red, green, blue and white. We will also be talking about winter weather including snow, wind, cold and sleet.



We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday filled with lots of love and cheer!
See you all in 2020!!

Ms. Alex

Ms. Alma

Ms. Analy

Nicole's New

Tis the season to be jolly! December is here!! We cannot believe 2019 is almost over as well as the first half of our school year. We have already come a long way and we can't wait to see what 2020 has in store for us.

Thank you all for coming to our Thanksgiving luncheon. It's always so nice to see our families together and the kids really enjoy it.

Ms. Sofia, our CNM practicum student, is narrowing down her days in our classroom. We are so bummed about it because Ms. Sofia has been amazing help and the kids love her!! We will miss her but we are pretty confident she will come in to visit us.

We have been working hard on fine motor activities and have introduced safety scissors. This is definitely a work in progress and we will continue to work on this all year long.



Our theme for the month is "Winter/Holiday Fun". We will talk about a variety of cultural holidays and incorporate age appropriate art.

Thank you to Emma's family for donating kinetic sand to the classroom. It sure has been a hit! Thank you so much!!

Happy Birthday to Lily on December 19th!!

Happy Holidays everyone!!

Ms. Nicole

Ms. Angie

Ms. Thandie



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Danielle's News

Seasons Greetings!! Holidays are approaching fast and we have a lot in store. We have scheduled a holiday party for Tuesday, December 17th. We are planning this with just the children so this will be held during our morning routine. This will include a stuffed animal exchange amongst the children, cookie decorating, games and a special treat.

Along with our celebrations, we will learn about "Traditions", "Christmas Around the World", "Fairy Tales" and "Gingerbread Men." Our community helper is a baker. Our letters of the month are Gg and Yy.

Thank you all for participating in our family culture and tradition project. We will use this as we celebrate Christmas around the World.

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to Eliott on December 26th!

Happy holidays!!



Ms. Danielle

Ms. Brianna

Ms. Jayce

Alyssa's News

It's another beautiful month in preschool!! I would like to remind you to PLEASE bring a hat, gloves and a warm coat now as it is getting quite cold. We do go outside daily, so it's important all of our friends are warm so they can enjoy the fresh air!

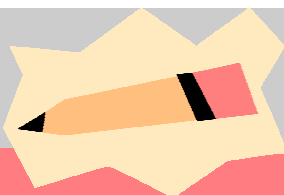
In the month of December, we will be learning about "Holidays Around the World" and the concept of snow and ice. This should be a fun filled month for us!!

Hope you all have a wonderful December and an even happier 2020!!



Ms. Alyssa

Ms. Maria



PRE-K NEWS

Shannon's News

Happy Winter!! We have had such a busy Fall!! Thank you all for attending the Thanksgiving luncheon! We had a great turn out and the children were so happy to have you in THEIR classroom.

I also want to thank you for helping your child with their "Turkey Feather" and "Fire Safety" checklist homework. We are so proud of how much the children learned/retained during our fire safety week. This can be a kind of scary subject but one that is very necessary. Our final HUGE thank you is to Austin's dad with the Albuquerque Fire Department for coming in to teach our class even more about fire safety. The class was star struck by their presence.

Our December Curriculum is as follows:

*December 2-6	Winter	Letter li
*December 9-13	Family Traditions	Letter Jj
*December 16-24	Holidays Around the World	Letter Kk

Through the entire month of December, we would like to invite everyone to come in and share about a holiday tradition, favorite song, story or craft that is special to your family. Please see one of us to schedule a time.

December Dates to Remember:

- *December 20th—Gingerbread Party (details coming soon)
- *December 24th—La Luz closes at **NOON**

Have a wonderful Holiday season and enjoy your time off with these precious kiddos.

Ms. Shannon

Ms. Arely

Ms. Lindsay





PRE-K NEWS

Lauren's News

Hello Pre-K families!

As we are welcomed by winter, I want to wish you all the happiest of holidays. It's hard to believe we are about to ring in year 2020!!

Our class of Pre-K'ers are working on their alphabet/phonetic recognition as well as letter blends and sight words. This is a part of our reading readiness program. They are also working on making hypothesis and developing conclusions during our science experiments and really focusing on our social skills. Our class has implemented the use of a "Fix-it" kit allowing the students to self resolve any conflicts using solution visual cards.

December curriculum is as follows:

*December 2-6	Space Exploration	Letter Oo
*December 9-13	Space Exploration	Letter Pp
*December 16-20	Holidays in December	Letter review
*December 23-24	December Fun	Letter review

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- *December 23 (Monday) Movie and PJ day**
- *December 24 (Tuesday) Christmas Eve, close at NOON**

Thank you for sharing your kiddos with us. As always please don't hesitate if you have any concerns or questions!



Ms. Lauren

Ms. Breanna

Ms. JoAnn



As 2019 comes to a close, I have been reflecting on this past year and where it has taken me. There have been ups and downs, enormous happiness mixed in with some intense sadness and anticipation. This all leads to growth and is what we call life. A favorite quote of mine comes from the movie Parenthood (the original with Steve Martin), in which the family matriarch is speaking to a grandchild about life: "You know, when I was nineteen, Grandpa took me on a roller coaster...Up, down, up down. Oh what a ride!...I always wanted to go again. You know, it was just so interesting to me that a ride could make me so frightened, so scared, so sick, so excited, and so thrilled all together! Some didn't like it. They went on the merry-go-round. That just goes around. Nothing. I like the roller coaster. You get more out of it." I personally can't wait to ride it again in 2020!!

Please enjoy the holidays with friends and family and hold your dearest ones close. See you in the new year!

Lisa



**HELP
WANTED**



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!