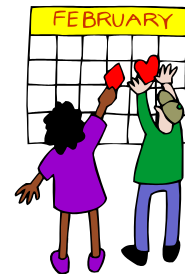




Fun & Friends Winter Newsletter 2010

We hope that you all had an enjoyable Thanksgiving break. We are looking forward to winter and the children's excitement that comes with this season.

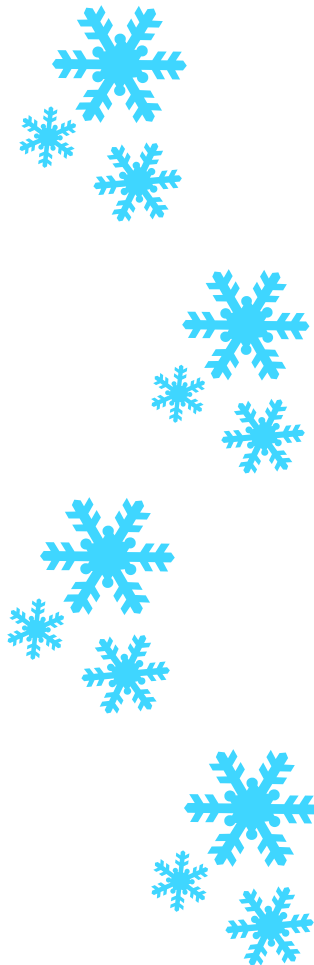


Happy Holidays,
Elizabeth & Inell

Important Dates

Safety First

Maintaining safety at the center is very important. It reinforces and promotes a sense of security in our children and ensures their well being. In order for this to happen, it is vital to have consistency and open and ongoing communication between staff and parents. This communication also includes reading all outgoing and posted center information- this is provided for your planning and reference!



Winter Weather Watch

Please be sure to check the temperature and weather conditions each day. Before sending your child to the center, make sure that they come dressed appropriately for the weather and outdoor play. Clothing should fit comfortably enough that the children can still move around and have fun. It would also help if these things are clearly labeled.

December

- 1st Hanukkah Begins
- 10th Holiday Show
- 14th Visit from Santa
- 21st Winter begins
- 25th Merry Christmas!
- 26th 1st day of Kwanzaa

January

- 1st Happy New Year!
- 17th MLK Day (closed)

February

- 2nd Ground Hog Day
- 14th Valentines Day
- 21st Presidents Day (closed)

Classroom Highlights

Infants (Dreamers & Lambs)

We can't believe fall is almost gone and winter is fast approaching. The warm holiday season is just around the corner. While the weather has been great, not so cold yet, please keep in mind that we will still continue taking the children outside so dress them appropriately. Take time to check your child's cubby and make sure extra clothes are appropriate for the winter and are not outgrown.

We would like to extend a warm thank you to all the families who contributed to our Thanksgiving

Food Drive. We collected enough to make 9 boxes and gave 7 gift cards. Thanks to you a less fortunate family was able to enjoy a nice Thanksgiving meal. We would like to coordinate a "Gift Giving Tree" for children through the Reston Interfaith as well. More details to follow in the coming weeks!

In the meantime keep up the good work in helping us maintain a healthy environment by keeping your child at home when they are sick. If we work together we can all stay as healthy as possible dur-

ing this flu season.

The Infant Team



BBB'S

Wow, we cannot believe it is almost winter! We have been having a blast watching your children grow! The BBB's have all done a great job adjusting to the new faces, changes and new activities.

As it begins to get colder outside it is important to remember to bring a coat with your child every day (a pair of gloves and a hat as it gets colder). The BBB's love to play outside, but they will need to be bundled up to



stay warm. If the wind chill and the temperature feels too chilly for the children, we will stay inside or use room 103 instead.

As some parents have noticed, a few of the children in the classroom are trying the potty! Congratulations to Emma and Michael who are on the verge of wearing underwear and to Julius, Sofia and Aliyah who have graduated to "big kids

underwear".

Over the past months we have had many children moving up into our room from the Lambs, as well as children from our room moving to the Cubs class, we say hello and goodbye to them all.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our fall activities.

The BBB's

Cubs

Welcome to another exciting season in Cubs. Throughout the fall our class has been enjoying soccer with our new coach. We also had lots of fun at the Halloween Parade. The parade was a big success! We will continue to enjoy soccer this winter, along with dance and yoga.

Thank you to all parents who attended our annual Thanksgiving Lunch. The food was delicious and we hope you enjoyed it.

Some activities for this winter include observing changes in the weather and discussing the many holidays that are celebrated this time of

year. We will be working on self-help skills such as putting on our own coats and potty training.

Several children reached potty training milestones this fall. We would like to recognize Caroline, Maya, Reid, Averyl, Nora, and Ryan for being in "Big Kid Underwear"—Congratulations!

A big welcome to Ethan Borek and Emma Greenberg who joined our classroom. Congratulations to Kyle on the birth of his baby sister and Aud-

rey on the birth of her baby brother. We are looking forward to a great season of learning, growing and celebrating!



Thanks,

Ms. Kim, Ms. Ana A., Ms. Rossi, and Ms. Ana V.

Butterflies



Tis the season for wearing coats, hats and gloves, and hopefully still having them when it's time to go home! The Butterflies will be practicing putting their own coats on and zipping or buttoning them up.

Our themes this fall have been apples, shapes, Fall, the dentist and numbers.

The holidays are coming and we are hearing about family gatherings. Baseball season ended with a whimper, and the young sports fans are arriving with news of football games!

We welcome Kayla from the Cubs class and congratulate Elizabeth Glace who has a new baby brother. Gavin; J.J. and William all had Fall birthdays.

Ms. Gena left at the end of November, we will miss her very much. Thanks so much to all the parents who participated in our Fall activities. Back to school night, the costume parade with the Seniors and the Thanksgiving lunch were all a big success!

Ms. Pam, Ms. Gena, Ms. Elsie, and Ms. Colleen



About The Seasons

What is the real reason
That we have each season?

When it's WINTER and it rains and snows,
We bundle up like Eskimos.

Flowers and blossoms cover the ground
When winter is finished and SPRING comes around.

We readily know it's SUMMER we've got
When the temperature's high and the sun is hot.

Then AUTUMN comes when the weather is chilly,
When cold crisp winds blow willy-nilly.

There are these seasons, numbering four.
When all are finished, they repeat once
more.



Inclement Weather Policy

The Center will follow the Federal Government's lead in matters of opening and closing for inclement weather or other emergency situations. Parents are urged to listen to local television and radio broadcasts to determine the Federal Govt. status on days when snow, ice or other adverse conditions may affect the normal workday. In addition, the message on Fun & Friends phone system and website will be updated to ensure accurate information for all parents to call in to determine the Center's operational status for the day.

Please refer to pp. 10-11 in the Parent Handbook for the entire Inclement Weather policy.

Winter Activities

December

Gingerbread Men

Gingerbread men are fun to make and so good to eat!



Using cardboard, trace the pattern of a gingerbread man. Use a package of gingerbread mix for the dough and follow directions on the box for rolled cookies. Roll the dough onto waxed paper and use the cardboard pattern to trace around, using a rounded knife. Place raisins for eyes and cinnamon red-hots for the mouth. After baking, white frosting can be applied to outline clothes and/or add buttons.

Children will enjoy following directions and helping with clean up when the reward is a freshly baked gingerbread cookie!

January

Snowflake Picture

Tear cotton balls into small pieces. Show your child how to dip the pieces into glue and stick them onto a sheet of blue construction paper to make fluffy snowflakes.



Seasons Greetings

February

Heart Hop



Cut heart shapes out of construction paper and tape them to the floor. Then put on some music and invite your child to hop like a bunny from one heart to another.

