

Parent Bulletin January 2018 Happy New Year

Dates to Remember:

**Friday, Dec. 22 - Jan 5 School Closed Winter Break
Monday, Jan. 8, Students Return
Jan. 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day School Closed**

General Reminders:

1. Please label all your child's belongings.
2. Blankets should fit within the cubby space.
3. Please have a few changes of clothing and extra underwear in your child's cubby.
4. Check lost and found weekly.
5. When pulling into the front of the school please have your car off of the bike lane.
6. No U-Turns in front of the school.
7. Please close door and gate when walking in and out.
8. Books are allowed daily. Monday is Show and Tell day in Miss Renee's class only.
9. Tuition payments are due on the first of each month. Payments made after the 5th will be billed a \$40.00 late fee.
10. All tuition checks, forms, and other documents need to be submitted to the office. Please do not leave these items in your child's classroom. We don't want them to be misplaced.

Tuition Reminder

Please plan ahead for January's tuition. Tuition will be due during our scheduled winter break. You may mail payment in or drop off a postdated check by Dec. 21st.

Parent Communication

The Teachers are available to schedule conferences as needed on their long days. They each have one day a week that they are available. Please see them directly for scheduling. There is also a teacher communication box located at the front sign in counter. Feel free to leave any notes for your child's teacher in the box and remember to check your child's note home clip daily.

Infant & Toddler

As you know, the Montessori Method is the basis of our teaching philosophy here at A Caring Place. Here are some examples of how we incorporate the method within the Infant and Toddler Programs:

Order- Children have a strong need for consistency and repetition, as well as a love for routines. They also show a need for order in their environment- needing to have a certain place for everything. Examples of this at school are: job placement on low accessible shelves, and a daily schedule/routine.

Movement- Children are working on gaining control and coordination. Grasping, touching, balancing, crawling, and walking. Examples of this at school are: classroom arrangement of furniture, freedom to move indoors and outdoors, and equipment for fine and gross motor development.

Refinement of senses- Fascination with sensorial experiences: taste, sound, touch, and smell. Examples of this at school are: buggy walks, art projects, and water play.

Language- Use of words to communicate. Babble turns into words, phrases, and then sentences. Vocabulary and comprehension are continuously expanding. Examples of this at school are: reading books, singing songs, and talking through daily tasks.

Music- Interest in and development of pitch, rhythm, and melody. Examples of this at school are : singing songs, dancing to music, playing with certain instruments, and playing soft music at nap time.

The Infant & Toddler Staff

Toddler Too Class

For the month of January we will be focusing on "Bugs". We will be learning about bugs that we come into contact with such as beetle bugs, ants, ladybugs, and potato bugs. Once again, if you have any books, pictures, or hands on items relating to our theme, please bring them in to share. Books and items relating to our curriculum are welcome throughout the month. All other toys please save for sharing day which is on Mondays.

In conclusion, since the weather has been unpredictable please make sure your child has a set of warm and cool clothing kept in their cubby. As a friendly reminder, please have all personal belongings labeled and check sign in clip board daily. Thank You!

Miss Renee , Miss Tracie & Miss ReAnn

3-6 Montessori Program

Having completed our study of North America, we will now be learning about South America. Our main focus will be on the Amazon rainforest. This will include the four different layers of the rain forest and some of the different plants, flowers, and animals living in the rain forest. This will tie in nicely with our lesson on ecology and rainforest conservation. As usual, if you have any items relating to South America, please bring them in to share with your child's circle group.

Miss Liz, Miss Kalei, Miss Steph, Miss Cinthia, & Miss Talon