

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

January 2017



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope everyone enjoyed their break and had a chance to spend some quality time with family and friends. During the break the staff has started transforming the Dramatic playroom into different biospheres to reinforce the January curriculum topic of animals. The transformation will continue all month long, so if your child comes home and tell you they swam through the ocean or played in the jungle- they have!

When school resumes this week, please keep in mind that the students may have difficulty transitioning back into the school day routine. It is quite common for separation issues to reappear during the first few weeks after an extended break.

UP COMING JANUARY EVENTS

Martin Luther King Day

School will be closed on Monday, January 16th for a teacher in-service day.

Pajama Days

We will be having our annual pajama days on the following dates:

January 26th: 3's and Pre-K

January 27th: 4's

2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Although 2017 has barely begun, registration for the 2017-2018 school year is just around the corner. We will be holding an informational Open House on February 7th at 6:30 p.m. for new families interested in enrolling for the upcoming school year. Our current families are encourage to come and take a look at what the classes have been up to since our October Open House.

EDUCATIONAL FINANCIAL PLANNING SEMINAR

On February 7th, the same night as our Open House, we will be offering a seminar for all families on preparing for college expenses. Your child may only be in Preschool, but time flies and the best time to start preparing is now. The program starts at 6:30 and you will have time to stop by the classrooms afterward to participate in the Open House.

LUNCH BUNCH

We will begin offering optional Lunch Bunch sessions this month for students on our 4's and Pre-K classes. The sessions will run one Monday and one Wednesday a month, and are first come first served basis. Sign-ups will be sent out via Sign Up Genius the first week of each month. We require a minimum number of students to run the program and have a limit of 15 spots for each session. Sessions must be paid for the class immediately following your sign-up day to guarantee your spot. Any spots not paid for in advance will be opened up to others on the wait list.

Students in the morning class will bring a lunch and stay until 12:30. Students in the afternoon class will come at 11:30 and stay for their afternoon session. **No peanut or tree-nut items in the lunches.**

January dates: January 11th and 23rd 11:30-12:30

INCLEMENT WEATHER

We have been blessed with a mild winter so far, but I would like to remind you to refer to your parent handbook for a complete listing of sites to check for closures. I will also send out a Remind 101 text blast as soon as we make the decision to close. We do follow Parkland School District's closure and delay schedule EXCEPT in situations in which we know for sure Parkland plans on bringing in the students until 9:30 or 10:00 to count it as a school day and then dismissing the students early. Since our program does not start until 9:00, and parents will need to be home to get siblings back off of buses, we will close the school immediately and not have parents risk driving in for only a brief period of time.