



2023

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DECEMBER

Here's What We'll Be Up To...

Hello Toddler Town Families

&

WELCOME DECEMBER!!!

December's theme is:

WINTER WONDERLAND

During the month Of December, we will be discussing the following:

1. **Winter Wonderland/Weather changes**
2. **Holiday's Around the World**
3. **Clothing**
4. **Festivities and Holiday Fun**
5. **Snow**

Here are some Special Dates to remember:

December 25th -NO SCHOOL...

December 22nd Holiday concert- Early dismissal

Monthly Observance and Celebration

16th- through the 24th -Las Posadas

21st FIRST DAY OF WINTER

24TH Christmas Eve and Hanukkah Begins at Sundown

25th Christmas and National Pumpkin Pie Day

26th Kwanzaa Begins and ends January 1st

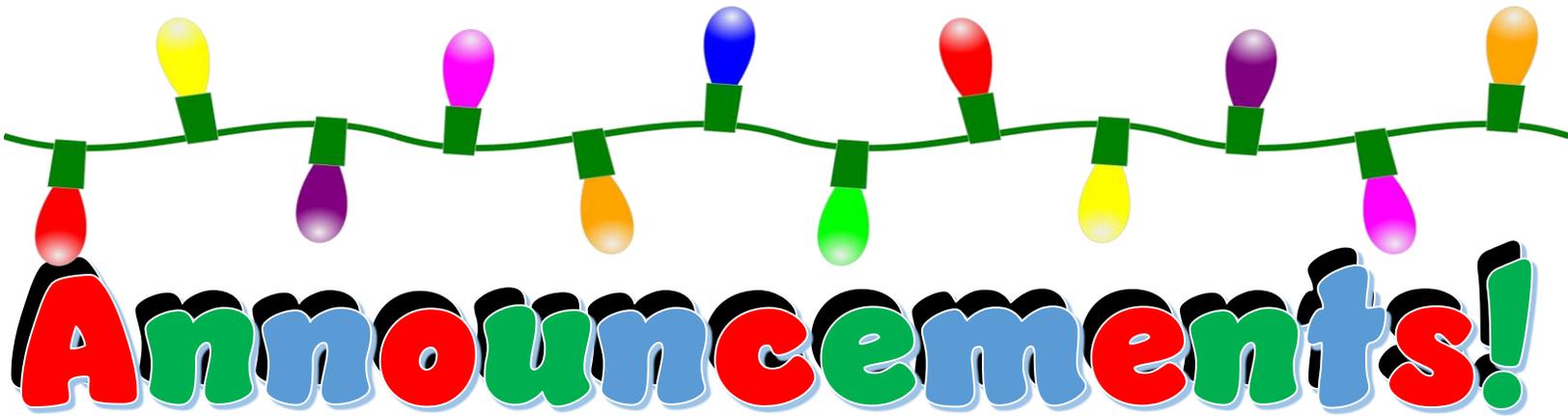
27th Visit the Zoo Day

28TH National Chocolate Day





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Important Info!

We are currently in the Autumn/Fall Season but getting closer to Winter and the cold weather is creeping in quickly! Please dress your child accordingly and please be sure to update your child's cubby bin.

Keep In mind that Students go outside daily as long as it's between 32 and 92 degrees.

If possible, please label your children's belongings.

At Toddler Town Daycare, outside/home food and outside/home toys are not allowed or permitted at our center. Please keep home toys at home or in your vehicle, and, if you want your child to eat food outside our center, please have your child finish it in the car, but do not take it further in the school, or it will be tossed out. Also, cups allowed in the center are only cups that have water or that are empty, if you bring a cup or bottle containing anything else, we will send it back home. Please refer to your Toddler Town Parent policy handbook regarding these rules.

PROCARE ENGAGEMENT PROVIDES ALL THE SOURCES TO BE UP TO DATE WITH EVERYTHING GOING ON IN OUR CENTER. This includes Paying through the app, receiving documents, receiving important updates, communicating with teachers, and so much more. Ask us about ProCare Engagement!

REMINDERS!

Toddler Town Too closes promptly at 5PM. Any time after that, families get charged \$15 every 10 minutes.

Tuition

Please Don't forget that payments must be made on the 1st & 15th of every month. On the first you either pay full tuition, or half of the tuition. If you pay only half on the 1st, you have until the 15th to pay the other half. Late fees will be applied for no payments after the first and also to unpaid balances after the 15th .

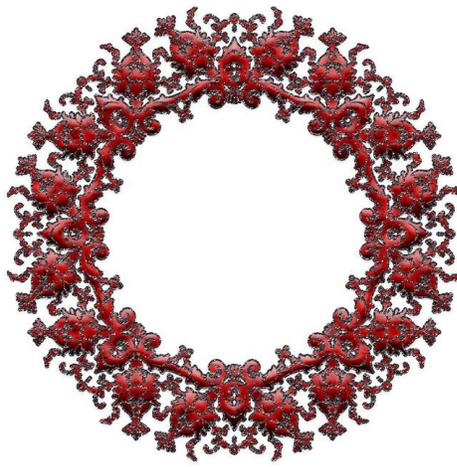
Payment Reminders for December 2023:

December 1st, 2023

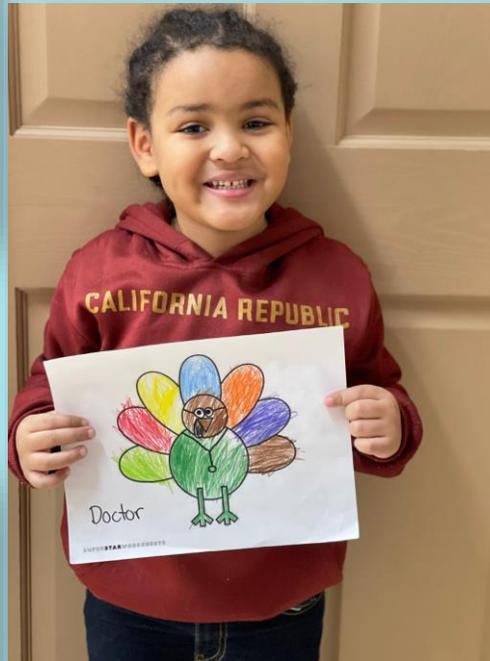
Payment Option One: Pay in Full
Payment Option Two: Pay Half of Tuition Balance

December 15th, 2023

*All balances must be fully paid in order to avoid any interruption during Drop off. *



Highlights of the Month Of November 2023!





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Tips and Ideas for Home

Info was taken directly from: [How to Get Your Preschooler Through Cold and Flu Season at School \(tylecteaches.com\)](http://www.tylecteaches.com)

*How To Prepare Ahead of Cold and Flu Season

1. STOCK UP ON HYGIENE PRODUCTS

Make sure you have enough tissues, wipes, hand sanitizer, aquaphor and hand cream. The tissues, wipes, and hand sanitizer are for wiping and disinfecting, and the aquaphor and hand cream are for moisturizing after. A lot of companies also now make child friendly hand sanitizers so definitely stock up on those.

2. INCREASE THE VITAMIN INTAKE

Up the natural juice intake! This is a crucial one, something I stress to my teachers as well. As previously discussed, your immune system will kind of be all over the place during these few months so it's a great idea to stock up on some great vitamins, and for kids perhaps a baby vitamin or natural juice. But not the sugary ones that make them bounce off the walls please! That is of no help to anyone, and has no beneficial vitamins either.

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3. TEACH THE ELBOW SNEEZE!

This literally means teach them to cough/sneeze into their elbow. This is something we do every year and is a really big help once the preschoolers master it. Even though they only do it about 50% of the time, that is still 50% less of them sneezing on another student, work material, or teacher : /.

4. THE HAND WASH CYCLE

Wash their hands repeatedly. No seriously, as often as possible. I know this can sound really redundant and obvious, but honestly the more you make it a habit, the more your preschooler will too. Lead by example, help them, make it a cool big kid responsibility. And if you think you're doing it enough, just do it a little bit more. Trust me, you'll be happy you did.



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Koalas (5 Year Old's)

Howdy Families!

The Koalas had an excellent month of learning, growth and development! We completed our alphabet studies; we will be continuing them through the rest of the year and starting with reading/sight words in the new year! In the month of November, we discovered new themes like Science Experiments, Emotions, Being Thankful and the Native American Culture. The children had so much fun with science week, their favorite project was the rain cloud in a jar. It was cool to see how clouds hold their moisture until they need to release it.

The month of December will be a great month of celebrations! The children will be learning about the season of Winter, what sports can be played in Winter, and celebrating the different holidays that occur in December like Kwanza and Hannukah. We will have exciting projects for the children like playing dreidel, a Hannukah dice game where the children can win coins!

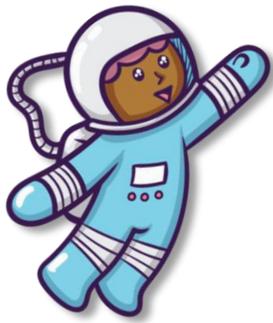
A reminder parents: our concert performance will be on Friday December 22, 2023, at 2:20 pm. Your children will be dismissed after their performance as our center will be closing after the concert.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact us at 773-622-9433 ext. 27 KOALAS or via email megan@toddlertownchicago.com or karla@toddlertownchicago.com

Thank you,
Mrs. Megan and Ms. Karla



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The Explorers (3 to 4 Year Old's)

Hello families,

Winter is here! Don't forget to put your child in weather-appropriate clothing and please check that their cubbies have weather-appropriate extra clothing.

Through the month of November, we focused on topics like Healthy Eating, Emotions, and learned all about Thanksgiving through the topics of Being Thankful and Thanksgiving History. Through these topics the Explorers learned about the importance of a healthy and balanced diet, how to better understand and express their emotions, and finally we shared gratitude and learned about the Native Americans and Pilgrims leading up to the Thanksgiving holiday. We ended our month with a week of experiments during our Fun with Science week, and it had to be the Explorers favorite week of the month by far!

Coming in December, we will learn about the holidays that are celebrated, like Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa, and why they are celebrated. We will also learn about the Winter season through fun activities and crafts like painting snowflakes. The Explorers will all have a turn to plan a craft, activity, or exercise to do with the class through the month to keep them excited and engaged with the learning! As always, we will continue our letter, number, and name review through our daily lessons.

Don't forget that the Winter Concert is December 22nd. Watch ProCare as more information regarding the concert will be sent out in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me at 773-622-9433 Ext 25, EXPLORERS or aracely@toddlertownchicago.com

Thank You,
Ms. Aracely





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The Bumblebees (3-year-olds)

Ho Ho Ho Happy holidays!

The end of the year is almost here, and I am thrilled to see how much our kids have accomplished over the year. During November, our children learned about understanding our emotions by reading *A Little Spot of Emotion* by Diane Alber. To continue with our November recap our Bumblebees created a gratitude jar by writing each day what they are thankful for. We loved this activity due to the positive environment we created as we recognized how lucky we are to have basic needs.

Now let the fun begin... With December being here we are excited to have fun activities and crafts! From creating a poster about different ways to celebrate the holidays to making snow using shaving cream, baking soda, and vinegar. Furthermore, Our school will have a winter concert on December 22, please stay tuned on ProCare for further information.

If you have any questions, please call 773-622-9433 ext 24 or nataly@toddlertownchicago.com
Thank you!

Mrs. Nataly





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The Butterflies (3 Year Old's)

Hi Families!

After being thankful and spending time with loved ones, children learned about healthy eating, their daily emotions, and what they are grateful for in the month of November. It was an exciting month of fun activities, crafts, and books. Children could come in large groups and identify the different emotions we may feel and learn to find ways to express them better as they understand the importance of these feelings. The book "The Way I Feel" was a great read, and children made unique facial expressions to their emotions. After learning how we feel and how to manage them, we went into what being thankful was and who we are grateful to have in our lives. The teacher read short poems about what we can be grateful for and made thankful turkeys; each feather represented who they were thankful for. The children worked on fine motor skills and following directions with the crafts using scissors, paint brushes, and glue.

In December, the children will be learning about winter like the season of winter, winter sports and different holidays celebrated in December. There will be fun projects like learning to Ice-skate with parchment paper on our shoes and skating on the rug. We are going to have SNOW much fun!

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact us at 773-622-9433 ext. 23 Butterflies or selena@toddlertownchicago.com or Yvonne@toddlertownchicago.com

Thank You,
Ms. Selena and Ms. Yvonne





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Toucans (2 Year Old's)

Hello Toucans Families,

As we say our farewells to the season of Fall, we welcome Winter with a season's greetings! November was full of wonderful moments, watching our Toucans grow, learn, and establish new friendships and relationships. In November we learned about healthy eating habits, what it means to be thankful, the history of Thanksgiving, and closed out with a week of exciting experiments for our Fun with Science week!

As we walk into December, we will learn about the season of Winter and some of the holidays that fall during the Winter season like Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. We will continue our rehearsals for the Winter Concert and prepare for the New Year ahead!

Reminder to check your child's cubby daily for any paperwork, artwork, soiled clothing, or toys from home. Our Winter Concert is being held on Friday, December 22nd, 2023, and the center is having an early dismissal.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 773-622-9433 ext. 22. Toucans or Marta@toddlertownchicago.com or Liz@toddlertownchicago.com

Thank you,

Ms. Marta and Ms. Liz



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