

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

**Hello Toddler Town Families** 

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WELCOME JANUARY!!!

January's theme Is: <u>Snowy January</u> During the month Of January, we will be discussing the following:

1. Celebration! New Year! 2. Winter

- 3. Snow 4. Ice
- 5. Hibernation
- 6. Migration
- 7. Adaptation

Here are some Special Dates to remember: 1<sup>ST</sup> HAPPY New Year 2024!- -Center closed! 15<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Jr Day- Center closed!

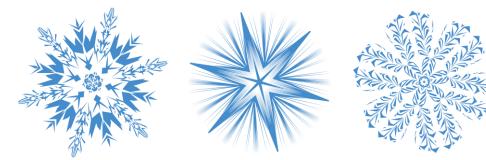
Monthly Observance and Celebration

6<sup>th</sup> –Bean Day 9<sup>th-</sup> Secret Pal Day 16<sup>TH</sup> -Milk Day (Milk Delivered in glass bottles for the first time 1878) 12<sup>th</sup> Make your Dreams come true day 14<sup>th</sup> National Dress up Your Pet Day 19<sup>th</sup> Popcorn Day 21<sup>St</sup> National Hugging Day 25<sup>th</sup> Opposite Day 29<sup>TH</sup> National Puzzle Day

**3ISt Backwards 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!

### <u>REMINDERS!</u>

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

### <u>Tuition</u>

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 January 2024: <u>REMINDER: JANUARY HAS 5 WEEKS</u>

#### January 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2024

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

#### <u>January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024</u>

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

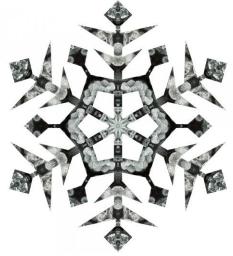


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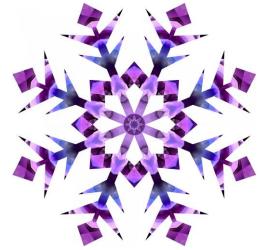




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# Tips and Ideas for Home

#### Start the New Year Off Right: Resolve to Raise a Reader!



Many New Year's resolutions focus on developing healthy habits. Here's one that is important to make and keep: provide a regular diet of books and reading for your preschooler. Try this menu of reading activities.

You feed and care for your child every day so that he will grow into a healthy, happy preschooler. Similarly, you also need to provide experiences that will enhance language development and stimulate learning skills. Try this menu of reading activities:

#### **Read every day**

A daily reading routine will give all the readers in your family a chance to read with your preschooler. Dads, moms, siblings, caregivers, and friends can all be a part of ensuring your preschooler gets 20 minutes of being read to each day.

#### Do things, and then talk about it

It's great to offer new experiences to your preschooler, such as a visit to the zoo or museum, but a trip to the grocery store or a neighborhood park can be just as educational. Talk about what you are seeing and ask your preschooler what he thinks of it. When possible, use interesting words to describe what you're seeing.

#### Read every where you go

You can find reading on the road, at the bus stop, in the store, and at the restaurant. Play a game to find words when you are out and about or take a look at home for words on everyday items like cereal boxes, toothpaste, and household appliances.



# Tips and Ideas for Home

#### Start the New Year Off Right: Resolve to Raise a Reader!-Continued

#### Be a reading role model

Your child wants to imitate you and be like you. Have plenty of reading material for yourself as well as for your child. Tell your child how much you enjoy reading.

#### Keep your pulse on progress

Please be sure to see your child's pediatrician or teacher as soon as possible if you have concerns about your child's language development, hearing, or sight.

Info Taken Directly from: <u>Start the New Year Off Right: Resolve to Raise a</u> <u>Reader! | Reading Rockets</u>

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## Koalas (5 Year Old's)

Happy New Year Families!

Our children had an awesome last month of the year learning! We celebrated all the joys of winter! Through our lessons about winter, we learned about how the season is different from other seasons and the various activities that can be done during winter; like ice skating and playing in the snow! The children had a blast pretending to ice skate on the carpet using wax paper on the bottom of their feet. The children did a lovely job with their Winter Concert, and we are very proud of the performance they gave! We had a successful year of learning, and we can't wait to see what the new year will bring! In the new year, we are going to start our first month on the right track. During the month of January, the children will be learning about New Year celebrations around the world, the study of snow and ice, hibernation and migration. The children will also jump into sight word study! Every week, the children will be learning a new sight word and will be tested on Fridays. I will be passing out the Sight Word List in the coming weeks. We will also have other activities planned like creating a Hibernation poster about an animal of the child's choosing.

Thank you all for a wonderful year and we look forward to seeing what 2024 has in store for us!

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



Thank you, Mrs. Megan and Ms. Karla









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## The Explorers (3 to 4 Year Old's)



Hello families!

In the month of December, the Explorers engaged in various learning activities that included writing, pronunciation, letter recognition, and numbers 1 through 25. The students participated in several projects like decorating Christmas trees, snowmen, and gingerbread men for Christmas. One of the favorite activities from December was our Winter Concert where the students rehearsed and performed for their family through singing and dancing.

In January we will focus on improving our writing skills and participate in more class projects. We will have a focus on art activities, like painting and scissor skills. As always, we will continue to improve our group work to enhance the learning experience. Thank you, parents, for your continued involvement in our projects each month.

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







### The Bumblebees (3-year-olds)

Hola familias de Toddler Town,

Happy New Year! Let's make this new year as good as the last one. Allow me to take one second to recap the month of December. As you may know, it was full of hands-on activities such as taking notes as scientists as we mixed and looked at the reaction of white vinegar and baking soda. These fun activities motivated children to think aloud and draw their conclusions. Our children not only had a fun science week but also created fun winter crafts and learned about different ways people celebrate the holidays such as building gingerbread houses and making candy canes. To conclude our year, I would like to thank you all for helping our children to grow and for having great communication regarding any matter. Thank you for being a great team.

Now let's talk about what the new year will bring to the Bumblebee class. To celebrate the new year, our children are going to have a balloon drop activity and will make bouncing bubbles. For the bouncing bubbles, we are going to need winter gloves to help prevent the oils on our hands pop the bubbles. We are also going to read " Happy New Year Spot" by Eric Hill. To continue with the fun children are going to explore art with colorful ice cubes and hopefully, we get a little bit of snow so our kiddos can play with the snow. With this in mind please make sure to update your child's cubby and stay tuned with ProCare for more updates.

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



Mrs. Nataly











## The Butterflies (3 Year Old's)

Hello families, and Happy Holidays!

I hope everyone had a great winter break and enjoyed their time with their family. I want to thank the parents who came to the concert and hope for a better outlook next year. The children had a fun-filled month of winter activities and crafts. The Butterflies had lots of arts and crafts; from making candy canes, playing with dirt in our sensory table, creating snowmen out of letters from their name, and practicing their scissor skills.

The Butterflies classroom is ready to start the new year with more fun activities and gross motor work for children to continue developing in their age-appropriate stages. For the upcoming new year, children will be learning about friendships. Reminder to please ensure that your child has extra appropriate winter clothes in their cubby, and when sick, please bring in and bring in a doctor's note; we must keep all our children and staff safe and healthy due to the cold and flu season.

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



Thank You, Ms. Selena and Ms. Yvonne









### **Toucans (2 Year Old's)**

¡Feliz Año de Nuevo! Happy New Year! Hello Parents,

What a month we had to close out 2023! Our littles are becoming so smart and independent, in the new year we look forward to celebrating our littles growth as we watch them blossom in the next level classrooms! In the month of December, we focused on practicing for our Winter Concert and in between we learned all about the season of winter. Through the month of December, we did crafts like Handprint Christmas Trees and other crafts that outline Holidays celebrated around the world. We enjoyed a final Spirit Week leading up to our Winter Concert! Though this month was full of memories with our First Annual Toucans Family Holiday Party and our Winter Concert, we are so excited to see what this new year will bring us and our littles! Starting off our New Year right, we will be exploring topics like New Years Celebration, Snow and Ice, Hibernation, and Migration. We can't wait to create new crafts, grow and learn in the coming months of the new year! As always, thank you all for your continued support in and out of the classroom!

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

Thank you,

Ms. Marta and Ms. Liz











