



# TODDLER TOWN

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## Curious Children and their many, many Questions

Children are naturally very curious about all sorts of things. And their questions can come at busy times or can simply be overwhelming. Not to mention we often don't have all of the answers! Here are some tips about how to deal with your curious child and her/his many, many questions.

It can be tempting to ignore or reject your child's questions when they become overwhelming. Try to resist using answers like "Because I said so" or responding with "Stop bothering me." Answers like this can make your child feel sad for having expressed their curiosity and can set back their attempts to learn and explore. When you are too busy to handle your child's questioning, try to politely explain your feelings and assure them that you can answer these questions another time. But be sure that you make time later to do so!

Short answers are sufficient and will be your go-to response most of the time, but when you can find the time, questions are a great opportunity to expand your child's learning. Suggest ways that your child might be able to find or discover an answer to their question on their own, whether it be looking it up online or creating an experiment in your home. Ask your child what he/she thinks is the answer to a question and help them understand the virtues and flaws of their thinking.

And don't forget: It's okay to say 'I don't know.' In fact, when it's true, say it! Children need to understand that it is okay not to know. It also gives you an opportunity to learn the answer together!

To read more, check out this website: <http://illinoisearlylearning.org/tipsheets/curiouschild.htm>



*Why? Why? Why?  
But how?*

### TAKE NOTE

- Please make sure that we have your most recent contact information.
- Make sure you have weather-appropriate clothing in your child's cubby.



### UPCOMING DATES

- CLOSED January 1st for New Year's Day
- CLOSED January 20th for Martin Luther King Jr Day



*Ms. Stephane and Ms. Vanessa's Bumblebees Class 2-year-olds*

Focusing on letter H for the month of December,

Hello Parents!

For the month of January, we will be talking about Snow, winter and hibernation!

Our activity will include making snow angels and snowman. We will build a

hibernation cave from a box and have the children paint it black where the children can go inside and play (supervised by teachers).

The children will make their own bears using coffee grounds. Parents

please remember to check your child mailbox so we can start fresh for the New Year and proper attire for winter in their cubbys!

Happy New Year!

*Ms. Sandra and Ms. Daulet's Chipmunks Class 3-year-olds*

Hello parents!

It is now 2014, a brand new year! We had so much fun in December learning about different holidays like Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, and Christ-

mas.

We also discussed how some families don't celebrate the holiday, but just celebrate being with their families!

We made so many decorations reflecting the holidays one of our projects you can see photographed is the Kinara for Kwanzaa.

Happy New Year!



Our Kwanzaa Kinara

*Ms. Alex, Ms. Tammie and Ms. Yoon's Butterflies Class 4-year-olds*

Our 'snowy' pinecones

We would like to wish all of our Toddler Town families a happy new year! We look forward to the good times ahead in 2014 for our classroom and beyond. In December, we had so much fun exploring shapes, weather, the winter season, and introducing the New

Year. Our class has plans for a lot of exciting new themes and learning experiences in the month of January. A new year means a fresh start, so this month's units will focus on healthy living & nutrition, body parts, friendship (a tribute to MLK day), and feelings.

Please be sure that you have accepted your Teaching Strategies invite for open communication with teachers and for any updates regarding your child. A good year begins with healthy relationships and positive attitudes! Once again, Happy 2014!

*Ms. Jaya and Mr. Dan's Sharks Class 5-year-olds*

Happy NEW YEAR!!

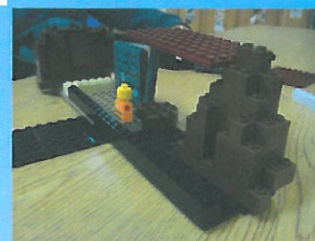
December was so much fun! We had a great time talking about Big and Little, Ocean animals. We loved celebrating all the winter holidays with each other. Our holiday party

with healthy snacks was another success!

As the New Year starts we have a lot of exciting themes to explore. The first week of January we will explore the winter season. Next we will dis-

cuss about the science behind snow, Martin Luther King Junior and Polar bears. We will also continue focusing on practicing our first and last name and our journals.

Happy January!



The children have been building complex Lego structures over many days.