

December 2012

# "WHERE YOUR CHILD ALWAYS COMES FIRST!"

Summer is over and it's time to get ready for some chilly weather. Please dress your child appropriately in addition to making sure that they have an adequate change of clothing in their cubby box. The children will still be going on walks and enjoying the fresh air by going out into the gross motor area making it very important for them to have a sweater or jacket on cool days.

The Teaching Strategies website is up and running. Emails have been resent to all parents asking to join the Teaching Strategies website.

Reminder: **Tuition payments are due on time.** Any payments made after your due date will result in a late fee added to your current amount. Envelopes have to be handed to a teacher or can be made online via our website.

#### **Important News**

Please note that we are closed on the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and the 31<sup>st</sup> of December in addition to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January. Wishing everyone a very Happy Holidays and a Prosperous New Year.

#### **Kindergarten Koalas**

Cold Weather is Here! Please dress your child warmly as we do go outside daily. There are lots of things to cover this year to get the children ready for 1<sup>st</sup> grade. I will clearly need the help of the parents at home to go over and assist their child with any homework and/or lesson being taught. This year will be very different for many of the children coming from the younger classrooms.

For the month of December we will be discussing Holidays Around the World, Sentence Building and much more. The children have been very intrigued with science projects so we will be doing lots more hands-on experiments.

The children need to practice their sight words regularly. There are 40 words that each child should know by now.

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#### **Lions Classroom**

Dear Parents,

Winter is finally here! We are currently not in the Lions classroom, but we will pick up our winter theme by mid-December. During the end of December we will be discussing various topics that will include weather, Christmas and different winter activities. Happy Holidays!

Ms. Jessica

### **Peanuts Classroom**

Dear Parents,

Time is flying by quickly as December is already here! And it's only going to go by even faster with the holidays. This month we will continue to work on the alphabet. We will focus on the letters I, J, K, and L. We will also be getting into the holiday spirit and decorating our class with classroom projects made by the children. So please be sure to take some time to visit the classroom this month and look around at the creativity the Teddy Bears have to offer. Also, the children will be working on a special treat for their families this month to celebrate the holidays.

Thank you,

Your Mama Bears ©

Ms. Selina and Ms. Jackie.

#### **Bears Classroom**

Happy Winter! For the month of December, we will be discussing Jungle Animals, Being Kind, having our Winter Celebration. We will also be reviewing our numbers 11 and 12. We will begin to have snow play in our sensory table, weather permitting, using various items from class related to our topic. Outdoors, we will enhance our senses with snow play as well as various gross motor activities.

Ms. Taga

## **Dragons Classroom**

Dear Parents,

The month of December will be filled with crafts. We will also be reviewing the letters f-j and numbers 6-10. I will also be introducing the letters k and I, and numbers 11, and 12. The week of Christmas, we will be doing a lot of playing and review. Mrs. Hope

### **Butterfly Classroom**

Winter has arrived! The Butterflies have been making great strides in the units thus far and the month of December will be no exception!! This month's unit is entitled: Winter in the Woods. The class will spend time cozying up with the winter theme and listening to the various sounds around us during this change of season. Grab a sled, snowshoes, and mittens as you venture out into the wintry woods. The sounds continue as you follow the animal tracks down the snowy path, tip toe on crackling ice and hear the hoofs and bells of horses. When you hear the teapot whistle, come back inside for a treat. Sit by the fire, eat cookies and explore the shadows of the late afternoon. This month's focus letters will be: S, W and Q.

Mrs. Claudia & Ms. Irene