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## *Toddler Town Wishes You A Happy New Year!*

Happy New Year to our Toddler Town families! We ended last year with a bang as our 1st Annual Toy Drive was a huge success. The families at the Primo Center were so grateful as were we to have had your help in making the holidays a happy holiday for those less fortunate. Seeing the smiles on the children's faces was priceless. To share the success, the 5 year old room, Koalas, at our Chicago location managed to raise over \$60.00 for *Feeding America* and we made it an even \$100.00 donation. These were such a great ways to teach the children about giving back to the community and helping out those who are less fortunate. Thanks again to all the families that participated in making our donation events such a huge success!

This new year we have a lot of new and exciting things happening. This month we will be having Chicago Public Schools come out to our Chicago location to hold screenings and evaluate the children on visual, hearing, communication, and social emotional behavior. The 19th we will be CLOSED in honor of Martin Luther King's Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday the 20th in which we will be having another Breakfast Café event for our families. We will be offering breakfast treats such as coffee, orange juice, croissants, donuts, and more. This will be in the morning during drop off in which the parents can stop by the kitchen and pick up a breakfast treat on their way out. Also, 2014 Tax Statements are in. Please pick yours up with the director in the office.



Lastly, parents we want to inform you about our decision to raise tuition. Toddler Town has not raised tuition for the past 10 years, but sadly with rising costs around us, we have been forced to raise up our rates. This will go into effect as of February 2015 and reflect on next month's tuition statement. We realize that times are rough all around and appreciate your understanding. We do want to let you know what the increase in tuition will go towards. It will buy quality child care, help train our staff, reimburse our staff who are continuing their education in Early Childhood, and continue our efforts through higher standards of Accreditation like that NAEYC.

-Thanks from Toddler Town-

### **Take Note**

- 2014 Tax Statements are in. Please pick yours up with the director in the office.
- Please check cubbies for current weather clothing.
- Update Contact Numbers if number has changed or been disconnected.

### **Upcoming Events**

- January 6th and 7th: Screenings will be done by CPS at Chicago location.
- January 19th: CLOSED (Martin Luther King's Day)
- January 20th: Toddler Town Café- Breakfast



*Rudolph the Red  
Nose Reindeer*

## *Ms. Jackie Teddy Bears Class 2-year-olds*

Happy New Year! Last month we discussed Winter Fest, how to prepare for the weather changes, and we did so many fun arts and crafts pertaining to the season such as reindeer, snowmen, and gingerbread men. We also

had a Winter Festival before we left for the holidays. In December we also held our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Toy Drive in which we donated toys to less fortunate children at the Primo center. Thanks again to the families for making this event

such a huge success! Now that we are entering the New Year we will focus on the alphabet, counting 1-20, shapes, and colors. We will also be having screenings on January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> to evaluate your child's development.

## *Ms. Irene's Butterflies Class 3-year-olds*

Happy January!!! Last month brought big changes for the Butterfly Room. We said good bye to Miss Selina and wished her the best in her new endeavors. But we welcomed Miss Jackie as the new teacher of the classroom

who is familiar with the children as many have them started with her in the 2 year old room. Miss Irene was doing review on shapes with the children as well as celebrating Winter Fest with fun arts and

crafts. This year we will continue to work on academics with the children (counting/identifying 1-30, the alphabet, shapes, calendar, etc.). We will also work on writing our names this month.



*Winter Fest  
Wreath*



*Winter Fest Tree*

## *Mr. Temok's Guppies Class 3 and 4-year-olds*

Dear Parents, I hope you had a pleasant holiday with your family and friends. I send my best wishes to each and every one of you and your families.

To recap the month of December the children covered the topic of Time. They learned about digital clocks and were able to make a digital paper clock.

The children also had two weeks of Winter Wonderland fun. During these weeks the children were able to make projects, such as, drawing Winter Fest Trees and making paper snowmen. The children also decorated our classroom with a Winter Fest tree located on our wall. Finally, the students had a Winter Festival and

held a performance for our parents.

For January we will work on themes, such as: Community Helpers, My Community and Transportation. The Guppies will also continue their Spanish lesson on colors, numbers, and body parts.

## *Ms. Barber's Bumble Bees Class 3 and 4-year-olds*

Happy Holiday's everyone from the Bumblebee classroom. To recap the month of December we covered the winter season, popcorn, and pajamas. We also had spirit week and a pajama party. The children made different ornaments to hang around the classroom such as: Winter Fest trees, snowmen, Winter Fest lights, and snowflakes.

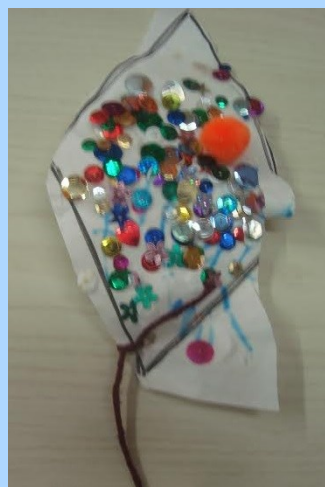
The children were able to decorate the door to our classroom with snowflakes and lights. We also made our own snow out of shaving cream and baby powder. Oh was that a fun science experiment for us! Finally, we had a Winter Festival and I would like to thank all the parents

for their participation in helping make it a success.

For January we will continue to work on winter things such as penguins, hibernation, and polar bears. Let's make 2015 an even better year!



*Snowflakes*



*Kite*

## *Ms. Taga's Bears Class 4 and 5-year-olds*

Happy New Year! To recap the month of December, we reviewed jungle animals, being kind, celebrated Winter and had our Winter Celebration. We enjoyed making animals prints,

talking about kindness and making kites. For the month of January, we will continue our alphabet by exploring lizards, our manners, numbers, ocean animals, as well as continue reviewing our

numbers 14-17. We will also continue our winter art projects as well as sensory play using foam popcorn and snow; weather permitting. It should be a fun month!

## *Ms. Megan's Koalas Class 5-year-olds*

Hi Parents! For the month of December our class really got into the season of giving! The children held an art sale to raise money for *Feeding America*. The class raised over 60 dollars! They did such a wonderful job. The children also brought in toys to give to those children who may not

have a Christmas this year. As a reward, our class had a pizza and pajama party! We had such a great month and we can't wait to see what is in store for us.

For the month for January, we will be starting our new year off with a bang! We will be learning new and exciting lessons

like weather patterns and buildings and construction. We will also continue to further our education by studying new sight words and math skills. Our class will always grow and learn each and every day. Let's have a great New Year!

Thank You!



*Donation for Feeding America*