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KOALAS: 5 YEAR OLDS

Hello Families!

Our class had a wonderful month of December! We had the best time with our spirit week festivities as well as our winter concert! We also had a great time learning about how different countries from around the world celebrate different holidays and the new year!



For the month of January, we are starting off on the right track in our new year of 2018! We are getting right back into our studies with letters, writing and numbers. We will also be learning about past presidents, voting process, and math problems.

Parents: Reminder to check your child's cubbie often for any announcements or homework.

Thank You and Happy New Year!

Mrs. Megan 773-622-9433 EXT 27

THE BEARS

Happy New Year! We have finally reached 2018! I hope everyone had a great holiday season. To recap the month of December, we discussed kindness, and Winter. We made our snowmen and discussed ways of being kind. We also made our holiday projects for our parents and had our holiday concert. For the month of January we will discuss the topic of Lizards, review our Manners and Numbers and discuss ocean animals. We will also review our numbers from 12-15. We will also enjoy snow playweather permitting. It should be a fun month!



Ms. Taga 773-622-9433 EXT 26

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Where Your Child ALWAYS Comes First."

• To know if we are closed due to the weather, please make sure you are registered under the Emergency Closing Center: <u>http://toddlertownchicago.com/regis</u> ter-for-weather-emergency-updates/

REMINDERS:

- Have you accepted our LIFE CUBBY friend request. This is our new form of assessment and communication between staff and parents. You have to allow alerts to go through in your email to receive all messages/alerts.
- Update your contact numbers, cell phone providers and emails.
- Tuition Payments need to be made on time or your child will not be able to stay in school.
 - Does Your child have an ALLERGY ? Please see Mr. Robert in the office
- We are closed Monday January 1st & Monday January 15th FYI We will close early at 3:30pm Tuesday February 6th for CPR 1st Aid.

Lifetouch photos are in Mr. Robert's office.

THE EXPLORERS: 4 YEAR OLDS

Happy New Year!!! Last month was so much fun as we had our spirit week celebration and put on a great performance for all our parents! We also continued to work on our theme "Winter Season, and we had discussions about Tradition and Celebration of some Countries. The explorer's classroom enjoyed talking about their favorite part during our Christmas Party" Opened presents, piñatas, food, and desserts". We also had some fun creating holiday art projects related to our theme.

For January, the explorer's classroom will continue to



work on winter things. We will also include a health study by explaining to the children the importance of washing their hands and covering their mouths when coughing or sneezing.

I hope that this year is a blessing for everybody.

Ms. Pas 773-622-9433 EXT 25

BUMBLEBEES: 4 YEAR OLDS

Hello Dear Parents,

During the month of December, the Bumblebees learned about Wonderland. The Bumblebees practiced writing and recognized letters, number, and colors. Some of the projects that we made: Christmas trees, paper poinsettia, ice skates, ornaments and more. We had also our spirit week and we had out 3rd annual Winter Wonderland performance.

For the month of January, we will cover the topics: community helpers and revisit letters, numbers and colors. Also, the Bumblebees will learn some Spanish and Sign Language words.



May for this new year all your dreams turn into reality and all your efforts into great achievements.

Happy Holidays season!!! Mr. Temok 773-622-9433 EXT 24

BUTTERFLIES: 3 YEAR OLDS

Happy Holiday's everyone from the Butterflies classroom. To recap the month of December we covered winter wonderland: snow, snowman, and the winter season. We also had fun during our spirit week and kicked it up a notch with our Winter Assembly once again, which turned out great! Thank you to everyone who came out to support us. The children made different ornaments to hang around the classroom such as: Christmas trees, Christmas balls, stockings, and snowflakes. The children were also able to decorate the classroom with snowflakes. We also made our own snow out of shaving cream and baby powder; oh, was that a

fun science experiment for us! For January we will continue to work on winter things such as penguins, new year, pizza, and ice. Let's make 2018 an even better year!



Winter Board Ms. Barber & Ms. Irene 773-622-9433 EXT 23

TOUCANS: 2 YEAR OLDS

It was an amazing 2017 in the Toucans room we accomplished many things! In this month of December we had our winter wonderland concert which was a great success. We made Rudolph reindeer's, handprint snowman, ornaments, stockings, painted Christmas trees and much more. Not to forget the children participated on making the Christmas tree on our bulletin board. This upcoming month of January we will be working on numbers, colors, and name recognition. Thank you to all the parents that participated in the winter wonderland concert. Happy and safe New years to everyone!



Miss Merry and Miss Areli 773-622-9433 EXT 22



Are you Ready for the Weather?

- 1. We understand that the weather can be unpredictable, therefore, we want everyone to be SAFE! Remember to give yourself enough time to arrive at the daycare both at pick up and drop off times. To learn what the roads and weather will be for your day–
 - ✤ CALL: 847-238-1234 (touch tone phone needed)
 - SIGN UP: for personalized email notification of your child care center's status at: <u>www.EmergencyClosings.com</u>

Please choose your center location and follow the instructions so that you can be notified in advance of school closings due to Weather:

- If Chicago Public Schools are Closed due to SNOW related issues, Toddler Town Will Also Be Closed; this way parents can plan ahead accordingly. We will not close due to temperature, only due to snow closings.
- If you did not receive an email, text or update from the Emergency Closing Center please make sure that you do the following:
 - · Update your email address with Angelo or Robert
 - · Update your cell phone number and cell carrier with Angelo or Robert
 - Register with the Emergency Closing Center, as mentioned above.
- Sick/Vacation: We understand there will be times when children will be absent from school due to illness or vacation. However, you must let the school know, especially if they will be absent for more than 2 days. Please be sure to call and leave a message with your child's teacher. Down below are the extensions according to classroom. Our number is still the same (773) 622-9433. Menu directory:
 - For Spanish/Para Español: dial/marca 1
 - To be connected to the Toucans classroom (Miss Merry & Miss Areli): dial 22
 - To be connected to the **Butterflies** classroom (Ms. Barber, Ms. Irene, Ms. Carmen): dial 23
 - To be connected to the **Bumblebee** classroom : Mr. Temok dial 24
 - To be connected to the Explorer classroom (Miss Pas): dial 25
 - To be connected to the **Bears** classroom (Miss Taga): dial 26
 - To be connected to the Koalas classroom (Mrs. Megan & Mrs. Cintya): dial 27
 - To be connected to the Office (Mr. Robert): dial 21
- Pick Up List: Don't forget, if you need someone to pick up your child that is not already on your pick up list, you can go to our website and complete the "Emergency Authorization Form" located on the right hand side of the page: <u>https://toddlertowndaycare.formstack.com/forms/toddler_town_pick_up_form</u>
- 4. <u>Parent Portal:</u> Parents can go to our website and be connected to the parent portal where they can view their child's account. This feature is located on the right-hand side of the page under "Log In To Your Child's Account."





TODDLER TOWN DAYCARE TOO HEALTHY FOOD POLICY



Dear Parent/Guardian,

At Toddler Town Daycare, we love celebrating birthdays, holidays, and special occasions. We also want to ensure we are teaching the children life-long healthy eating habits. This is why **beginning January 1st**, **2013**, we will only be allowing parents/guardians to bring in healthy snacks during these special times.

We will no longer allow foods such as cupcakes, cakes, doughnuts, or candy to be brought in during birthdays or holidays. Instead, we encourage you to explore healthier options to share with the class and save the sugary foods to eat at home. The teachers will also stop giving out candy as rewards and will instead give out prizes like art supplies, books, chalk, bubbles, and other items to expand your child's mind.

are welcome to send healthy treats goody bags to share with classmates You or . Please let the teachers know in advance that you will be bringing a treat to class and the teachers will arrange to distribute the treats or goody bags to the children after naptime or at dismissal.

All healthy food items must arrive unopened as packaged by the manufacturer or it will not be accepted. Homemade treats are not permitted by the Illinois Health Department. And as always, no nuts are allowed.

Remember, if you would like to celebrate with your child's birthday at school please, Bring In Really Tasty Healthy Delicious Appetizing Yummy Snacks!

Birthd	ay Treat suggestions	
•	Fruit popsicles	

- Fruit cups
- Yogurt
- Rice Cakes
- Fruit Muffins
- Fresh Fruit
- Hand Snacks

Goodie Bag suggestions

- Stickers
- Markers/Crayons
- Books
- Chalk
- Bubbles
- Coloring Books
- Puzzles

Two great websites that also offer snack ideas and healthy eating are: www.choosemyplate.gov and www.colormehealthy.com.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding!

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