

"Where Your Child Always Comes First"

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SHARKS: 5 YEAR OLDS:

Happy NEW YEAR Dear parents!! Hope you all had a wonderful year! Wish all the good continues this upcoming year as well! December was so much fun! The children had a great time playing opposite words, comparing between Big and Little and learning about Ocean animals. We loved celebrating all the winter holidays with each other. Our holiday/new year's 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 season winter. Next we will discuss the science behind snow, Martin Luther King Junior and Polar bears. We will continue focusing on opposite words, Rhyming words and vowels as well.

Happy January 🙂

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Where Your Child ALWAYS Comes First."

If you have not accepted our Life Cubby Request. Please do so ASAP so you can view and stay informed with your child's progress during their attendance at Toddler Town.

REMINDERS:

- Notify the daycare if your child is ill with a <u>contagious</u> illness <u>immediately</u> so that we can do our part at the daycare.
 - The center will be closed

Monday January 1st

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Monday January 15th

FYI

<u>We will close early at 3:30pm</u> <u>Tuesday February 6th for CPR 1st</u> <u>Aid</u>

- Update your contact numbers in office and with teachers.
- Wash your child's hands upon arrival.
- Tuition Payments need to be made on time or your child will not be able to stay in school.



BUTTERLIES: 4 YEAR OLDS

Greetings Parents! Welcome to 2018

We are in the beginning of a new year!!! We will talk about our new year resolutions and positive goals. We will start our clothes study. Since winter has begun, it's the perfect time to study about clothes. What types of clothes do we need in the winter? What are clothes made of? Patterns and so much more!!!



The butterfly room wishes you a Happy New Year!!!

REMINDER: Don't forget to send in blankets every Monday!

CHIPMUNKS: 3 YEAR OLDS

Hope you all enjoyed the Festivities of the holiday. We're back in full swing here in a brand new year. This year in class we will have more science, more experiments, and MORE FUN!!

Our themes have transmogrified to the point where they revolve around the letter of the week. Saw a shift in how I do themes this year, saw it was a pretty good one, and have decided to keep that moving along.

In December we learned about Octopi, Ostriches, Monkeys, Hexagonal Prisms, Cones, Spheres & hemispheres, the colors silver & gold, as well as engaging in many physical activities that build strength, promote fitness, and improve both fine and large motor control.

In January we will explore the letters R, S, T & U. We are moving steadily into more and more geometric/solid shapes, and intensify the amount of work we do to improve motor control on both the fine and large aspects. Counting and quantifying are always a big part of our week, so we will see that intensify as well. Additionally, we will return to the 'CONCENTRATION' method (a game we play with the entire class) to familiarize ourselves with letters and numbers.

Parents are always welcome to come in and volunteer! Mwhahahaha! Don't worry, you'll leave in one piece. :D



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BUMBLEBEES: 2 YEAR OLDS

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE! Can you believe we are in the year of 2018? 2017 was amazing, but I'm excited to start a new year. During the month of December, children welcomed winter, discussed winter fun activities, changes they see and ways of keeping warm during the winter season. For the month of JANUARY, children will be talking about the new year, celebration, hibernation, adaptation, migration, arctic animals, all about colors and all about shapes. We will continue enforcing the importance of using their words, playing nicely, sharing and getting along. I also want to remind parents that we are also doing a project on BALLS, in connection to the Kohls children's museum, it is important to be a part of this if you want to be

part of the celebration at the end of the project. To find out how you can help, feel free to reach out to Ms. Nessa and me. Thanks in advance.







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–
 - a. CALL: 847-238-1234 (touch tone phone needed)
 - b. 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 (847) 475-1467. Menu directory:
 - For Spanish/Para Español: dial/marca 1
 - To be connected to the 2 year old classroom (Ms. Norma & Ms. Vanessa): dial 12
 - To be connected to the 3 year old classroom (Mr. Shonn & Mrs. Daulat): dial 13
 - To be connected to the 4 year old classroom (Mrs. Maritza & Ms. Carina): dial 14
 - To be connected to the 5 year old classroom (Mrs. Jaya & Ms. Amber): dial 15
 - To be connected to the office (Mr. Angelo): dial 11
- <u>Pick Up List:</u> 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 Into 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.

You are welcome to send healthy treats or goody bags to share with classmates. 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!

Birthday Treat suggestionsFruit 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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