



February 2018

Toddler Town Daycare
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SHARKS: 5 YEAR OLDS:

January was so much fun! We had a great time learning about the science behind winter and Snow. We also learned about Martin Luther King Jr. and about his dream. Children promised to change the world for better and were very enthusiastic to share their dreams for the future world.

In February we will continue learning on "Shoes", which is a part of our 'Project approach' learning. We will also learn about Hibernation, Body Parts, Presidents' Day, dental health and Dr. Seuss. We will continue focusing on writing letters/numbers, addition and sounding out the letters. Children are enjoying when teacher spells out their names while taking attendance.

If the weather permits (hopefully) we will try to go out to play; parents, please send your child with warm jacket, snow pants, gloves, hat and boots. Our children don't want to miss the snow fun.☺



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:

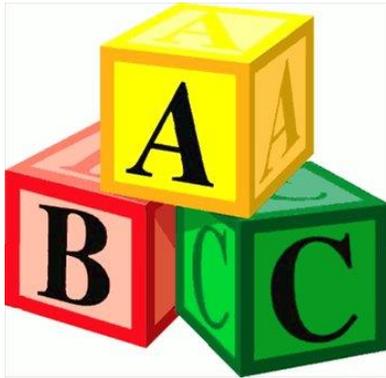
- Notify the daycare if your child is ill with a contagious illness immediately so that we can do our part at the daycare.
 - **The center will be closed Monday February 19th for President’s day**
 - We will close early at 3:30pm Tuesday February 6th for CPR 1st Aid**
- **Update your contact numbers 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.**



BUTTERFLIES: 4 YEAR OLDS

Welcome to the month of friendship... This month will be very fun and enjoyable to our students. We will encourage our students to learn how to value our friends. We will discuss what friends are? What we like about our friends? What can you do with your friends? We will also be hosting a friendship party on Wednesday, February 14th. Please see teachers for more information.

Throughout the month we will also be engaging in numbers, graphing, writing, and word recognition. Also, we will be honoring black history month. We will be learning about Garrett Morgan, Barack Obama & Jackie Robinson.



CHIPMUNKS: 3 YEAR OLDS

Last month, we explored the letters R, S, T & U. We moved into geometric/solid shapes, and we intensified 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 saw that intensify as well.

One activity we did during the week of S was SHAVE. We learned about shaving, so at random intervals throughout that week various students could be seen shaving their beards (or lack thereof). See attached photo.

This month in February we are exploring the letters V, W, X, & Y. The numbers 1, 2, 3, & 4 are in focus (we go up to twenty then reset), and we will be exploring the concepts of Temperature, Gravity, Speed, and Force. We also are very avid about learning about animals, as it allows us to draw comparisons to ourselves, and this leads to self-discovery. I have no set animals in mind this month, so I will let the letters of the week help us decide which animal we will explore each week.



Lastly, we always give focus to physical development; fine and large motor control exercises include cutting lines, tracing lines, lacing, tying, drawing and painting. I have a new activity for the students, something I used to do in the five-year-old class and what I feel a lot of my current class is ready for; simple mimicry of the letters and numbers I draw or create before them. Kind of like dictation.

BUMBLEBEES: 2 YEAR OLDS

The month of Love and Friendship is here, FEBRUARY! Children had lots of fun in the month of January



discussing Hibernation, migration, adaptation, arctic animals, shapes and colors. Children are becoming more familiar with shapes and colors and the older ones are becoming more comfortable describing the shapes and are motivating the younger twos. During the month of February, we will continue with shapes and colors, since we have lots of new little bodies, and because I want to be sure that the ones that move over to the 3's are comfortable and are ready to move to the next level. Along with shapes and colors, children will have fun learning about Friendship, counting, teeth and DR. SEUSS. **Our Friendship party will be held on February 14, 2018**, Ms. Norma will be giving all parents a list of items to bring in to make every child feel special on that day, so please be sure to sign up! Also, children must wear **red, pink, purple** or white to their party.

Thank you 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: www.EmergencyClosings.com

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

<p><i>Evanston Location Information to Sign up:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facility Name: TODDLER TOWN DAYCARE ▪ Facility Location/City: EVANSTON ▪ Main Phone Number: (847) 475-1467 	<p><i>Chicago Location Information to Sign up:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facility Name: TODDLER TOWN DAYCARE TOO ▪ Facility Location/City: CHICAGO ▪ Main Phone Number: 773-622-9433
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- ❖ 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.

2. **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:

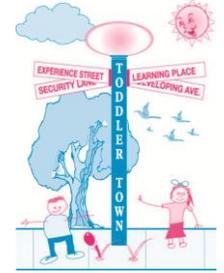
- For Spanish/Para Español: [dial/marca 1](#)
- To be connected to the 2 year old classroom (Ms. Norma & Ms. Vanessa): [dial 12](#)
- To be connected to the 3 year old classroom (Mr. Shonn & Mrs. Daulat): [dial 13](#)
- To be connected to the 4 year old classroom (Mrs. Maritza & Ms. Carina): [dial 14](#)
- 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](#)



3. **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: https://toddlertowndaycare.formstack.com/forms/toddler_town_pick_up_form
4. **Parent Portal:** 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 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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*Some information courtesy of CCDC