



CPS Child Care

December Newsletter



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News from the Early Learning Center:

Brrr, winter has arrived! Please remember as the weather continues to get colder to dress your child appropriately, as we do still play outdoors in the winter.

We are happy to announce our new secured entry way system is up and running. Each parent will receive a key fob which will allow them access to the main entrance of our building. If you would like additional key fobs, you may purchase them at a cost of \$5.00 each. Anyone without a key fob may enter the building by buzzing through the intercom system and a staff person will unlock the door. Key fobs and instructions will be sent out shortly and we hope to begin fully utilizing the system before the holidays.

As a reminder, we are open for most of winter break. We are closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, close early New Year's Eve, and are closed New Year's Day. If your school age child needs child care over winter break, please be sure to sign them up on the forms at the greeter window.

Tuition is due on the first day of the week your child attends care every week. Account balances are available at the electronic sign in station at the greeter window. If you have any questions regarding your account balance, please contact the child care office. As a reminder, after 5 days of non-payment, a \$10.00 late fee will be assessed to your account. Thank you for your efforts in

keeping your account up to date.

The flu season is upon us. We take every precaution here at CPS Child Care to keep germs at bay, and we appreciate your help in keeping our center free of contagious illness. If your child has a fever of 101 degrees or more, vomiting, diarrhea, eye or nasal discharge, or an unidentified rash, you will be called to pick them up immediately and they may not return until they are symptom free for 24 hours without the help of a fever reducer. A complete overview of our sick policy can be found in our parent handbook. Additional copies are available in the office.

Have a great holiday season! See you next year!

Kelsey



Infant Room News

November has come and gone but man, was it a blast! We talked about turkeys, family, fall leaves, and cooler weather.

In December, we are continuing our talks about family, and recognizing ourselves in pictures. We will be reading our "ME" books. If your child does not have family pictures in, please turn them in as soon as possible. We will also be exploring snow and ice, soft clothes, and paper.

There is a lot going on in our room. To encourage movement we will be playing on mats and soft blocks for climbing.

With December comes cold weather. We will still be going outside for stroller rides, weather permitting. Please bring in clothes to wear out on our walks. Please also label all of your child's belongings.

We would like to send out a Happy Birthday to Jacob! He is one year old.

Have a great month!

CPS Child Care Infant Staff:
Ms. Billie Jo, Ms. Carol, and
Ms. Samantha



Toddler Room News

Winter is finally here! We have lots of fun things planned to learn and explore in December.

Welcome to our new additions to the classroom. Noah and Celina are settling right in and Caleb has graduated from the Infant room and is doing great in the toddler world!

Remember, we do go outside in the winter as long as the temperature is 20 degrees or above and the wind chill is

15 degrees or above. Please make sure your child has the proper winter apparel to play and stay warm.

We have been having lots of fun in the classroom. The color of the week is going great. The kids really enjoy sharing their items with others and learning about colors.

We will be having our holiday party on Thursday, Dec. 17. Look for fun holiday projects as well.

Birthdays:

Tyler- December 21
Warren- December 30
Both are turning 2!

Happy Holidays!

CPS Child Care Toddler Room:
Ms. Morgan, Ms. Angie, Ms.
Cara, and Ms. Kelly

Young Preschool News (2 ½ - 3 year olds)

November was a fun month in our classroom. We talked about family and things that we are thankful for. The children also pretended to cook and plan a Thanksgiving meal. And of course, we decorated the room and lockers with lots and lots of turkeys.

Now that December is here, we will continue to talk about families and what families do for each other. We will also be decorating for the holidays. The children will make

ornaments every week to put on our holiday tree. We will be making some special presents for parents that the children will wrap from hand-made wrapping paper. It should be a fun and colorful month!

Song:

Oh I took a lick
Of my peppermint stick
I thought it tasted yummy.
It used to hang on my Christmas tree
But I like it better in my tummy!

Reminders:

- Children must bring in snow pants, boots, hat and gloves. Please label all items.
- It is time to replace your child's extra clothes with warmer ones.

Thank you to all who attended conferences. We appreciate your support!

CPS Child Care Young Preschool,

Ms. Jen, Ms. Joyce and Ms. Ali

Older Preschool News (4-5 year olds)

The month of November just flew by in our preschool room! We were very busy this past month doing lots of new activities. We made handprint turkeys, talked about things that we are thankful for, and talked about all types of food.

We have also been very busy doing our letter bags. Each week we focus on a new letter, what sound it makes, and how we write it. The preschoolers are really enjoying getting to show their letter bags. Thank you for helping your child with this activity.

We are beginning our unit on winter. The children will be learning about the coldest season. We will be talking about winter holidays, winter clothing, and animals that hibernate during the winter.

At School:

Some of learning experiences include:

- Sorting mittens by size, shape, and color
- Experiencing snow and ice in the sensory table
- Enjoying stories about winter

Fingerplays help with language and vocabulary skills. Here is one we will be learning this month:

Making a Snowperson

Roll it, roll it, get a pile of snow
(make rolling motions with hands)
Rolling, rolling, rolling, rolling,
rolling here we go
Pat it, pat it, face it to the South

(make patting motion with hands)

Now my little snow persons done- eyes, nose and mouth
(point to eyes, nose and mouth)

Reminders:

- Please bring your letter bag to school by Wednesday
- Make sure your child is dressed for the weather. We go outside daily.
- Please bring in a picture for our family board no larger than 4"x6"
- Please complete and turn in "About Me" books.

CPS Older Preschool Staff:

Ms. Stephanie, Ms. Jessica, and Ms. Ali

School Age News

With the holidays right around the corner, the school age classrooms have many fun activities and crafts planned to celebrate the season. One major project we have been working on is collecting different holiday recipes that have been with your family. The goal is to put together a classroom cookbook in time for the holidays.

Another project we are working on is a picture board of the children. They may bring in a picture of themselves from when they were younger to put on this board. It is a fun way to try and

guess who is who in each picture.

As a reminder, it is getting colder outside. We will still be going outdoors so appropriate clothing is needed: Hats, gloves, boots, etc. are all important for outside play during the winter.

We will be taking a break from swimming at the Aquatic Center during the winter months. Once the weather is warm enough to walk again in the spring, swimming will resume.

Winter break sign up sheets are located at the greeter window. Please sign

your child up if you will need care during winter break for Charlotte Public Schools as soon as possible. As a reminder, we provide breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack for all children who are here for full days of care. Tuition for a full week of care during winter break is \$130.00. Daily tuition for part time children is \$32.50/day.

Have a great month!

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Mr. Mitch, Ms. Jessica, Ms. Danielle

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