Dear Parents:

This time of year is truly one of my favorites for two reasons:

1. It allows us to reflect on our year past. As we look through all of our experiences through this past year, it makes me feel so thankful for everything that has happened. We have really been surrounded by such amazing and supportive children, families, and staff and it really makes me realize what a blessing our lives are!

2. This part of the year also encourages us to look ahead, we see the ultimate possibilities for what the new year brings, and that makes me hopeful. I hope we consider everything that may come into our lives as unique experiences that should be cherished.

I hope that you not only take the opportunity to look back on all of the wonderful moments for the past year, but also look at the present for what happens every day all around us, and look to the future to see what other possibilities it may bring. I hope that this month and the upcoming holidays find your happy, healthy, and full of love!

Best Wishes,
Stephanie Haney, Director

### Important Dates

- **Parent Ed Event**: 12/1 @ 4 p.m
- **Commencement**: 12/16
- **CCD Closed for Holidays**: 12/22 - 1/2
- **CCD Reopens**: 12/3

### Happy Birthday

**Children**
- Tehya T. 12/01
- Hugh D. 12/07
- Hazel B. 12/10
- Jesse Y. 12/14
- Gabriella M. 12/16
- Nouran A. 12/23
- Mila H. 12/24
- Joey A. 12/31

**Staff**
- Edrenia W. 12/1
- Shakiera B. 12/18
- Ciara W. 12/19
- Stephanie H. 12/24
From Mrs. Melissa’s class…

December is here! and I’m sure we have all been looking forward to its arrival. In this short but, busy month, we will start our month off with our Stocking Stuffers for the little ones. We will have our Winter Wonderland door contest and Winter Party before dismissing for the holidays. This month will be all about snowflakes, candy canes, and gingerbreads. We will talk about family, friends, love, giving and sharing. There will be a story time assisted by a few of our young readers and cookies and milk will be provided in appreciation for all their hard work. Also, in the spirit of giving we will have a box for The Harley’s in our classroom to help out for the holidays. Feel free to contribute anything that you feel will be helpful this season. I appreciate you all. Let’s make this a Very Merry month of December.

From Mrs. Sherrie’s class…

This month Ms. Sherrie’s class will be doing the theme of winter. We will be discussing winter sports around the globe. We will be looking at pictures of sport’s equipment. We will be learning about winter in different countries, and in our own state. We will be learning about the clothes that we wear when it is cold. We will be smelling different scents that are associated with winter time. We will be discovering ice and fake snow.

From Mrs. Sharla’s class…

In December we are talking about the jungle, winter, snowmen, and gingerbread men. Our classroom holiday party will be Friday, December 16th. Thanks to all of you for making our 2016 Family Feast so amazing! I think it went well and was lots of fun. You guys are awesome!!

From Mrs. Myrna’s class…

As we enter the last month of the year, I want to say Thank You for everything you have done to make this year easy. Your warm smile in the morning and your gracious thank you in the afternoon has not gone unnoticed. We wish Tehya (December 1) and Mila (December 24) a Happy Birthday. We will also be saying Congratulations to Ms. Morgan (December 13), as she prepares to walk across the stage to receive her diploma in a degree she loves (Child Development). We will miss her warmth. Our themes for the month will be Winter and Holidays. We will be listening to several stories during the month (A Cajun Christmas and The Mitten). The children will be engaged in a lot of fun and exciting activities leading up to the holiday. Merry Christmas and Happy New Years from our class.
From Mrs. Samantha’s class…

December is here! This time of the year usually brings cooler weather and the winter season. For the month of December, we will have a theme focused on winter and winter wonderland. These themes will include snow, ice, hibernation and teddy bears. We will also experiment with making snow, discuss animals who live in cold climates, and clothes that we wear to keep us warm in the winter months. We look forward to a great month. Let winter begin!

From Mrs. Bridgitte’s class…

Can you believe it is already December? We have had a great time celebrating fall and being Thankful for all we have. Our family feast was filled with delicious food and fellowship with our families and friends. Now we are looking forward to the month of December! We will begin the month by learning about different kinds of homes that people and animals live in. We will even have our own igloo and tee pee in our classroom, as well as, talking about the houses that the three little pigs built!! Later in the month we will learn about reindeer and how all of our families celebrate the holidays. We are sad to say goodbye to our student teacher, Miss Ariel. She has been an amazing teacher, and we wish her all the best as she graduates on December 16th! We love you Miss Ariel!!

From Mrs. Kimmy’s class…

The Holiday Season is here! November flew by so fast, and we suspect the next few weeks will do the same. This month we will be studying the following topics: Homes, reindeer, and Holidays. Those are such fun topics. We have lots of fun activities planned. Our class will have a Holiday Blast on Friday December 16th. Look for Blast sign-up sheet outside of classroom door in a few weeks. Of course, we will send reminders closer to the time. With cooler weather moving in, don’t forget your child’s jacket/coat. Also, remember that our center will be closed for the Holidays Thursday December 22nd-January 1st. Thank you for everything you do for our classroom!

From Mrs. Rachel’s class…

We are getting ready to wrap up 2016 and start on into a new year! We will start out December talking about the different types of homes there are. We will discuss homes from around the world and animal homes. Next, we will start a week on reindeers. This is always an interesting theme for the kids. They enjoy learning some real facts about these animals. Lastly, we will have a short week talking about holidays. We will cover several holidays celebrated around the world during this time of the year. I am looking forward to finishing out 2016 with your babies! Please remember to send a jacket with your child every day!
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December 22-January 2nd

CLOSED
For the Holidays!!

Holiday Parties

Our amazing teachers work tirelessly to ensure our children have as many wonderful experiences as possible. Around this time of year, this often includes Winter parties. Please stay mindful of the CCD’s policy regarding treats/goodies brought to these festivities:

“Parents are welcome to bring in healthy, nutritious snacks that are store-bought. Please check with your child’s teacher before purchasing party/celebration items to accommodate for children with allergies and classroom preferences. Large cupcakes, as well as cakes with large amounts of icing, are not allowed for parties or celebrations.”

Please keep this policy in mind as you consider bringing items to the CCD for parties and events throughout this month. There are quite a few cute ideas with healthy food that would be just as fun!