



Children's Village News



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Park Day

Kid's Night Out

Kid's Night out is **Friday the 9th from 6-11pm**. This is an opportunity for you, the parents, to go out while your children are having a blast at school.

This event is open to children 3 months through 10 years. The cost for children 2 and up is \$30 per child and \$20 for siblings. The cost for infants is \$50. Please note we must have a minimum of 10 children to have the event for the preschool age children and a minimum of 3 infants to have the event for infants.

The last day to sign up is Wednesday the 7th.



Library Day

Book Exchange

We will be having a book exchange on **Thursday the 15th**. This is a great opportunity to teach children about the joy of giving and receiving while promoting literacy.

Each child should bring a wrapped book to be given to another child in his/her class (\$5 limit please). Label who it is from only, do not specify who the book should go to.

Children not attending school the day of the "Book Exchange" are welcome to come for the event at 11:00am, but must be accompanied by an adult.



Gift Donation

This holiday season we will be joining the Child Abuse Prevention Center in providing holiday joy and laughter to the children and families served by the Prevention Center's Caregiver Support Services and Monitored Visitation program.

You can support this great cause by donating gifts for families and children of all ages. We strongly encourage you to involve your child in the process by talking about what you are doing, why you are doing it and by letting your child choose a gift (depending on the age). Remember the Child Abuse Prevention Center serves children of all age's even teens.

The program is asking for us to focus on gifts that the families can do together. For example: board games, outside sport items (balls), coloring book/pads with crayons/markers, books, etc.

All donations are due on Tuesday the 13th as they will be picked up on Wednesday the 14th.

Winter Break

School will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, December 26th** through **Friday, December 30th**.

We will be open for all programs starting **Monday, January 2nd**.

CURRICULUM



This month's curriculum focus will be, family traditions, the New Year (Pre-K only), Chinese New Year (Pre-K only), human body, how we grow, foods that help us grow, we are all the same and what makes us different, same and different (objects and animals).

FAMILY TRADITIONS

We welcome you to come and read a story or share one of your family's holiday traditions at school. Please contact your child's teacher to arrange a date and time.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Last month we received 250 bonus points to be used towards books and other materials for the school.

January Book orders will be sent home the week of **January 2nd** and will be due **Tuesday, January 12th**.

DID YOU KNOW

A generation ago, kindergarten was supposed to get children ready for school. But now everyone is talking about the importance of "school readiness" before children get into kindergarten. That is why many parents, anxious for their children to succeed in school, want early education programs to have children sit at tables using work sheets, drills, and flash cards to learn letters and numbers and even start to read, add and subtract.

Preschoolers learn differently from school-age children: play is essential to early learning. Play is the main way children learn and develop ideas about the world. It helps them build the skills necessary for critical thinking and leadership. It's how they learn to problem solve and to feel good about their ability to learn. Play is not a break from learning – it's the way young children learn.

Taken from: "Play, It's the Way Young Children Learn"

LOOKING INTO JANUARY

- * **Mon. 1/16** = **School Closed** Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Staff In-Service
- * **Fri. 1/27** = Sensory Screening for preschool children
- * **Tues. 1/31** = Preschool field trip to Bounce U

