



## HOLIDAY PLANNING

With the holiday season upon us, we know things can get a little hectic and some families may forget to tell us about planned days off. In order for us to staff appropriately, it is very helpful if you could please let us know ahead of time if your child will be out any days in December and January (especially Thursday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>). Knowing this will help us grant some requests for time off for team members. You can stop by the office and let us know or simply respond to the newsletter email informing us of any days you plan on keeping your child out of school.

## WELCOME

### To Children's Village

- \* in Room 8
- \* in Room 9

### To the World

We would like to congratulate (Room 9) for welcoming baby brother into the world!



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### School Closing Early

School will be closing at **4:00pm on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

### Winter Break

School will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>** through **Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

We will be open for all programs starting **Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

### Park Day

**Room 1 and Room 3**

We will be leaving school around 9:20am.

## Library Day

**Room 5** will be walking to the

We will be leaving school around 9:10am.

## Book Exchange



We will be having a book exchange on **Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 11am.** 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 enrolled on this day are welcome to come for the event at 11:00am, but must be accompanied by an adult.

## Kid's Night Out

Kid's Night Out is **Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 \$15 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 14<sup>th</sup>.**

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

December book orders are available near your child's sign in/out book. **All orders are due Thurs. the 8<sup>th</sup>.** Order forms can be submitted to the office or online: [www.scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs)

**Our school activation code is: GKJ9B**

## CURRICULUM

The following areas of focus are common topics that may emerge this month: weather changes, family celebrations and shared traditions, animals in the winter, and the Joys of Giving.

We also welcome you to come and read a story or share one of your family's holiday traditions with the school or your child's class. Please contact your child's teacher to arrange a date and time. Please see new volunteer requirements below.

## New Volunteer/Chaperone requirements

At this time, all parents and extended family members wanting to volunteer at Children's Village, including but not limited to chaperoning on field trips, must submit proof of their pertussis (Tdap), measles (MMR) and 2016 flu vaccine. These documents will be kept in your child's file and reviewed by the Department of Social Service (DSS), Community Care Licensing Division upon request. Please see attached parent handbook for more details on page 12.

## CASA "Gift of Giving"

Thank you to all the families who sponsored a child in the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program and helped with Room 5's recycling efforts to raise funds to help make this holiday season very special for children in the foster care system.

## LOOKING INTO JANUARY

- \* **Mon 1/2 = School Closed** Holiday
- \* **Mon. 1/16 = School Closed** Martin Luther King Jr. Day /Staff In-Service
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- \* **Fri. 1/26=** Room 9 conferences

