



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. 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 Monday, December 20th, Tuesday, December 21st, Wednesday, December 22nd, and Thursday, December 23rd.**)

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER School Closing Early

School will be closing at **4:00pm on Wednesday, December 1st** for staff development.

Winter Break

School will be **CLOSED** on **Friday, Dec. 24th** through **Friday, December 31st**. We will be open for all programs starting **Monday, January 3rd**.

Book Exchange

Our Book Exchange is **Thursday the 16th at 11am**. This is a great opportunity to teach children about the joy of giving/receiving while promoting literacy.

Each child should bring a new, wrapped book to be given to another child in their 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 bring a book for the event and can exchange and receive a new book the next time they are in.



NOVEMBER EVENT UPDATE

With our existing pandemic, the following **activity/event has been canceled.**

- **Friday, December 17th =**
Kid's Night Out



CASA "GIFT OF GIVING"

Thank you to all the families who sponsored a child in the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program to help make this holiday season very special for children in the foster care system.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Children go outside each day. Please provide your child with weather appropriate "extra clothes" and a jacket to be kept in their cubby.

As all personal items, we strongly recommend that you label your child's jacket, so it can easily be identified.

REFERRAL REMINDER

We wanted to remind you about the Children's Village referral program.

1. \$100 tuition credit to the referring family for each referral that pays the registration fee and at least one month's tuition.
2. For new families who enroll, we will apply their paid registration fee to their first month tuition, saving them \$140.

You get a bonus, the new family gets a bonus, and the school gets a new family, EVERYBODY WINS! If you refer a family, please let the office know or ask the referral to mention your name, so you do not miss out on your credit. As always, thank you for spreading the word!

CURRICULUM

The following areas of focus may emerge this month: "Weather Changes", "Family Celebrations and Shared Traditions", "Animals in the Winter", and "The Joys of Giving/Gifts to Nature".

CARING FOR FACE COVERINGS

Here are a few recommendations when caring for face covers, taken from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website. Cloth face coverings should be washed after each use.

HOW TO CLEAN

Washing Machine:

You can include your face covering with your regular laundry. Use regular laundry detergent and the warmest appropriate water setting for the cloth used to make the face covering.

Washing by Hand:

Prepare a bleach solution by mixing: 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) household bleach per gallon of room temperature water or 4 teaspoons household bleach per quart of room temperature water. Check the label to see if your bleach is intended for disinfection. Some bleach products, such as those designed for safe use on colored clothing, may not be suitable for disinfection. Ensure the bleach product is not past its expiration date. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser. Soak the face covering in the bleach solution for 5 minutes. Rinse thoroughly with cool or room temperature water. *Make sure to completely dry cloth face covering after washing.*

HOW TO DRY

Dryer:

Use the highest heat setting and leave in the dryer until completely dry.

Air Dry:

Lay flat and allow to completely dry. If possible, place the cloth face covering in direct sunlight.



LOOKING INTO JANUARY

***Monday, January 17th = School Closed** Martin Luther King Jr. Day /Staff In-Service

***Wednesday, January 19th =** Room 9 Conferences