



## 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 Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</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.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Book Exchange

Our Book Exchange is **Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 is to.

*Children not attending school on 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. Alternatively, children not attending on that day are welcome to come to the event at 11:00am but must be accompanied by an adult with immunizations on file.*



### School Closing Early

School will be closing at **4:00pm on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** for staff development.

### Kid's Night Out

Kid's Night Out will be on **Friday, December 15<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 from 3 months through 6 years**. The cost for children 2 and up is \$40 per child and \$30 for siblings. The cost for infants is \$60. 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. **Space is limited, and availability will be granted on a first come, first serve basis. The last day to sign up is Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.**

### Winter Break

School will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> through Monday, January 1, 2024**. We will be open for all programs starting **Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

### CASA GIFT DRIVE

It's not too late to help our joint effort with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Orange County in providing holiday joy to children served by the program. (Please refer to the November Newsletter for more detailed information).

We will accept all contributions until **Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> by 6pm**. Please do not wrap items (gift bags and cards are okay).

This donation is tax deductible – Tax ID # 33-0069334.

### 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".

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

### REFERRAL REMINDER

- 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's 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!

### LOOKING INTO JANUARY

#### Room 9 Parent/Teacher Conferences

Optional Room 9 parent/teacher conferences will be available on **Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**. If interested, we would like to give you the opportunity to schedule an in-person conference with your child's teacher to discuss your child's development.

**If interested, please call the school by Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> to schedule a conference time and receive the conference conversation link to complete and submit by Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.**

#### Important Dates

**\* Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> = School Closed for New Year's Day Holiday Observation**

**\*Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> = School Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday**

**\*Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> = School Closing @ 4pm for Staff Development**