

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

2026

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

As we welcome the New Year, Children's Lighthouse of Hoover sends warm wishes to all families. This time symbolizes renewal and growth, and we are excited to enhance our educational environment with new programs and activities. Our dedicated staff is committed to excellence, implementing innovative teaching methods and prioritizing professional development. We aim to strengthen relationships with families and improve communication for everyone's well-being. For parents, it's a fresh start to witness their child's growth, and we encourage active participation in school activities. For children, the New Year brings excitement and opportunities for exploration and friendship. Let's embrace each day as a chance for learning and growth. We appreciate your support and look forward to an amazing 2026. Happy New Year!

FEBRUARY UPDATE

As we enter the New Year at Children's Lighthouse of Hoover, we announce a modest tuition increase in February to benefit our students and families.

Reasons for the Increase:

1. Enhanced educational programs for enriched learning.
2. Ongoing staff development for high-quality teaching.
3. Facility maintenance for a safe environment.
4. Strengthened community engagement.

We recognize that changes can be challenging and welcome any questions. Your support helps us provide excellent care and education. Thank you for your understanding.

CURRICULUM CORNER

Infants

Theme: Up In the Air & Sky

Spanish: Blue(Azul), Star(La Estrella)

Sign Language: Star

Shape: Star

Music & Movement: Mister Moon

Fingerplay/Rhyme: I Wonder Where All the Clouds

Character Value: Diversity

Preschool 2s & 3s

Theme: Seasons, Weather, Arctic Animals, Magnets

Letters: J, L, P Review

Spanish & Sign Language: Snow(La Nieve),

Weather(El Tiempo), Penguin(El Pinguino),

Peace(La Paz)

Character Value: Diversity

Pre-K

Theme: Seasons, Weather, Arctic Animals, Magnets

Letters: Jj, Ll, Pp Review

Spanish & Sign Language: Cold(Frio), Snow(La

Nieve, Penguin(El Pinguino), Pull(halar)

Character Value: Diversity

School Age

Community Challenge: Read All About It

Team Challenges: Reading(Far Out Fable),

Engineering(Give Me Shelter)

Solo Challenges: Science(Brain Teaser),

Art(Bookmark Art)

Character Value: Diversity

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GENTLE DROP-OFF

Dropping Off at the Classroom Door

At Children's Lighthouse of Hoover, dropping children off at their classroom doors is vital for fostering independence and ensuring smooth transitions. Key points include:

1. **Fostering Independence:** Walking to classrooms builds self-confidence and responsibility.
2. **Safety and Security:** Parents accompanying children enhance school security.
3. **Establishing Consistency:** A regular drop-off routine eases separation anxiety.
4. **Respecting Boundaries:** Parents should stay at the threshold to minimize classroom disruptions.

Emphasizing Peaceful Tones

Maintaining a calm demeanor during drop-off and pick-up is crucial for children's well-being. Reasons include:

1. **Modeling Behavior:** Calm communication teaches children how to handle transitions.
2. **Alleviating Stress:** A peaceful tone reduces anxiety during hectic school days.
3. **Cultivating Trust:** Gentle tones create a welcoming environment, fostering trust.

These practices nurture a supportive atmosphere that benefits the entire school community. Thank you for helping make Children's Lighthouse of Hoover a delightful place for growth and learning.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

February 30 for your support of Children's Lighthouse of Hoover. Signing your children in and out daily is crucial for their safety and development.

Following Our Guidelines

We appreciate your cooperation with our procedures, ensuring a secure environment for all.

Your Role is Key

Your participation sets a positive example for your children and helps our community thrive.

MONTESSORI INDEPENDENCE

Creating a Montessori-inspired environment enhances children's independence and focus through key strategies:

- **Child-Sized Environment:** Use accessible furniture for easy material access.
- **Real Materials:** Provide safe kitchen tools and natural toys for sensory experiences.
- **Involving Children in Routines:** Encourage participation in tasks to build responsibility.
- **Freedom Within Limits:** Set guidelines while allowing choices for autonomy.
- **Respecting Natural Pace:** Let children work at their own speed to foster creativity.

Activity at Home: Set up a "dressing station" with reachable clothes and labeled storage to encourage self-dressing and decision-making. These strategies promote growth, independence, and a love for learning.

100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

Join us on **January 30th** for the 100th day of school celebration with fun activities and dress-up themes. This marks 100 days of learning!

For dress-up, encourage your child to dress as if they're 100 years old. They could wear glasses, use a cane, or don a cardigan and slippers. Adding a gray wig or styling their hair to look gray can also enhance the effect. These activities boost creativity and community spirit.

We look forward to your child's creativity!