



January

Parent Newsletter

LOOKING BACK AT DECEMBER

During the month of December, the Twos through Preschool learned all about the Five Senses, Holidays Around the World and Dinosaurs! They read books about many different holidays and enjoyed time spent celebrating with friends.

The Infants read books about different animal sounds! They also enjoyed making snowflakes with their fingers and toes. The Toddlers made triangles with popsicle sticks and learned about different people in the neighborhood!

LOOKING AHEAD AT C.A.R.E.S.

Character Value of the Month

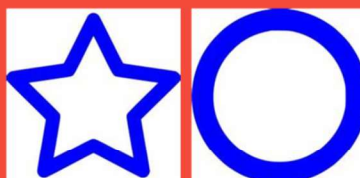
"Diversity"

The feature books this month are The Hat and The Mitten by Jan Brett!

The Twos, Threes and Pre-K classes will learn all about Weather, Seasons, Arctic Animals and Magnets through interactive learning activities and art projects!

LOOKING AHEAD AT TODDLERS AND INFANTS

During the month of January, the Infant and Toddler rooms will focus on the color blue and the star and circle shapes. They will learn and sing "Head, Shoulders Knees & Toes" and "Mister Moon" together. Their signs of the month are "play" and "stars."



It is exciting to celebrate the beginning of a new year! A fun activity to do as a family is to make New Year's resolutions. You can make a list together of things you'd like to do in the coming year, such as weekly game nights or starting a change jar to save up for a family fun day! You can save this list and check it throughout the year to see if you have kept up with your resolutions.



JANUARY CENTER EVENTS

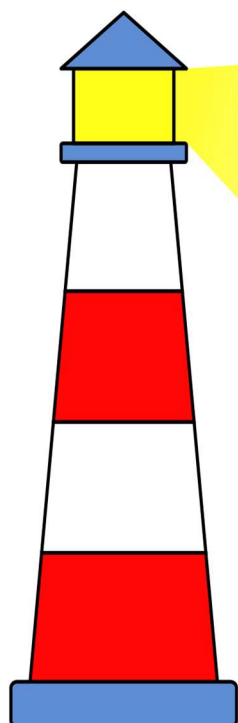
Summer in January Day!

Friday, January 21st

Come to school in your summer favorites! We will bring the warm weather and sunshine inside to channel those summer vibes. Let's see those tank tops and shorts! Sunglasses, hats and even bathing suits are encouraged ☺



Heads up! In February, we will have our annual staff professional development meeting here at school. On Monday, February 21st we will be closing at 3:00pm.



JANUARY CENTER NOTICE

We will be having a Tornado Drill this month. All teachers have been instructed on where to go with their classes during this drill. The children will walk (or roll in crib) into the hallway and sit against a wall with their heads down and covered with their hands. The teachers will talk to the children about it before it happens, and we have done this drill before so the teachers and children are familiar with it already.

Childrens Lighthouse COVID-19 Updates & Reminders



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Tuition Credits

We are offering Covid Credits of 40% off tuition if your child is quarantined due to a direct Covid exposure or your child's classroom is closed due to an exposure event

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Enrichment Classes

We are temporarily halting enrichment programming to avoid having visitors in the school who transfer from room to room.

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Center Tours

Tours will temporarily be virtual or from the viewing windows only.

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Chicago Travel Advisory

Please continue to follow the Chicago Travel Advisory - it is updated every week and can be found online at [chicago.gov](https://www.chicago.gov)

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CDPH Childcare Guidelines

We are following the quarantine guidelines for childcare centers from CDPH. These guidelines are currently under review and may change at any time.

CDPH Guideline Highlights

- CDPH strongly recommends testing for all staff and students with any symptom suggestive of COVID-19. If a student or staff member has symptoms of COVID-19, they should be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and isolated while awaiting the test result.
- If a student or staff member has symptoms of COVID-19, and it is determined by a medical provider that the individual likely does NOT have a COVID-19 infection, the student or staff member still needs to be tested and may only return to school if the following are met: Documentation of a negative test for COVID-19; AND It has been 24-hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication); AND symptoms have improved.
- Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 should quarantine for 10 days and must be fever free for at least 24 hours prior to returning to care.
- If a classroom is exposed to a case of COVID-19 through a positive student or employee, we have to quarantine the entire exposed classroom (excluding asymptomatic fully vaccinated individuals) for 14 days from last exposure.
- If staffing allows, AND there are more than 2 children who were not exposed, we will attempt to partially reopen classrooms for those children.
- CDC and CDPH also continue to endorse quarantine for 14 days for close contacts to COVID-19.
- Individuals who have had lab-confirmed COVID-19 in the past 90 days or those fully vaccinated (and 14 days out from the last dose) are not required to quarantine if identified as a close contact and are asymptomatic.
- Shortened 10-day quarantine periods are only relevant for adults and require a negative PCR test be taken 7-9 days from exposure.
- Siblings/household members of exposed asymptomatic children do not require quarantine or testing unless they themselves were also exposed.
- If a family member in your household tests positive, they should isolate. All other members of the household should be considered close contacts and quarantine.

Important Reminders!

- **We are open with regular hours on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 17th**
- **If your child comes to school wearing winter boots, please bring a change of indoor shoes for them to wear inside!**
- **We will be sending out 2021 tax statements via email! Please keep your eyes out for those later this month.**

Absentee Credits

The start of a new year means that all full-time families get 5 absentee credits per child loaded to your account! Just as a reminder, one credit is good for 40% off a week's tuition in which your child/children attend two or fewer days of school. They do not roll over to the next year, so please let us know if you'd like to apply a credit to a given week. If you have any questions, feel free to ask a director!



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Happy New Year