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## Newsletter January 2018



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Wyatt G.

01-29

Clay W.

01-06

Gravson G.

01-29

Adilynn N.

01-15

Liam A.

01-09

Justin K.

01-07

Parker c.

01-30

Liam G.

01-13

Levi L.

01-26

Emerson M.

01-22





Breakfast with Santa!
We ended our year helping
Santa with his many tasks.
Thank You Santa!

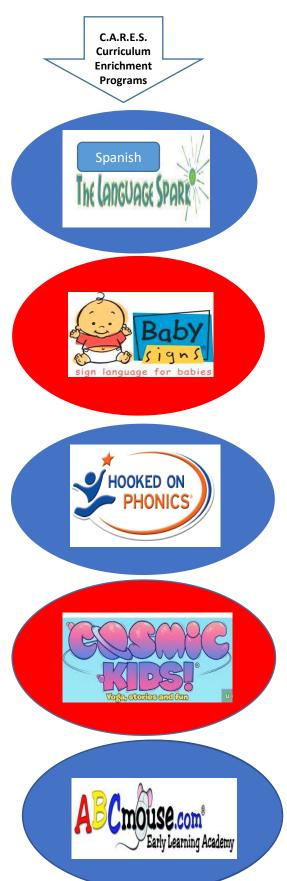


While Santa made his list and checked it twice, his playful elves built, tested, wrapped and packed their toys.



Congratulations
to the Flint and
Seigle families,
Winners of our
Basket Raffle!
Thank you all
for your
participation!





curriculum includes opportunities for child initiated activities that are offset by opportunities for teacher directed activities. Child initiated activities allow children to learn independently through exploration and discovery with the guidance and supervision of the teacher. With teacher directed activities, children are given specific teacher instructions and are expected to follow a specific plan as outlined under the direction of the classroom teacher. In both teacher directed and child initiated activities, the curriculum selected should include objectives for the planned outcome of the activity and provide a well-rounded, engaging learning environment that stimulates children's growth developmental domains. Whether it's climbing, singing, painting, or spending quiet time in a cozy corner, children will delight in an atmosphere that allows them to explore, investigate, learn, and discover!

## **Teacher of the Month**



Ms. Sarah Litchfield

Ms. Litchfield is an intern with us while obtaining her degree as an Early Childhood teacher. She is one of our most "Valuable Players". Sarah is willing to help in any situation and can be counted on to preform her assignments with smiles, composure and total commitment. We are fortunate that Sarah chose us to gain experience and knowledge for her profession. and hope she will continue with us after graduation.



As we talk with our infants, sing songs or lullaby's, and read books together, children are learning about the sound that letters and words make.

As children grow and develop, they will start to ask questions and share their own thoughts and ideas.

We can support children with their developing language by acknowledging their contribution to a story, or retelling of an event, by allowing them the time to convey their message in an unhurried, peaceful environment.

Activities to support language development include sharing stories from books, creating plays with characters, sharing stories about what your child enjoys doing, creating your own books with images from around your home or local environment, scrapbooking with your child contributing to the story behind the photos, rhymes, poetry, songs and creating your own verses.

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Curriculum activities may often be repeated throughout the week. Repetition of daily routines and experiences helps reinforce learning and leads to the mastery of skills. Curriculum should be designed to allow for flexibility in modifying activities to meet the individual learning styles, abilities, and interests of each child.

Activities should incorporate cultural awareness through integrated holiday themes, stories and legends, art projects, and musical experiences, including input from individual children and their family's culture, traditions, and rituals. A curriculum should incorporate a strong literacy component and academic options that meet the standards for school readiness and help support children's emerging skills in reading and writing in a developmentally appropriate manner.

Character education built into a curriculum will allow a teacher to help children develop positive character traits and set the foundation for high moral character in adulthood. Recognizing that parents are partners in a young child's journey through education, suggestions should be made to keep them involved in the program, both at home and at school.

Ongoing observation and assessment is crucial to meeting the constantly changing needs of young children. Look for a curriculum that contains an appropriate assessment component to help the teacher evaluate the children. An appropriate assessment component aids the teacher's efforts to meet the individual needs of each child and make program improvements as necessary.



## Children's Lighthouse – Spring 832-813-8307

January 2018

Curriculum Themes	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Infant Toddlers Innovations
Every Week Show and Tell		2	3	4 Do the Burr! Dance	5 Wear A Hat Day	<mark>Infant</mark> Color <u>Blue</u>
Seasons	8 Fall Trees	9 Q Tip Painting	10 Make Paper Plate Suns	11 Snow Man Friend	12 Caterpillar Art	Shape <u>Circle</u> Sounds  Baby Sign
Weather	15 Rain Painting	16 Stormy Weather	17 Coffee Filter Snow Flakes	18 Rainbow Streamers	19 Rainbows	Play <mark>Toddler</mark> Moon
Polar Animals	Snow Ball Contest	23 Polar Bear Masks	24 Penguin Spoon Puppets	25 Whale of a Whale	Walrus Puppets St Jude Trike -a- Thron	Color Blue Shape Star Fingerplay Mister Moon
Winter Games	Pin the Nose on the Snowman.	30 Mitten Hunt	31 "Cold" Potato Ice			<b>Spanish</b> Jugar - play
Homework Folders go home every week please return the same week.	Character Value  Recognizes AND ACCEPTS OVERERENCES	C.A.R.E.S.  Curriculum  Letters  L-J- P	Technology  Take picture of our block creations	Science Wave Bottles	Cooking  Marsh Mallow Pops	Spanish Snow nieve

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Your Support makes a difference! Be a partner in hope! See how many laps your child's trike or riding toy can make around our playground sidewalk.