

4 Corners Community Nursery Newsletter

January 2012



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Nursery

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Upcoming Events

- January 2: No School, Winter Break
- January 3: School Opens at 9:15 am!
- January 5 & 6: Tuition Due
- January 11: Community Open House 9:30 -11 am
- January 16: No School, MLK Birthday
- January 18: In House Registration Begins, 9 am
- January 23: No School, MCPS closed

Parent Teacher Conferences

The 3 and 4 year old classes will have their parent-teacher conferences this month.

Please check your classroom bulletin board to sign up for your conference day and time.

4CCN Snow Policy

4 Corners Community Nursery follows the Montgomery County School's closing policy. MCPS will notify radio and television stations of the decision, usually by 6am.

If it is necessary to close school early, 4CCN will close at 11:45 am. When MCPS is delayed by two hours, 4CCN will open at 11:15 am and remain open until 1:15 for ALL ages.

December Dine Out

Our December Dine Out at Cheeburger Cheeburger was a success! Thank you to the 20 or so families who enjoyed cheeseburgers and milk shakes and the company of other 4CCN families.

We made about \$120.00! Thank you to all who supported us. We will plan another Dine Out soon. Hope to see you there.

Tax Forms

Some of you may be able to use child care expenses as a deduction on your income tax.

If this is the case, please stop by the office for more information.

Little Gym

Little Gym is coming to 4CCN! Beginning January 25th, Jasmine Kuzner will be working with each

class once a week for 30 minutes. Each class is designed to be appropriate to the age level.

Stuff-A-Truck

Once again the 4CCN community did not disappoint! Thank you all very much for your generous donations of food for the Luther Rice Food Bank.

Your donations were very much appreciated by the Church.

Snacks

The children will enjoy the following snacks this month:

- Graham crackers and apple juice
- Ritz crackers and peanut butter
- Vanilla Wafers and yogurt
- Saltines and cheese slices
- Goldfish and orange juice

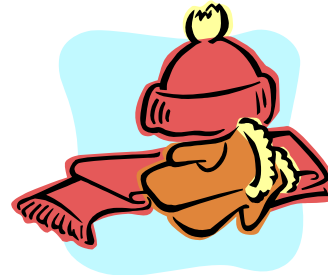


Consignment Sale Shopping Bags

Please save your handled shopping bags from your holiday shopping. You can bring them to the office and we will use them for the Spring Consignment Sale. Thank you!

Outdoor Play

We will continue to go outside every day as long as the weather is not too extreme. Please continue to dress your children in warm clothes, coats, hats and mittens. Please label all garments.



In House Registration

Registration forms for the 2012-2013 school year will go home with the 2 & 3 year olds the week of January 9th.

If you need additional forms, please stop by the office to pick some up. Registration will begin on Wednesday, January 18th at 9am. Registration is first come first served.

Alumni/Community Registration

Registration for past 4CCN families will be the week of January 30th.

Registration for incoming/new families will be on Monday, February 6th at 8am.

Teachers' Corner

Mrs. Dunmire's 2 Yr. Old Program

January will be a busy month in the two year old class. When we return from Winter Break, we will reestablish school routines and expectations. We will develop language skills as we share stories, songs and finger plays about winter. We will build snowmen as we work with words big and little, top and bottom.

We will explore ice and snow at the Science table and play matching games with mittens. We will play "Freeze and Melt" to sharpen our listening skills and get the wiggles out. We will move as we act out winter activities: ice skating, shoveling snow, making and throwing snow balls. What do you do in the wintertime? What do you wear?

Ms. Jeffries' 3 Yr. Old Program

Whether they were baking bread, picking pumpkins or making pizza, Ms Jeffries and Ms Ficco's MWF threes had a wonderful fall. We celebrated the holiday season with a series of wonderful visits from the children's families who took turns coming in to share a family tradition. From cookie decorating to small crafts to a cello concert, each visit was special in its own way. As we return from vacation, we turn our thoughts to transportation and all the ways to get from here to there.

We will begin by working together to create a map the children can look at as they buy a ticket and board the plane train or car to their next destination. From there the children will have fun learning as they match numbers to their seat on a plane, drawing self-portraits to put on the bus and taping together rafts to sail. Not to mention the experiments to see what rolls best and if a steep road is faster. Who knows where else this transportation theme will take us.

Mrs. Schaefer's 3 Yr. Old Program

The month of January brings thoughts of snow and ice. Our art projects will include ice cube painting, building snowmen (studying the contrast of little and big), playing in shaving cream, and stamp printing with winter shapes.

Our science includes animals who live in the cold (penguins and polar bears) versus hibernate (bears and turtles). Our reading list will include, When I'm Sleepy, Owl Moon, The Mitten and Snowy Day.

Mrs. Hanagan's 4 Yr. Old Program

Now that the holidays are behind us, in January we will continue to work on our Alphabet Book. We will have winter themed projects based around our letter of the week. Kindergarten readiness is our goal over the next several months as we continue to

work on fine motor skills (cutting, coloring, pencil grip), social/emotional adjustment, gross-motor skills, letter/number/shape recognition, awareness of what is around them in their community and environment.

Mrs. Sampson's 4 Yr. Old Program

In Mrs. Sampson's/Mrs. Campbell's class, we will start off celebrating National Spaghetti Day with some fun spaghetti art. We are continuing our letter weeks with M, N, O and P.

We'll have fun with name art, orange owls and an easy octopus. We will finish the month with Pizza Day. We are working on our size concepts, letter and number recognition, opposites and rhyming. Conferences are on Wednesday, January 25.

Mrs. Perman's 5-Day 4 Yr. Old Program

In January Mrs. Perman's class will continue their Alphabet Soup project with the letters LMNOP. They will be playing and experimenting with winter subjects. "M" week will be "Make A Mess Week."

They will learn and try styles of some of Mrs. Perman's favorite artists, Henri Matisse and Jackson Pollack. January will lead into February with the celebration of the Chinese New Year.

We wish all the 4CCN families a happy and healthy New Year!