



# Village News

January, 2009

## Happy New Year !!

We wish everyone a wonderful 2009, and happy and healthy children throughout the new year. Even though we enjoyed a much appreciated vacation, we missed your little ones!



## Assessment Completed

We have finally completed our multi-level North Carolina Day Care assessment, with great results! Our new rating is still pending, but it will be between a 4 and 5 star, which is rarely offered to a new program. This is quite an accomplishment, and we are so proud of our staff's caring and creativity. Our initial program development got us off to a great start, and we further expanded based on new ideas and suggestions. *And, of course, a special thanks to all of our parents and families for your support and your help.*

## New Classroom OPEN

In January, due to growing enrollment, we will be opening our fourth classroom. Two to three year olds will have a new home in the new **Jungle Room** upstairs.

The underwater **Sea Room** will be home to our infants. The **Farm Room** will be home to our one to two year olds, and the **Space Room** will be home for our three to five year olds

## And....New Teachers!

Yes, as we continue to grow, we need more teachers. We are very happy to introduce **Petra** as a great addition to our staff. She has wonderful experience working in licensed day care programs. In Addition, we want to introduce **Chad**, who is working on his degree in Early Childhood Education in his spare time! **Welcome!!**



AND...Miss Allie had her baby, Ella Grace, over the holidays.

Congratulations! She will be home for a short period of time, but back to the Village soon.

**Don't Forget...**



TURNING POINTE DANCE is offered every Friday for children three and older

we have fun!

## Recommended Reading

The Sign and Singalong Books  
by *Annie Kubler*

This series of books is primarily for pre-verbal children, although it's great to teach the older ones a few signs too, so that they can communicate with their young siblings. Much of the sign language presented reinforces that which we are teaching at The Village.

There are quite a few of these books to choose from, and they come in hard board format.

## Wind in The Willows by Kenneth Grahame

This classic has been published again on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The adventurous world of Mole, Toad, Rat and Badger may be an experience from your childhood past, or it may be a new book for you. The chapters are filled with adventure, friendship, dreams, and much more that we can relate to our own adult lives. The book may be written for children older than our Villagers, but until they grow in years, why not re-read it for yourself, or maybe for the first time! Once you do, you'll want to save it and read it to them when they get older. We recommend an edition with beautiful illustrations.



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