

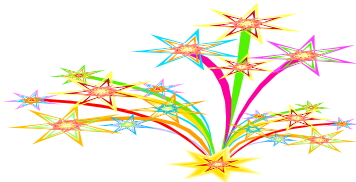


Village News

January, 2012

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Happy New Year to all of you! We look forward to a great year together, and appreciate your support for Creative Village.



With colder weather moving in please remember to check WLOS for any weather-related delays or closings. We try hard each winter to balance your safety and that of our teachers with the winter weather we receive here in the mountains! You can enroll for automatic text announcements relaying our school's status at <http://www.wlos.com/shared/newroom/closings/weather/>. This information also scrolls along the



lower screen edge on local TV channel 13/WLOS station.

Winter Outdoor Activities

When the cold wind blows, and the ground looks snowy or icy, our first inclination is often to run inside and cuddle up in the warmth. But if dressed for the weather, this is an awesome time take the family outside, do some exploring, and appreciate the beauty of nature in winter.

The National Wildlife Federation has many kid-friendly outdoor activities on their web site (www.nwf.org) and in their magazines.

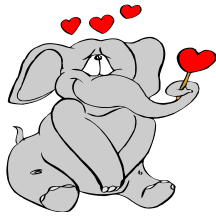
Some of their recent ideas include:

*Checking out the bushy and fluffy fur of many of the wild animals in your environment, grown to keep themselves warm



*Note the trees, and discuss why many have dropped all of their leaves. Enjoy the designs and "stick drawings" that their bare limbs make.
*On a short walk in the later afternoon, notice how dark it is getting compared to the summer.
*Or, explore our recommended reading book this month (*Spirals*), and look for identified shapes in nature, including those that we see in

animals, objects, water and the sky!
*Collect "nature objects" for a dining table center piece.



Don't Forget

Reminder: **SUBSIDY:** If you pay any part of your child's tuition using subsidy funding please remember to swipe your SEEK card each day. You must swipe your child in and out every day that your child attends in order for the county to reimburse our school. The swipe machine is located on the desk in the foyer ("yellow room"), on the main level between the Waddler and Toddler classrooms. *Please see Carla if you have any questions about this process.*

Also, remember to write your child's name & the date on all food & drink items. This helps us ensure that your child receives the correct items, and also avoids the chance of serving any out-of-date items that were accidentally left behind. If you forget, we always have masking tape & markers in the classrooms to assist with this task.

Teacher Notes



Waddler Room

Happy new year from the Waddler Room! We hope that you had a wonderful Winter Holiday and that you all were able to carve out some time to relax and enjoy your families.

We cannot believe how the time goes by so fast. Some of our

Waddler's will be celebrating their birthdays in the next few months.

Zach will be celebrating his first full year this month, so Happy Birthday Zakiah!!

This month, we will be talking about snow and the winter weather changes with our little ones. New art projects and our continued outdoor experiences will enhance their understanding and contribute to their growing knowledge and development. **AND....** It will be lots of fun!

Developmental stages happen so fast at this young age, and we enjoy watching it all happen, and contribute what we can to encourage our Waddler's awesome progress!

Please remember to bring extra warm clothes, especially extra socks and pants. We all love to fresh air, and want to be comfortable in our outdoor environment.

We hope that everyone will have a beautiful New Year's Start!
Ms Petra, Ms Donna & Ms Sara

Toddler Room

Happy 2012! We hope that the holiday season gave all of our families the time to enjoy quite moments, along with the excitement and activity.

We are enjoying seeing our Toddlers after the break, not only because we missed them, but because it seems that they all have grown and developed during this short period of time!

The cold weather is finally upon us, although some warmer days have surprised us. But since winter is definitely here and the weather unpredictable, please make sure that you bring warm clothes and extra clothes for exploring the outside and all that it has to offer, including ice, snow and observations of animals and their winter activities.

This month we will be involved in many cute and fun art activities. We

will be enhancing our outdoor experiences by talking about the sensations of hot and cold and about things that keep us warm in our winter weather

We hope that everyone had a great start to the New year!!!

Ms. Trisha, Ms. Christine & Ms. Krystal

Two's & Three's Room

Happy New Year!!!

We are welcoming 2012 by celebrating 3 big birthdays this month! Shiloh turns 3 on January 2nd, Lucille turns 3 on January 16th, and Bailey turns 3 on January 27th. What a busy month!!!

We are also making a new friend this January. Leah will be joining us the first week back to school. Her family is new to the area and we are so excited to get to know them. Also, Allie has graduated to preschool!!! Congratulations, Allie. Have fun making new friends in preschool and we'll miss you!

This month we will continue to learn about friendship and relationship building. We will play cooperative learning games and sing songs about the values of friendship. We will also learn about arctic animals that live in cold climates and read books about these animals and their arctic habitats. We will discuss changes in the season and learn about dressing differently when it's cold outside. If we don't get enough snow outside, we might just make some of our own with Ms. Cassie's snow cone maker!!

Reminders for parents:

We try to go outside every day, so please be sure to send your child with all the appropriate clothing. If we have wet weather, it is important to have a change of clothing in case the puddles get the best of us!

We are moving some things around in the classroom to make room for a few mini-fridges. The Sign In/Out Sheet will be along the changing table when you first come in and the lost

and found box will be located on the same white shelf. Please be sure to check lost and found regularly.

Have a wonderful January and a fantastic 2012!!

Ms. Cassie, Ms. Gretchen & Ms. Abby

Pre-School Room

Dear Families,

We hope that you all had a restful vacation. We had a busy month of December working on holiday crafts and projects. We hope that you all enjoyed your presents from the children.

We are excited to start a few new things in the classroom this year. We no longer will be writing on the dry erase board daily as our communication board. We will begin writing daily in a planner that we will keep next to the Sign In/Out Sheet. This will be a way for families to flip back and see things that we are working on, or maybe reread a message that may have been missed. If you have daily messages for us, you are welcome to write them on a post it note and place it to the date in the planner.

We have a new friend in the classroom, a stuffed horse. The children will be naming the horse and it will start taking turns visiting each of your homes. The stuffed animal will come with a notebook stored in a cloth bag, for drawings & stories. This is a fun way to have your child share a home experience with the class.

Reminder: Please make sure that your child has weather appropriate clothing each day. This includes a hat, gloves, coat and boots. We play outside each day and want to make sure that each child is comfortable.

We want to thank all of the families that contributed donations towards our holiday projects. The children had a great time and especially enjoyed building their individual gingerbread homes. We are in need of treasure box donations and are happy to accept used toys. Thank you for all of your support!!

Ms. Kristine, Ms. Tara &
Ms. Jessica



AND, Thanks to our part time teachers who make this all possible including Kim. Sharon, Nif Challice and Katlin, our wonderful subs!



Recommended Reading:

For Parents...

Goodnight IPad: A Parody for the Next Generation

By Ann Droyd (Funny?)

This is an updated version of the ever popular Goodnight Moon. The story takes place at night in a digital world where a grandmother finally whispers "Hush!". Nooks, Blackberrys, E-Mails. Facebook messages, beeps and tweets are all demanded to "turn off!", in order to protect and support an environment of calm and sleep for both children and adults.
Cute and so true!



And for our Little Ones... **Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature**

By Joyce Sidman

This is a poetry and a picture book that encourages everyone to view and appreciate the design of the natural world. Beautiful illustrations of the spiral shape are everywhere in nature. Snails, curled up cubs and ocean waves make kids want to curl up or to stretch out, or go off on a shape search with their favorite adults, exploring their everyday outdoor environment!



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