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What's Happening?

Happy New Year one and all! I hope 2024 brings happiness for all of our Peppermint Patty's families. The busy holidays are behind us and we are excited to get back to more of a normal schedule along with fun and learning. We also wanted to thank all of you for your generosity throughout the holiday season. They are truly appreciated by all of us.

The new year is a great time to do a check on your child's school supplies. How are their slippers holding up, everyone needs a new toothbrush or water bottle, and are their backpacks fully stocked with at least 2 complete changes of clothing?

There are a lot of exciting, new things happening this year so make sure you are

reading your email.

Finally, we want to congratulate Ms. Aubrey on her 1 year anniversary with Peppermint Patty's. She has been a great member of our staff.



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Winter Blues



Our center was hit hard with RSV last month and we want to remind everyone of our sickness and exclusion policies. A child shall be excluded from care until they are symptom free for 24 hours without the aid of medication. Licensing defines a fever as anything 100 degrees or higher. If your child gets sick while at school, you will be called and asked to come pick them up. If they have any symptoms at home or are unable to participate in a normal school day please keep them home so that everyone can stay healthy.

Parents if you are exhibiting any symptoms of illness, please wear a mask when coming in to pick up your children. This will help protect the other children and staff from getting sick. Thank you in advance for your help in keeping everyone healthy!

Monthly Reminders:

- Please make sure to call the office by 9am if you are running late or will be absent.
- **Peppermint Patty's will be CLOSED on Monday January 1st.**
- The seasons have changed. Please make sure your child's backpack has the appropriate seasonal change of clothes & that they are bringing coats, gloves, & hats.

Things to Know in the New Year

Our 2024 Holiday Closings

We will be closed the following days in 2024:

Monday January 1st

Monday February 19th

Monday May 27th

Thursday July 4th

Friday July 5th

Monday September 2nd

Monday October 14th

Thursday November 28th

Friday November 29th

Tuesday December 24th close @3pm

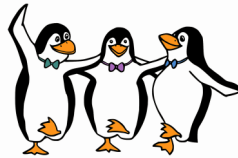
Wednesday December 25th

Immunizations

When your child receives new immunizations please make sure to bring in a new shot record. We do not need shot records for flu or COVID vaccinations

Taxes and information update

Please stop by the office this month to make sure that all of your contact information is up to date. Also, year end tax statements are available upon request.



Personal Belongings

Please make sure that all belongings your child brings to school are labeled with their name so that they can be reunited if separated. Also, any items your child brings needs to fit in their backpacks as we do not have the storage space for items that do not. Finally, every child needs to have a pillowcase for storing their bedding.

Contact Info

Please be sure to update the office if any of your contact info has changed such as address, phone number, or employment.



January 1st- Peppermint Patty's Closed for New Years!

January 3rd- Wear a Rainbow!

January 10th- Wear White!

January 17th- Wear White!

Calendar of Events

January 18th- Pp is for Pajamas! Wear your pajamas for a fun day of learning the letter Pp and Pizza



January 19th- Book Orders due

January 24th- Wear Blue!

January 26th- Silly Sock Day!

January 31st- Dress like a Snowman Day!



Winter Show & Share

This month we will be learning all about winter. This month we invite the children to bring in objects or pictures that represent their favorite things to in winter. Speak with your child's teacher about a good time to bring in the object to share. We can't wait to learn what everyone likes to do in winter.



Book Orders

A new year is a great time to get some books! Reading is a great activity for children of all ages and will give them a great start for their future school years. We are happy to be able to offer Scholastic book clubs here at Peppermint Patty's! Your order not only gets you some really cool books but will also help us build our school library. Book orders will be available January 14th and will be due January 19th. Easy ordering is available online using our unique school code: RQVT8.



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Please let me know if you have any comments, questions, or concerns. I am always here to help.

Happy Birthday!

Celebrating this month are:

Sophia Z. turns 2

on the 1st!

Suhroora turns 2

on the 2nd!

Kenneth turns 1

on the 8th!

Ms. Liz celebrates

on the 9th!

Dominik turns 1

on the 12th!

Xavier turns 3

on the 15th!

Ms. Aubrey celebrates

On the 17th!

Shane turns 5

on the 21st!

Isla turns 5

on the 27th!



"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."

-John Steinbeck



January Theme



Theme: Winter - This theme is all about exploring the season of winter and all of the fun things we can do in the winter. Topics of discussion may include but are not limited to snow, snowmen, sledding, winter animals, winter clothing, and ice.

Our Character Trait: Courteous- using good manners