



Monthly Newsletter: January 2018

Happy New Year!! We would like to say "thank you" to everyone for their generosity this holiday season! Thank you to the parents who donated and/or volunteered for the Cultural Celebrations and everyone who donated to Project Merry Christmas. We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable winter break. At Children's House, we are re-energized and excited for the New Year!

What will the students be up to this month?

Blue room

This month, we will be

- Exploring the sense of smell by using the smelling bottles
- Focusing on patterns, symmetry, numeral recognition, & matching numerals to quantity.
- Kindergarteners will be working with the decimal system and place value (1, 10, 100, 1000) using the Golden Bead Materials and continuing to practice addition and subtraction

Red room

This month we will be

- In Spanish - Continuing to learn about family members (la familia) and introducing the house (la casa).
- We will be focusing on grace and courtesy lessons and multi-step work.
- Introduction to folding clothes
- Kindergarteners will start button sewing

Green room

This month we will be

- Working at the easel
- Introducing the crayon melt
- Color mixing of primary colors to make secondary colors
- Continuing to work with students that need help with cutting and gluing

Rainbow room

This month we will be

- Starting a unit on Africa and learning about deserts, capes, and bays
- Learning about snow, mammals, and trees
- Working on sequencing, opposites, matching, and categories
- Syllables
- Kindergarteners are writing, focusing on sight words, and practicing reading out loud

In addition, Stacy will be collecting items for the Rainbow room continent boxes. It is a longtime tradition to include objects as part of the student's geography studies. They stimulate a child's interest and imagination and provide a great jumping off point for cultural discussions.

If you or any of your friends or family members have spent time abroad and have some small mementos from various countries that you would like to donate, please bring them to Jamie or Stacy.

Suggested objects include coins or paper money, stamps, postcards, small figurines, etc.

Thank you!

For Your
Calendar

Jan 8: School
Resumes! Welcome
back!

Jan 15: Closed for
Martin Luther King
Jr. Day

Jan 17 & 18: Parent's
Night at School

Feb 13: Dr.
Pinkerton Dental
Presentation

Upcoming Events:

On Jan 17 and 18th, we will be hosting two evenings for parents and students called, **"Parent's Night at School."** During these nights, we invite parents to come to school with their student(s) to see their progress. Teachers will be available to answer questions about your child's development and the student's will take their parents around and show them what they have been working on. We hope these evening will be informative for all and enable the child to take pride in their school and learning. A detailed invitation will be sent soon.

Throughout the months of February and March we will be holding **parent-teacher conferences**. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the kitchen bulletin board following our "Parent's Night at School" evenings. We encourage all parents to sign-up as this is a great opportunity to hear about your child's progress, address any questions or concerns you may have, and discuss options for next year for those students who will be transitioning.

We will be **CLOSED Monday, January 15** for Martin Luther King Day.

The **new sharing list** is attached to the newsletter email. Please post the list in a convenient place at your house, so your child will know what to share each week. You can click on the "Sharing Days" tab on our website at www.childrenshouseofdurango.com to view and print the list or check Shutterfly.

FYIs & Reminders:

Winter Necessities:

In the winter we still have outdoor recess after lunch so please make sure your child brings the following items with them **every day** and that they are **clearly labeled** with his or her name: a pair of snow pants, a winter coat, snow boots, waterproof mittens/gloves, and a hat. **It is easier for the students to keep track of all of their belongings if you keep their winter items inside a bag with their name clearly labeled on the outside.** Also, it is helpful if you would take a minute to help your child return all of his or her items to the bag at the end of day so that they are ready to go on the next day. Thank you!_-

Slippers:

During the winter and spring months we encourage students to keep a pair of slippers or a change of shoes here at school. This helps to keep our school clean and dry throughout these sloppy months and provides a comfortable alternative to wearing boots all day.

Miranda's "Cook's Corner":

We would like to remind parents that snacks are communal and not always served on the day they were brought in. We try to use up the more perishable items first. If you DO have something special that you would like to be served that day, please have it to Miranda by 8:45 a.m.! Thanks!!

