



## Inspiring Play

When children play their imaginations come alive. When children are given simple everyday objects to play with, their imaginations not only come alive but spark ideas that become interests that can turn into learning about the world around them.

One of the things that fuels our philosophy at Parkside Playschool is open-ended play and loose parts. By providing ample opportunities for open-ended play, we are fostering little minds of wonder that turn into explorers, creators and problem solvers. When we give children items to play with other than just toys (aka “loose parts”) they are turning those objects into whatever their minds want or need it to be in the moment. One might think an ordinary board is used for building, but in our classrooms it can be a block, a hiking stick, a car ramp or even a seesaw!

When we give children loose parts we are showing them that there is more than what meets the eye. Our hope for this is that it fosters their imaginations to later think and know that there are different ways to think of scenarios in order to succeed at what they do!

## Happy Birthday!

- Jan 2 - Rosie
- Jan 4 - Milo
- Jan 15 - Hazel
- Jan 16 - Mia
- Jan 16 - Hendrix

- Jan 22 - Posey
- Jan 22 - Miss Lacey
- Jan 24 - Calvin
- Jan 25 - Remi
- Jan 25 - Mrs. Anahi
- Jan 30 - Zoe



## \*Dates to Remember\*

- Jan 1 - CLOSED for New Years Day
- Jan 2 - Miss Kaylynn's 1-Year Work-aversary
- Jan 10 - Miss Cameo's 5-Year Work-aversary
- Jan 12 - Early Out CLOSE at 5pm
- Jan 13 - Parents' Night Out 3-7pm
- Jan 14 - Mrs. Anahi's 2-Year Work-aversary
- Jan 19 - Miss Haley's 1-Year Work-aversary

# Insider's Scoop

What are we doing at Parkside?



Babies use blocks as a phone!

Endless possibilities with sticks:  
"Playing the drums!"



Rocks, seashells & sticks:  
"These are the steps that go up to the house!"



Simplicity of chairs:  
"We're building an airplane to fly to the beach!"



Dirt can be water or food!  
Your order is coming right up!



Working together to move their "equipment" to set up their play!



A boat & some rocks:  
"I'm putting my fishes back into the water because I can't eat them all."



Blocks can be SO many different things!



Rocks & pinecones:  
"Let's build a super tall tower!"

Objects from nature to feel & fill!



Snow as a loose part:  
"Whee! I'm sliding!"

Boxes:  
Babies love them & they are great for their spatial awareness!

\* STAY TUNED FOR MORE CONTENT NEXT MONTH! \*



Cameo's Kitchen Corner



Thyme with Kaylee



Using different sized containers to cook in the kitchen!

