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January 2020

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope you all had a great start to your year! We look forward to a great year!! **THANK YOU** for the **very** generous donations to the classrooms, the office and the wonderful presents! We really appreciate all you do for us!

It is with deep sadness that I announce that Terry is retiring this year. We will have a party for her on January 23rd. The day of our Winter Fest. We will be having a special breakfast that day and will have all the children prepare something special for Terry<3

**Upcoming Events**

**1/14 Join us at The Community Dining Room at 5:30 for BBQ Dinner and a craft!**

1/20 Martin Luther King Birthday – NO SCHOOL

1/ 23 **WINTER FESTIVAL!!!**

One of our favorite days! On Thursday, January 23 we will have our 6th annual festival. Our Theme is “let it snow” although we hope it doesn’t on that day! The hallway will be transformed into a beautiful wonderland! Children will do special projects and OUR SPECIAL BREAKFAST WITH TERRY WILL TAKE PLACE! (Nothing Required from parents😊) **On the** **Same Day Book Fair!** Rachel had a great idea for all our new donated books! We will set up a store and each book will be free to a good home! .Please send in a bag for your child’s books.

**Reminders**

**Weather News**

Please remember if Branford Schools are closed we are also closed. If Branford schools are delayed, we will be here as soon as possible. If snow should start during the day you will be called and we will ask you to pick up your child/ren as soon as possible.

* I am still getting some emails back, so I thought I would ask you to send me an email at [dianepappacoda@yahoo.com](mailto:dianepappacoda@yahoo.com) I will then have your correct email. If you have received an email from
* Book Orders are due by 1/15
* FEES: Fees are due on the 1st of the month. Please place checks in the mailbox in the office or ask Isa about making a credit card payment. Payments received after the 15th of the month will incur a $25 late fee***.***

LATE FEES***: A reminder that our teachers have obligations after 5:30 so please arrive before or at the latest, 5:30. A fee of 5.00$ for the first 5 minutes, and every 5 minutes thereafter will be due on the day you are late, or the day immediately following, paid directly to the teachers.***

**Behind the scenes!** The infant rooms at this time last year was filled with babies…This year they are walking, starting to talk, continue to learn and grow, and they are so cute and lovable! The developmental growth of all the children is amazing and our teachers are very so loving andknowledgeable!

The progress of the LB room children is so terrific! The circle time is amazing! Knowing colors, playing together, and just learning more language every day! Hats off to the LB teachers!

The Lollipops are learning to recognize the letters in each child’s name! The teachers are making fantastic lesson plans for the children! The Teddy Bear and ABC Rooms will be concentrating on preparing for Kindergarten and doing lessons the “Kindergarten” way. Although we will be learning through constructive play we will also introduce components used in Kindergarten, such as center times. The teachers are using excellent projects to teach basic skills! I am so thankful for their hard work!! We look forward to your input and look forward to working with your children to further their education in the best way possible! Please feel free to contact me or your child’s teacher at any time.Thank you…Diane

SPECIAL THANK YOU!!

* ***A special thank you to all for donating clothes, shoes, coats and toys to the CDR! We were able to provide holiday gifts to 40 families!***
* ***A very special thank you for an anonymous family who paid for fees for families in December. We are so thankful and love you so much for your generosity and giving hope to families when needed!!***
* ***I brag that we truly are a family, and once again we have demonstrated that we are! Thank you!!!!***

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Please ask your child one thing they will remember about Terry, so I can make a Terry Book!!!! Thank you!