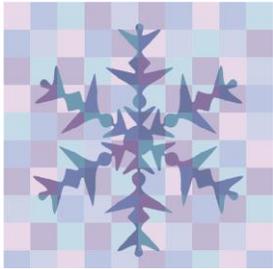


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Upcoming Events

- ◆ January 1st- Closed for New Year's Day
- ◆ January 7th- Back to School
- ◆ January 21st- Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration

Director's News

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. I know we had a great time with Santa's Workshop, Treats and Pictures with Santa Claus, and the class holiday parties. We love sharing special holiday moments with the children, especially all of the amazing arts & crafts, gingerbread houses, and reindeer ears!

We hope you all loved your "handmade with love" Christmas gifts from your precious children. Lastly, I want to say a big Thank You for the record number of parents who attended our holiday events and helped make our class parties a success. Now we are ready to begin our New Year. Happy 2019!

We all know that January and February are very cold months. I would like to remind everyone that we go outside twice a day unless the temperature is below 32 degrees.

Please make sure your child has the appropriate clothing for outside play.

Layers are always good, because you can remove them as the temperature rises. Make sure all of your child's belongings are labeled. Many coats, hats, and gloves look similar. If everything is labeled, your child's belongings will be recognizable and put in the appropriate cubby. If you accidentally grab a child's belonging that do not belong to your child, please return the item to the office immediately.

The second set of Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held in February. Please look for reminders to ensure that you can attend your child's conference.

Early Childhood Education Corner

Does Cold Weather Make People Sick?

The truth is, the flu and the common cold are caused by viruses. People get sick more often in the winter because they are exposed to each other more in the winter than in the summer. When it is cold outside, people tend to stay inside and are more likely to spread germs to one another. Also, because school is in session, kids are around each other all day and are not afraid to share their germs. With so many people in such close contact, the likelihood of passing germs is much higher when it is cold outside than when it is warm

and people are outdoors. There is also evidence now that viruses spread more easily through dry air. When it is cold outside, the air is drier both outdoors and inside (where people have their heaters on) which may make it easier for germs to pass from one person to another. However, it is not the cold weather that *causes* the cold - it just may make it easier to spread the virus.



Roly Poly News

Ms. Kelsey & Mrs. Stephanie -
Lead Teachers

Mrs. Heather - Asst. Teacher

The infant room is exploring the Arctic this January! The weather is cold and the New Year is here! We are growing and experiencing new things every day. Polar

day. Polar bears, seals, and penguins are all part of our January curriculum.

Cuddlebug & Busy Bee News

CI -Ms. Tori & Ms. Kelsey
CII - Ms. Alex & Ms. Ashley G.
BB-Ms. Ashley W. & Mrs. Michelle

We will be talking about the Wonders of Winter! We are going to participate in many sensory activities; from finger-painting with "snow paint" to exploring

melting snow. We will also learn about the color white as we talk about winter weather and the New Year.

Welcome Ms. Kelsey & Ms. Alex!

Grasshopper News

Ms. Tracy, Ms. Ellie, & Ms. Maddie

With snow, ice, and frosty weather all around, it is a thrilling time of the year. We will explore all the wonders of winter, as well as the animals that live in the Arctic. We will also learn how Eskimos handle living in bitter cold weather conditions.

Letters -W & J

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*"Children are
the world's
most valuable
resource and its
best hope for
the future."*

John F. Kennedy

Caterpillar News

Caterpillar 1 -Mrs. Naomi & Ms. Keisha

Caterpillar II - Ms. Anikia

A brand new month brings brand new wonders. We will be exploring Winter Wonders this month. We will talk about coats, hats, scarves, mittens, Eskimos, and igloos. Let's have fun in our winter wonderland.

Butterfly News

Ms. Kristin & Ms. Keysha

Welcome to the New Year, Butterflies! I look forward to this month's theme, "I love you just the way you are". We will be practicing our lessons in the Ready, Set, Leap! Students, get ready for finding letters "M" and "N" and counting numbers 20-40.

The month we will also enjoy the book for the month, I Love You Just the Way You Are.

Kamp Kids News

January will find school-agers talking about winter things. We will also be celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. and discussing his dreams and ours for the future. We had a wonderful Christmas break and are looking forward to a terrific New Year. **We will be open on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 21, 2019.**

A Message from...

The Memphis Humane Society

Thousands of animals are neglected or abused in Memphis and Shelby County each year. Hungry, scared, and injured, these animals face a bleak future. That's where we come in. We are the Humane Society of Memphis and Shelby County, and we are dedicated to giving these animals a brighter future.

With support from animal lovers like you, we can help prevent and stop animal abuse, as well as, help injured animals in Memphis and Shelby County. We can provide animals with a safe place to recover, nutritious food, and outstanding veterinary care. On average, we provide sanctuary to over 300 animals at our facility at any given time, with dozens more placed with foster families until they are ready to be adopted.

An important part of our work is giving these animals the emotional support, training, and socialization abilities that will allow them to be adopted into new and loving homes and long-lasting relationships.



We have been celebrating animals and confronting cruelty since our founding in 1933. From then until today, our funding comes exclusively from private donations from animal lovers like you.

Our Mission

To offer refuge, medical care, nourishment, and an opportunity for a second chance at life to injured and abused animals;

To protect animals from cruelty, neglect, carelessness, and ignorance;

To foster public sentiment of humanity and gentleness toward animals and promote responsible pet ownership through humane education; and,

To enhance the quality of human life through animal companionship.



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New Students

We would like to welcome the following children and teachers to Bright Ideas:

- Lillian J.
- Emmye R.
- Timothy B.
- Luna G.
- Xander R.
- Harleen R.
- Ryan R.



- Lakelynn J.
- Ja'kaya M.
- Haylee M.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We would like to wish the following a very Happy Birthday:

- Gabriel Q.
- Kade G.
- Harper G.
- Ivy S.
- Ezekiel S.
- Xander R.
- Glendon S.
- Rozlyn S.
- Isaac C.
- Chloe F.
- Amilliya H.
- Jacey W.

- Jaxton M.
- Jay-Q S.

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