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## January / February 2024 Newsletter

Happy New Year to all of our Small Wonders and their families! Marilyn, Lauren, Nicole, & Mason would like to thank all of you for being so generous with Christmas gifts! We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

We will continue to accept donations of disinfectant wipes, tissues, paper towels, etc. Thank you for this.

### Special Happenings

- On Monday, January 15, 2024, there will be no school due to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- On Friday, January 26, 2024, Small Wonders will be closing at 4:30PM. Please see "Important Update" section below for more information.
- On Wednesday, February 14, 2024, Small Wonders will celebrate Valentine's Day. Children will exchange Valentine's Day cards and have a special snack (provided by Small Wonders, the menu will be posted.) The Audubon Society will be visiting Small Wonders to do a pre-school aged nature program, "Owl Babies." If your child would like to add this day, it will be \$40.00 for the ½ day.
- During the month of February teachers will be sending home a mid-year evaluation of your child's progress at Small Wonders Nursery & Daycare, Inc. At this time, letters will be sent home if there are any concerns with speech, vision, hearing, or learning development issues, so that referrals can be made to the appropriate agencies to further help with your child's development. In accordance with Massachusetts General Law, all evaluations **must be signed and returned** to Small Wonders and will be kept in your child's file. You may keep a copy for your records, but we do need the **entire evaluation** back and not just the front page.
- We are talking about hibernation! There is a "bear cave" in the music room. It is located on the stage, please do not let your child go up there without their teacher.



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Please have your child bring in a teddy bear to sleep in our bear cave for the winter (during hibernation). All bears will be returned in the spring (after hibernation). Letters were sent home on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will celebrate spring with our bears by having a Teddy Bear Picnic once all off our bears wake up on March 19, 2024.

- On Monday, February 19, 2024, there will be no school due to Presidents' Day.
- During the week of February 19<sup>th</sup>, our hours will temporarily change to 8AM – 4:30PM (Tues – Friday) due to low enrollment this week. Please plan accordingly, thank you. Please let us know if your child is attending this week.
- Please ensure that your child's coat is labeled as we will still be going outside for playtime. Please also send in hats for your child.
- If there is no school due to weather conditions, such as snow storms, please know that if Swansea Public Schools cancel, then so does Small Wonders. However, if Swansea Public Schools are on vacation, then please listen to the radio, watch the television, or check the appropriate websites. Any weather-related closings or delays will be broadcasted by the Rhode Island Broadcasters Association and will also be posted on our Small Wonders Nursery & Daycare Facebook page.

### **Important Update**

There may be schedule changes affecting closing time at Small Wonders Nursery & Daycare, Inc. for the remainder of the school year if it is necessary.

Instead of closing at 5:30PM, our closing time would be 4:30PM on any affected day. Parents will be given notice ahead of time if this happens, and it would most likely only happen occasionally. Marilyn is sorry for this inconvenience, but the schedule change is needed so she may help her husband with his health care.

Thank you,

Marilyn E. Bonner – Director

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