



Monthly Newsletter: January 2019

Happy New Year!! We would like to say **“thank you”** to everyone for their generosity this holiday season! Thank you to the parents 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!

Our new bins have been installed! Thank you to Jeff Perino, Elevation Custom Builders, and all the volunteer work that went into it – we are very grateful and excited about our new layout!

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 teens and tens 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

Green room

This month we will be:

- Introducing the crayon melt
- Working at the easel
- Getting back to basics with cutting and gluing to make sure everyone is exploring works most effectively.

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 sewing on plastic canvas then move onto button sewing.

Rainbow room

This month we will be:

- Starting a unit on Antarctica and learning about penguins, seals, and whales.
- Working on sequencing, opposites, matching, and categories
- Syllables
- Kindergarteners are writing, focusing on sight words, and practicing reading out loud

For Your
Calendar

Jan 7: School
Resumes! Welcome
back!

Jan 14: Closed for
Martin Luther King
Jr. Day

Jan 23 & 24: Parent's
Night at School

Upcoming Events:

On Jan 23rd and 24th, 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 students will take their parents around to demonstrate what they have been working on. We hope these evenings 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 in the coming weeks. 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 21** 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. *It is important that sharing items are small enough to fit in individual bins, so please remember to help your child choose a small item to bring in on sharing days. Thanks for this consideration!*

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, a hat, and a bag to contain all these personal winter items. **The bag is essential to help students to keep track of all of their winter belonging. Please make sure their name is clearly labeled on this bag.**

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.

"Cook's Corner":

We are happy to introduce Kristina as the new face in the kitchen! She is replacing Kelly as our cook and Kelly is transitioning into teaching in the Blue Room for the rest of the school year!

Please remember to sign up for morning snack! If your child stays until 3:30, please also remember to sign up for afternoon snack. Thank you!

