



Monthly Newsletter: January 2020

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!

What will the students be up to this month?

Math

- 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

Sensorial Skills

- Exploring the sense of smell by using the smelling bottles
- Learning to discern and describe various shades of color
- Discovering different kinds of patterns that surround us

Art

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

Spanish

- Continuing to learn about family members (la familia) and introducing the house (la casa).

Language

- Continuing to explore letter sounds with all ages
- Syllables
- Kindergarteners are writing, focusing on sight words, and practicing reading out loud

Science and Culture

- Starting a unit on Australia and Australasia: learning about different animals, flags, money, culture in Australia and New Zealand
- Working on sequencing, opposites, matching, and categories

Practical Life

- We will be focusing on grace and courtesy lessons and multi-step work.
- Introduction to folding clothes.

For Your
Calendar

Jan 6: School
Resumes! Welcome
back!

Jan 20: Closed for
Martin Luther King
Jr. Day

Jan 22 & 23: Parent's
Night at School

Upcoming Events:

On Jan 22nd and 23rd, 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 20** 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 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! ***



Teacher Updates:

Ms. Maira will be taking a leave of absence for the month of January to tend to her family. Ms. Clarissa will now step into the position of teaching Spanish in addition to continuing to provide us with delicious and nutritious lunches. All Kindergarten related questions can be sent to the main Children's House email account (info@childrenshouseofdurango.com) as Stacy and Katy will take over the Kindergarten Coordinator duties.

We are happy to introduce Ms. Mandy as our new afternoon teacher! Mandy began with us last month and we welcome her to our team.

Ms. Amanda has come in to substitute for the last couple months and now will be joining our team 3 days a week in the Rainbow Room at least for the month of January!

FYIs & Reminders:

Marker Recycling:

Crayola offers a free marker recycling program that we started using this last year for all the markers we use here at school.

We will put a box in the Bin Room labeled "Marker Recycling". Please feel free to save the markers your children use at home from landfills and bring them to us 😊

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 wearina boots all day.