



Monthly Newsletter: January 2022

Happy New Year!! We would like to say Thank You to everyone for their generosity this holiday season! 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

- Learning to discern and describe various shades of color
- Discovering different kinds of patterns that surround us
- Reviewing multi-sided shapes, 2D and 3D

Art

- Getting back to basics with cutting and gluing to make sure everyone is exploring works most effectively.
- 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 Antarctica: learning about different animals and geography of Antarctica
- 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 3:
School Resumes!
Welcome back!

Jan 17:
Closed for Martin
Luther King Jr. Day

Jan 19&20:
Parent's Night at
School

Upcoming Events:

On Jan 19th and 20th, 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 with an attached sign-up sheet for specific time slots you may sign up for.

Throughout the months of February and March we will be holding **parent-teacher conferences.** A sign-up sheet will be emailed out 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 17** for Martin Luther King Day.

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, warm, and dry footwear alternative to wearing boots all 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! ***

