

Gentog

FEBRUARY

NEWSLETTER

Dear Gentog Families,

To kickoff the month we would like to shine the spotlight on our wonderful Childcare Director Joan San Nicolas! Joan will be celebrating 10 years with us here at Gentog later this year!

Joan's commitment to caring for others started at the age of 12, where she began volunteering back home in Saipan. Fast forward to 2008, and Joan found herself in Oregon, ready to make a meaningful impact on the lives of children. With over two decades of experience in childcare, Joan's dedication and passion has touched the lives of countless little ones over those years.

Joan pursued a minor in cultural studies at Portland Community College, enhancing her ability to connect with and understand the diverse backgrounds of the children under her care. She then earned a BA in Early Childhood Education from Portland State University.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Joan wears another important hat, that of a mother to a vibrant 7-year-old named Aja. Her personal experiences as a parent add an extra layer of empathy and understanding to her role as the Childcare Director here at Gentog. Joan's genuine love for the kiddos and her nurturing spirit creates an environment where our little ones not only thrive but also feel cherished, safe, and happy. Joan's dedication goes beyond the call of duty as she is not just a director but a mentor, a guide, and a friend to your wonderful children.

Thank you, Joan, for being the heart and soul of Gentog's childcare program. We are fortunate to have you leading our team and shaping the bright futures of the children here at Gentog! Please make sure to stop and say hi if you see Joan when you're here.



We would also like to shine a spotlight on someone who embodies the essence of compassion, dedication, and a heart full of love, our Senior Care Director, Cathy Ranck. Cathy is celebrating 16 years as our Senior Care Director this year!

Cathy's journey in the world of senior care is a deeply personal one. Surrounded by the warmth of her amazing grandparents, along with a trove of wonderful aunts and uncles, and then her wonderful parents, her life has always been interwoven with the rich tapestry of intergenerational relationships. The transformative impact of witnessing her own parents gracefully age fueled Cathy's lifelong commitment to ensuring that every senior receives the love, respect, and purpose they deserve.

Cathy's experience spans across various facets of senior care, from private care to nursing homes. Cathy's dedication is evident in the everyday moments she creates for our seniors. As the Senior Care Director for the past 15 years, Cathy has been the heart and soul of our intergenerational daycare. Her passion lies in helping seniors grow old with not just care, but with love, purpose, fun, and above all, respect.

Every day, Cathy channels her compassion into creating an environment where our seniors thrive, forging meaningful connections with the younger generation. She believes in the transformative power of love and laughter, and it's this belief that infuses our center with a vibrant energy that is felt by all who walk through our doors.

Please join us in expressing our heartfelt gratitude to Cathy for being the heart behind our Senior side here at Gentog, where every day is an opportunity to celebrate the beauty of intergenerational relationships.

Thank you Cathy!

What are we learning?

This February, our Learning Theme is “We are the Makers.”

“Makers of Things”. Through a captivating exploration of numbers and letters, our young minds will delve into various realms of creativity and imagination. The theme encompasses a celebration of the creators and innovators who have shaped our world.

“Makers of Care”: Embracing the spirit of compassion, our preschoolers will learn the art of caring through numbers and letters, understanding the importance of kindness and empathy.

“Makers of Tomorrow”: With an eye towards the future, our little learners will explore numbers and letters to envision the endless possibilities that lie ahead. They’ll discover the excitement of being the architects of their own tomorrow.



Reading Time

At Gentog, we understand that being a family caregiver is a journey filled with love, dedication, and sometimes, a few challenges. That’s why we’re excited to invite you to our Family Caregiver Support Group, a gathering where understanding hearts come together.

When: Join us every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 3:00PM to 4:30PM for an enriching session.

Our primary focus is to provide a supportive space for family caregivers, offering insights, guidance, and camaraderie on the unique journey of caring for our seniors. Together, we aim to empower and assist you in keeping your loved ones at home for as long as possible. Because at Gentog, we believe that every moment matters, and home is where the heart is.

Come, join our caregiving community, where compassion knows no bounds, and strength is found in unity. We look forward to sharing this heartfelt journey with you.



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