

# Parkside Post

January

## Happy Birthday!



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January &  
February  
2026

CHILDCARE  
WITH  
INTEGRITY  
RESPECT &  
EXCELLENCE



## \*Important Dates\*

Jan 1 - Last Day of Winter Break

Jan 9 - Early Out CLOSE at 5pm

Jan 10 - Parents' Night Out 3-7pm

Jan 10 - Chef Cameo's 7-Year Work-aversary

Jan 14 - Mrs Anahi's 4-Year Work-aversary

Jan 20 - Miss Hayley's 1-Year Work-aversary



## \*Important Dates\*

Feb 6 - Early Out CLOSE at 5pm

Feb 7 - Parents' Night Out 3-7pm

Feb 9-13 - Winter Spirit Week!

Feb 11 - Miss Olivia's 1-Year Work-aversary

Feb 28 - Annual Art Gala 4:30-6pm\*

\*More info to come via Brightwheel!

You won't want to miss this family event!



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February

## move to the beat

We love music! All of the instruments in our classes are as close to real as possible. We have a wide variety of instruments but some unconventional ones you'll find in our center are kalimbas, ukuleles, small guitars, and a full size piano. One of our favorites is a little tone drum (pictured), and it has such a beautiful sound!

While we typically use the word "play" to describe what we do with instruments that can be confusing to small children. Our job is to teach gentleness and playing with care when we use musical instruments. And it's such a great lesson to watch unfold! Our kiddos are learning patience and self control while also improving their fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination.

Our 2-3 year olds  
practiced  
their skills  
using the  
tone drum.  
Look at that  
concentration!





## It's winter time! So what's happening in our Farm & Garden Program??!

To keep kiddos participating in the F&G Program we have started our weekly indoor garden activities! All of our friends over age 1 have "planted" 2 different types of beans to watch them grow and experimented with pinecones. Another activity we have planned is sprouting mung beans in jars that we will then give to our chickens! 🐔

We said goodbye to the 3 roosters! Our hens went from laying maybe 1 or 2 eggs every couple of days to 5 nearly every day. They seem much happier! And now they also have their own space completely back since the construction of the restroom building has been completed. 🐔



## Pre-K

Pre-K has a lot going on! When you step in to play with this group of kiddos you'll see, solid building skills, rock and crystal exploration and art in many shapes and forms; such a different scene from their wrestling play and mud kitchens outside!



## Toddlers



Toddler friends get their wiggles out with obstacle courses! Working on gross motor play while being inside can get tricky, but I think they've figured out the trick! We've seen quite the art pieces as well! Their art is becoming more complex with 3D aspects!



## What's the scoop?

### all-weather play

We have absolutely been loving the warmer winter air we've been getting! This allows our classes to be outside as much as possible. But what does all-weather play look like when the colder temps start blowing in? For the most part we layer up our older kiddos and go out, but for shorter amounts of time. And sometimes we just get to play inside! With the arctic-like temps our teachers have been getting creative with inside activities.

Take a look!

## Juniors

Our Junior friends have been experimenting with light! Meagan & Deanna have been turning out the main lights on the days we end up inside and using colorful lamps to play with light. We've added some tools to their room so the kiddos can openly explore lights, colors, reflections, shadows and more!



## Waddlers

Lots of climbing, lots of sliding! Our Waddler friends LOVE the climbing triangle and have done so well at taking turns going up and over 1 by 1! They've had a lot of time to really explore their inside classrooms and seem to be engaging in more interactive play over parallel play. Their little growing friendships are just so sweet!

## Babies



So many of our babies are on the move! Walking, running, climbing, they are starting to do it all! Be prepared to see some transformations happening in this room! They've already started introducing more outside time, switching out toys for different play opportunities and art!

