

# Parkside Post

December 2020



BABY LAUGHS

## THE END (OF THE YEAR) IS NEAR

The holidays are upon us! The most wonderful time of the year is... different this year. But we believe that life is what you make it and are committed to helping your children experience all the joy and magic this season offers. Seasonal songs, stories, crafts, and meals will keep us present and help us celebrate.

As many of you may have heard or read, the CDC recommends that children over the age of 2 years old wear a mask while in group care. ADH and our Licensing folks have not required we adopt this in our center, but we would like to encourage any family wanting their child to wear a mask to just let us know and we will fully support. We want to keep our families and kiddos as safe as possible and limit all illness spread within our community to the maximum extent feasible. Masks are so commonplace nowadays that our children have grown very accustomed to them; they are not looked upon as weird or scary in the classroom.

With this crazy year coming to a close, we are more thankful for time together than ever before. Thank you for trusting us with your kiddos in this unprecedented time. And thank you for bearing with us as we navigate all the additional hoops and health precautions 2020 has introduced. I hope the new year brings renewed strength and hope for us all!



FRIENDS IN TODDLERS

## Happy Birthday!

Dec 9th- Ms. Darreleen

Dec 12th- Nathaniel

Dec 14th- Rory

Dec 30th- Kodah & Ms. Courtney

Dec 31st- Juniper

## Important Dates

Dec 21st-25th- CLOSED for Christmas Holiday

Dec 31st- Close @ 3 p.m.

# BABIES

BY MS. BRIGITTE

We have welcomed Ellis and Thea to our class! They are both so sweet and our older babies as well as teachers are excited to get to know them! We have been focusing on lengthening our little ones attention spans by not interrupting them while they are busy and by repeating whatever we are playing with them until they stop. We are also being mindful of giving our babies lots of eye contact and taking turns talking with them. A favorite song has been "Five Little Ducks," and a favorite book has been, "Hickory Dickory Dock and Other Nursery Rhymes." We are learning the sign for "ball" and several fun ways to play with balls. Boxes have also been a big hit recently! We are looking forward to the Christmas season with its many fun songs and decorations!

# WADDLERS

BY MS. CAMEO

We have made it to the last month of the year, yay! Waddlers will be focusing on life skills extra hard this month. This will include throwing away our own food, putting on and removing socks and shoes, jackets, and being responsible for putting away our water bottles as we use them. To help, please send your student to school in shoes they can do themselves, i.e. velcro shoes. Working with your children at home on these skills will help as well! Happy December, everyone.



STACKING IN WADDLERS



KIDS MEETING KIDS

# TODDLERS

BY MS. WHITNEY

Happy Holidays to our Toddler families! As the year comes to a close, I want to send a reminder for family photos. Our children have loved having them in the past, and it is my favorite addition to the classroom. Please send them to [parksidetoddlers20@gmail.com](mailto:parksidetoddlers20@gmail.com), and thank you to those that have already sent one! We will be having fun doing some holiday crafts as well as focusing on independent tasks and relationships that we encounter throughout our lives.

# JUNIORS

BY MRS. AUTUMN

Tis the season! Let's push through this last month together! We will be having our annual gift exchange with the kids Thursday, December 17th at 3:30 pm! One parent may join after getting screened at the front door. Masks required.

There is a \$15 spending limit, and we will have a few snacks. Despite COVID I plan to make this a fun day for everyone while taking appropriate safety precautions.

# PRE-K

BY MRS. PAIGE

We have grown so much as a class just in my short amount of time with Pre-K. We have started settling into our rhythm of each day. Our daily activities are as follows: Monday is painting, Tuesday is cooking, Wednesday is handwork, Thursday is park day, and Friday is farm and garden. Together, we are learning how to take care of our things by respecting our environment. Knowing exactly what is happening each day helps set the children up for success. We are also welcoming Hayes to our class this month!



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