

# Parkside Post

January 2021



JUNIORS IN THE SNOW

## HINDSIGHT IS 2020

2020 has been a year of challenge and new experiences for all. I hope that at least some of yours have been positive. As the adventure of the Pandemic continues, we will continue to follow all COVID safety protocols and will always let you know about in-house exposures and any new guidance that comes out. We appreciate all of our families for complying with and being understanding of the requirements we have been given. These continue to not be easy times and we sympathize with our community as we march into this New Year.

I hope that from challenges we are able to strengthen our character. In this shared human experience, respect and kindness are always worth our time and energy. The young children we work with everyday are watching how we respond to challenges. They are the future and, collectively, we have the opportunity to raise a generation of kind, caring and capable humans. We can teach them that there is good everywhere, we just have to look for it. All of us at Parkside hope this New Year brings fresh beginnings and goodness for all of our families!



CLIMBING IN WADDLERS

## Happy Birthday!

Jan 4th- Milo

Jan 5th- Roslyn & Stella

Jan 16th- Mia

Jan 21st- Ludo

Jan 23rd- Enzo

Jan 27th- Hayes

# BABIES

BY MS. BRIGITTE

Babies enjoyed making footprint mistletoe in December! We loved singing Christmas songs and a favorite book was "Moo." We love our animal sounds! Each friend had the chance to visit the goats and chickens this last month as well. Their reactions are so fun to observe. We are focusing on noticing other friends' emotions and responding kindly. For those who have not yet done so, please send a family picture to [parksidebabies@gmail.com](mailto:parksidebabies@gmail.com). Thank you to those who have already sent one. The babies love seeing their families throughout the day!

# WADDLERS

BY MS. CAMEO

Happy New Year! In 2021 we plan to fill our room with art! Focusing on scribbles to improve grasp and coordination. Scribbling also helps children develop pre-writing skills. We continue working on life skills such as washing hands, removing and putting on shoes and jackets, and clearing plates after meals. Let's continue to stay safe in the new year!



DRAMATIC PLAY IN PRE-K



TODDLER PARK DAY

# TODDLERS

BY MS. WHITNEY

With the New Year upon us, we have been planning and creating new lesson plans for our classroom to fit our needs. As our friends begin turning three, we will continue with fine and gross motor activities. We have been loving stickers! Also, we will dive more into exploring emotions and our places in this world. Janet Lansbury, author of "No Bad Kids" reminds us to encourage our children to always express their feelings. Through easy and hard times we are always helping your children face new challenges at Parkside. Cheers to 2021!

# JUNIORS

BY MRS. AUTUMN

It is 2021 and I hope everyone had a great Christmas break and I hope this year brings everyone joy and peace! Please send your child gloves and hats if you have not already. Also, please try to send your child in shoes they can easily get on and off on their own as we continue to work on independence. I hope to help make this year amazing for your children despite everything going on. I am so happy to be able to contribute to your children's lives.

# PRE-K

BY MRS. PAIGE

In December, our friend Hayes joined our class! December was such a fun month for us and I am excited to watch these children grow. They are all able to recognize their names even when mixed with others. I hope they are having as much fun as I am with them. This year we will continue to learn through our play and develop the skills these children need to be prepared for kindergarten in the Fall.



LIFE SKILLS IN BABIES