

Parkside Post

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GROSS MOTOR IN TODDLERS

Hello, New Year!

Happy New Year, Parkside family! We are so happy to have you all with us. As some of you know, Ms. Cameo has moved out of the classroom to be our kitchen manager. She is excited about this journey and has some new ideas to incorporate in the kitchen. One idea being to incorporate some of our families' recipes into our menus from time to time. There will be a box located in the lobby where you can drop off any recipes that you think Parkside might enjoy! We will also begin working on our Parkside cook book to sell as one of our fundraisers in the coming months.

If any parents are master gardeners and would like to volunteer to help revamp our garden, please reach out. We would like the kids to take part in it as well! On that note, parents are welcome to volunteer to come do absolutely any activity with the children. It does not have to be for your child's class, just whatever age group would enjoy the activity! A yoga session, animal experts, special art class, musical instruments, or whatever your specialty may be, we would love to have our parents involved more in our every day routines. You are welcome to text the business phone to set up volunteer time (479)717-7020.

We are working on updating our Parent Handbook. Once completed, we will invite all families to read and sign!

Dates to Remember

**January 10th - Ms. Cameo's
3 year work-aversary!**

Happy Birthday!

- January 4th - Milo (2) & Elijah (5)**
- January 5th - Stella (5)**
- January 14th - Ms. Madison**
- January 16th - Mia (3)**
- January 22nd - Posey (1)**
- January 23rd - Enzo (4)**
- January 24th - Calvin (1)**

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

BABIES



Babies used cars to make paint tracks. Any art activity benefits those fine motor skills! As well as providing the child with a sense of accomplishment and confidence. We expose children to different art materials for different sensory experiences!

WADDLERS



Pretending to feed the baby and clean house! Pretend play fosters language development and gives children story telling skills. When playing in a group, pretend play helps children learn to establish boundaries, rules, and to compromise with others.

TODDLERS

JUNIORS



Fine motor rubber band activity in Toddlers! They had to hook rubber bands onto small stakes on a board. Fine motor skills build the foundation for early writing skills, hand-eye coordination, and helps increase attention span!



When we have open-ended and loose parts available for play, the opportunities for learning are, quite literally, endless. The kids problem solve to create new things, they use teamwork and judgement skills. Here, the kids worked together to build an obstacle course!

PRE-K



Sand play is such a versatile option for play! Playing with sand incorporates science, sensory, and even math! Sand is often different depending on the season and with our year round outdoor policy the children are able to experience it in all forms!