

### **Parkside Post**

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## **Inspiring Play**

When children play their imaginations come alive. When children are given simple everyday objects to play with, their imaginations not only come alive but spark ideas that become interests that can turn into learning about the world around them.

One of the things that fuels our philosophy at Parkside Playschool is open-ended play and loose parts. By providing ample opportunities for open-ended play, we are fostering little minds of wonder that turn into explorers, creators and problem solvers. When we give children items to play with other than just toys (aka "loose parts") they are turning those objects into whatever their minds want or need it to be in the moment. One might think an ordinary board is used for building, but in our classrooms it can be a block, a hiking stick, a car ramp or even a seesaw!

When we give children loose parts we are showing them that there is more than what meets the eye. Our hope for this is that it fosters their imaginations to later think and know that there are different ways to think of scenarios in order to succeed at what they do!

# Happy Birthday!

Jan 2 -Rosie Jan 4 -Milo Jan 15 - Hazel Jan 16 - Mia Jan 16 - Hendrix Jan 22 - Posey
Jan 22 - Miss Lacey
Jan 24 - Calvin
Jan 25 - Remi
Jan 25 - Mrs. Anahi
Jan 30 - Zoe



#### \*Dates to Remember\*

Jan 1 - CLOSED for New Years Day
Jan 2 - Miss Kaylynn's 1-Year Work-aversary
Jan 10 - Miss Cameo's 5-Year Work-aversary
Jan 12 - Early Out CLOSE at 5pm
Jan 13 - Parents' Night Out 3-7pm
Jan 14 - Mrs. Anahi's 2-Year Work-aversary
Jan 19 - Miss Haley's 1-Year Work-aversary

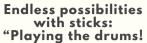
### Insider's Scoop



What are we doing at Parkside?



Babies use blocks as a phone!







Rocks, seashells & sticks: "These are the steps that go up to the house!"



Simplicity of chairs: "We're building an airplane to fly to the beach!"



Dirt can be water or food! Your order is coming right up!



Working together to move their "equipment" to set up their play!



A boat & some rocks:
"I'm putting my fishes
back into the water
because I can't eat them all."

**Boxes:** 

Babies love them &

they are great for

their spatial



**Blocks** can be SO many different things!



Rocks & pinecones: "Let's build a super tall tower!"



**Objects** from nature to feel & fill!







Using different sized containers to cook in the kitchen!







Cameo's Kitchen





