

# THE RIGHT TURN EARLY LEARNING CENTER

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Hello, from the Early Learning Teachers! We had a wonderful busy November and we can't believe we are into December and the holiday's. Welcome to winter! As we approach cold weather please remember to dress your child accordingly so we can continue to get a little fresh air here and there. Please bring hats, coats and mittens for toddlers and up.



THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU!!!

To Isabel for B-Day treats;

Caelyn and treats for all the teachers;

To all the *Learning Center* teachers for all the little extras they bring and give!!! And to all parents for your support!

## UPCOMING and IMPORTANT INFO

- Please remember we are closed **Dec 25th and Jan 1st!** We will also be posting a sign by the dry erase board to let us know if you will be here the **Christmas Eve Day** – this is so we can staff accordingly – thank you!
- **Preschoolers** will be starting **Show and Tell every Friday (It has been switched)** This helps a child learn to stand up and (eventually) speak and feel confident in front of others. Please send with your child a story or something of interest. Or just bring something from your car on your way in the door – it works!
  - **FAMILY PARTY – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month!** Our **Christmas Lunch and fun** will be held Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 12-1pm (PIZZA TOO)!!!!!! **Everyone welcome** – ES parents please let a teacher know if you can not make it! (Pizza will be served at 12:15pm– let us know for sure if you are coming – thanks)!!! **We will do a fun holiday game too!!!** Kids will be doing games and holiday activities throughout the day!
- Preschoolers are still attending story hour every Tuesday through the public library. It is now being held through the month of December at the Capitol bldg. We hope to set up one day a week to go to the YMCA to run off a little steam and play.
- We are still in the process of doing developmental assessments on all children.
- **TOYS FROM HOME**-Please remember if your child brings a toy to school, we are not responsible for these toys if they get broken or lost! Thank you!





December Birthdays!!! – Dec 18<sup>th</sup> – Bradyn B. 4yrs!!!!

## CHILDREN NEWS WHAT'S HAPPENING.. . .

Infants and tots –**Tya and Avry** are now becoming involved in more art creations, with **Tya** getting ready to take a few steps. **Isabel** is getting a couple teeth. **Paxton** and **Ava** are really cooing, and trying to hold their own bottles. **Breven** has really started to coo, smile and likes to watch people. **Alyssa** and **Tristan** are both busy exploring and learning – cause and effect, and many more distinguishable words! We regret to wish **Alyssa** farewell as she will be leaving us December 14<sup>th</sup>! We will welcome 2 new babies in early and mid January!



- Preschoolers and Afterschoolers – All children are becoming very independent. **Bradyn** has gained wonderful control over his scissors. Each are getting very good at solving their own problems and finding the best solutions! This only inspires them to think on their own!!!! Excellent

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## STORYTELLING STRATEGIES

- Remember that telling stories is about sharing emotions, images, ideas, or events.
- Exaggerate your facial expressions and tone of voice-children find stories much more interesting when you are animated.
- Tell a quick short story; your stories don't have to be long and detailed, just tell a few sentences about what happened today.
- Make the story interesting by elaborating and even exaggerating the details.
- Use props-your children's toys, things in the environment, items in the car or the grocery store, even your own fingers can help you tell the story!

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## FUN ACTIVITIES

Helpful hint: Anytime you are doing anything messy, have your child work directly on a cookie sheet. Keeps the mess confined to one area - with very easy cleanup



### **GIANT SNOWFLAKES**

You will need round coffee filters for this activity.

- Set out some filters and some scissors.
- Show your child how to fold a filter in fourths.
- Then show her how to cut out small triangles along the folded edges of the filter.
- When she opens her filter, she will see a delightful snowflake.
- Older children can fold their circles into sixths creating a more elaborate snowflake.

TOT SNOW PICTURES Have your toddler make a snow picture on a sheet of dark blue paper by arranging round white stickers or cotton balls dipped in glue on it or both!

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