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Infants

Happy New Year, Infant Families! We hope you had a fantastic holiday season with your friends and family. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our classroom basket for the holiday raffle and to those who came and enjoyed the annual holiday party on December 7th. It was such a wonderful and successful evening for the entire 5C's family! We had so much fun creating your holiday gift with your child – the penguins were so adorable, but the elves were definitely the fan favorite around here!

We are kicking off our new year with a wonderful theme that I feel is so very important in all children's lives – "Read To Me." I will pull some great books to bring into our classroom and I hope that you will also do lots of reading at home! It is never too early to sit with your child and read to them. There is a wonderful quote by Emilie Buchwald that I could not agree more with, "Children are made readers in the laps of their parents." I plan to have lots of fun with this theme with book- or author-related art and, of course, lots of reading!

We want to wish our friend Mitchell a very happy 1st birthday this month on January 19th. He will have such a fun time moving up to the Wobbler Room to join his friends. We want to give a warm welcome to four new friends in

our room this month: Brendan, Ian's (in Todd II) brother; Desmond, Greta's (in Todd II) brother; Jack, Michael's (in Todd I) brother; and Willow, Ellie's (in Todd I) sister! We are truly looking forward to having them be a part of our class.

As mentioned before, we will be using several signs with the infants throughout the year to increase their communication skills but will be focusing on one in particular each month. Our sign of the month for this month is "please," and we will be using it throughout the day – While playing, during mealtime, and so on. If you are not aware of how to sign "please," please ask, and then use it at home with your child. They will pick up on these signs even faster when seeing them both at home and at school. Thus far, our focus signs have been "all done," "more," and now "please."

Please remember to label **the side** of **all** your child's **bottles** (not just the lid) with their **first and last name** and the **date**.

We hope you have a great January. As always, we appreciate all of your support!

-Ms. Amy, Ms. Carol, & Ms. Hoa



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Notes from Nancy and Tina

Happy New Year! Capitol Campus Child Care Center staff would like to thank you for all the wonderful cards, gifts and goodies received this Holiday season. Your thoughtfulness and giving is greatly appreciated by all. The gift card Christmas tree was a huge hit!

As we reflect back on 2018 and look forward to 2019, there are so many things to remember. We have had families leave our center and new families join our center as well as staff moving on to new adventures and new staff joining the center to help in the growth and development of the children and the center. We are excited as we begin 2019 and we will strive to provide the best care possible for our children. Providing children with a loving environment,

creative/fun curriculum and a safe place to grow and learn is the heart of 5Cs! Please welcome Angela Glorioso to our Preschool classroom. It has been a smooth transition and the co-teachers, Stephanie and Angela, are planning and working together to provide new adventures for the children to experience and learn.

Reminders: The Center will be closed on Jan. 1st for New Year's Day and Jan. 21st for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Our new tuition rates are effective 1-1-18 and are posted in the foyer on the cupboard above the sign-in area.

A notice will be placed on the Parent Files when year end statements are ready. You will also receive an email with our tax ID #.

With my broken arm, scoring the ASQ Questionnaires is taking longer. I am truly hoping to have results to parents by Friday, January 11th.

Our weather is unpredictable. The center is taking an active part in trying to prevent illness by washing door knobs at the end of day, cleaning toys that children take turns with and washing hands. We would like to remind parents that when children come into the classroom to be sure your child washes their hands. Also, outside activities are part of our curriculum. For those activities please be sure that your child has the appropriate attire. Another reminder with the weather being unpredictable, the center follows Olympia School District protocol for closures and late start times. If

the schools open 2 hours late, we will open at 8:45 and snack breakfast WILL NOT be served. We just want everyone to arrive safely.

We, Tina and Nancy, are so thankful for such caring and thoughtful 5Cs' parents. We appreciate your patience and understanding during these unplanned times. We wish each of you a Happy New Year!!

Ms. Tina and Ms. Nancy

Wobblers

Welcome January of 2019. This January, the class will learn about winter, Teddy bears, observing and smelling. Our shape this month is the triangle and our class color for January is blue. The wobblers will learn about triangles through arts and crafts by creating snowy houses and trees. The week we learn about Teddy bears the children can bring in their favorite Teddy bear. Observing and smelling will be helping the wobblers grasp the concept "We look with our eyes and smell with our noses" through sensory activities. Also, we will be focusing on activities like sorting, stacking, stamping and even a gross motor skill. Lastly, they we will be learning the color blue, we will be using classroom tools to help with this concept. When you see the color blue, please name the color or ask your child "what color is that?"

Please welcome Mitchell from the Infant room, we give a big hello to

the newcomer. Have a wonderful January and happy New Year!

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Todd I

Welcome to the New Year! It is 2019! We will be talking about what that means and looking at parts of a year. We will also review our best manners and how and when to use them. We will learn about community helpers, what they do and why we need them, through books and activities. Then we will be learning about how we can help in our own houses through chores. Finally, we will focus on the names of colors through art, books, and games. The colors we will explore are dark blue, silver, and gold. Our shape of focus is the diamond.

We will be saying goodbye to Salem, who is leaving the center, we will miss her and we will be welcoming Charlie into our class from the wobbler room. We have no birthdays this month.

If you have a family photo at home the you would be willing to bring in, we would love to put up pictures of the children's families.

Thanks, Cassey and Thol



Todd II – BOUNCY TIGGERS

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

Can you believe we are in the year 2019 already? 2018 was amazing and sending you all best-wishes for this New Year. We are excited and looking forward to another great year with the kids.

December was a busy month full of fun and lots to celebrate around the Holiday Season. The Bouncy Tiggers learned about holidays around the world including the winter solstice, Christmas, and New Year. As part of our holiday festivities, children welcomed winter, enjoyed learning about Christmas traditions, doing arts and crafts, creating gifts for parents, and playing with Christmas slime. They loved singing, dancing, and learning new Christmas songs.

In January, the Bouncy Tiggers will be learning more about snow, snowflakes, winter fun activities, dinosaurs, Martin Luther King Jr, colors (blue, white, silver), and ways of keeping warm during the winter season. We will continue discussing the importance of using our words, playing nicely, taking turns, and getting along. We will also discuss being healthy by explaining the importance of covering our mouths when coughing or sneezing.

Please mark your calendar for our holiday closure for January:

* Tuesday, January 1 – New Year's Day

* Monday, January 21 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Happy New Year,

Ms. Shilpa & Ms. Mandy

Staff Birthdays:

Maddy 15th, Kayla 19th, Samantha 29th

Preschool

Happy New Year! How fast the past year has passed us. We in the preschool room are hard at work learning new skills and practicing old ones.

As you have noticed, we have a new teacher in our class! My name is Angela Glorioso and I am so happy to be in preschool. I come with a background in early education with a Human Development degree and nearly 10 years of hands on experience in the classroom. I have lived in Lacey for the past 11 years with my husband and two children, Giuseppe 10 and Gianna 7. The past 4 years I have been working at my church in the children's ministry department. Prior to that I was at home with my children. I am excited to be back in the classroom again! Please feel free to leave me a note or ask any questions. Thank you for making me feel so welcomed!

A few helpful reminders: We go outside every day unless the weather is unsafe (icy, hard rain, windy, etc). Please remember to bring a warm coat with gloves,

hats and boots. Extras may be left in cubbies if you wish. In case of snow we follow the Olympia school district for closures, however if we are open we like to let the children play in the snow. Also, remember our sick policy. If you have questions about whether your child can come to daycare, please call the center.

This month's theme is a month of dinosaurs.

We will be traveling back in time to when the dinosaurs live. We will be learning all the different types of dinosaurs. We will be making a comparison graph of what type of dinosaurs eat meat and those that don't. We will be measuring to see how many dinosaurs tall each friend in our class is. We will be learning to play Dinosaurumpus, which helps us with our gross motor movement. Our Paleontologist hats will be on when we search for dinosaur fossils in our classroom and make our own fossils! This will lead up to exploring our five senses.

January birthdays:

Henry is 1st

Mrs. Angela 17th

Recipe of the month:

Salt dough

4 cups of flour

1 cup salt

1 ½ cups water

Mixed together

Baked on 225 degrees 3 to 4 hours

We will be using this recipe to make dino eggs so the children can practice cracking them open with paleontologist tools.

We will be singing lots of dinosaur songs, talking about our favorite dinosaurs, playing the dino stomp, and making dino footprints.



Center Closures:

January 1, 2019, New Year's Day

January 21, 2019, Martin Luther

King's Day

PRE-K

Hello Families,

What a joy it has been spending the holidays and learning all about BALLS with the children. Starting with our long, slightly wet walk to the Dollar Tree and culminating in our grand concert for the families, the kids made us very proud. Everyone picked out a little gift for a child at SAFEPLACE and Lori delivered the stocking stuffed with goodies. The kids were dazzling when they sang, and dressed in their holiday finery they delivered a rousing and rapturous chorus. We also studied the scientific method by making predictions about which ball would bounce the best, then conducted two

separate trials to determine the results. Kids learned that air pressure and surface texture made a difference and that collecting data requires...yes...writing!

We do have one birthday in January. **Jonathan** will turn five on the 17th. WE WILL HAVE TWO CLOSURE DAYS, JANUARY 1st and 21st. We do not have any trips on the schedule at this time, but we will continue to play outside as often as the weather permits.

"Buddy Bear" and the ABC Box have been making the rounds. Thank you families for making this part of our curriculum come to life. It builds relationships and supports our reading and speaking goals for the children. In January we will be working on writing the letters J, K, and L. Colors are still red, green, blue, silver and gold. Our state study will be SHADOWS cast upon our themes of New Year's, the five senses, hibernation, snow and ground hog's day. We are also practicing writing numbers at least up to twelve.

In December we played a lot of ball games including basketball, football, baseball and soccer. (I am hoping we can try lacrosse before the month ends). We also "invented" some new tagging games like Santa Tag and Reindeer Tag. The children love to pretend they are ninjas or rascal elves on the playground and they do a great job of running away from their jolly old teachers. What a

blast! We also decorated ornamental balls at the art table and rolled a variety of round items down ramps to learn about friction. Our trajectory study was projected to be a big HIT, but we decided to aim high and launch our balls into space! We certainly did discover that what goes up...invariably comes down!

We very much appreciate your attention to the children's EXTRA CLOTHING stores in our room. We like to keep them warm, dry and as comfortable as possible so the extra items really come in handy when we play outside. We try to keep them tidied up throughout the day and they enjoy seeing what you have placed in their box for them.

Please stop in and visit our teaching team anytime you have a question or concern. The children are doing a wonderful job and we are always looking for an excuse to show off some of their work or tell a few stories about their day. When we count our blessings...those kids are truly at the top of our list!

From all of us on the Big Bear staff...we wish you a safe and happy new year,

Ms. Lori, Ms. Maddy, Mrs. Sam, and Ms. Shannon

