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Infants

It's beginning to look a lot like...December! This month, our theme is "Infants Are 'Snow' Much Fun"! We are excited to enjoy all sorts of winter and holiday related books, crafts, songs, and more with the children. We will begin with making ornaments for the 5C's Christmas tree (be sure to look for your child's hanging proudly!) and will continue with more adorable crafts and decorations to spread around our classroom!

We want to wish two wonderful kiddos very happy 1st birthdays this month! Connor turns one on December 23rd, and Soren turns one on December 18th. Connor will be moving up to the Wobbler room and we will sure miss his happy, easy-going personality. We know he will have so much fun being a Wobbler! Soren will be leaving our center this month and all of us at 5C's are so sad to see him go! We will miss you, Soren, and wish you the best of luck at your new school.

We would like to welcome to our room our new friend Leo! He is joining us at the beginning of the month and is three months old. We have been enjoying our visits (and snuggles!) with him and feel he will transition well into our classroom.

As mentioned before, we will be teaching the infants several sign words to increase their communication skills. We will be focusing on one word in particular each month. Our sign word for this month is "more," and we will be using it throughout the day – While playing, singing, reading, during mealtime, and so on. If you are not aware of how to sign "more," 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.

This month, 5C's is having our annual holiday basket raffle to be auctioned off at the Holiday Party. Check your email for more information and feel free to ask if you have any questions!

We are looking forward to a fun December in the Infant Room! We wish your families a joyful holiday season with your loved ones.

-Ms. Amy, Ms. Carol, and Ms. Hoa



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Notes from Tina and Nancy

Tina and I want to take this opportunity to say thank you parents for your understanding and support through the month of October and November. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. Tina was successful in completing her goals in Alabama and Nancy is gratefully for your patience and backing while Tina was away. We have a terrific staff and they worked very hard to keep the center moving forward.

Parents, thank you, for taking the time to complete and return the ASQ Questionnaires. The scoring and compiling of data has started and we are hoping to have it completed in the next two weeks. After completing the

questionnaire or when we score the questionnaire, if there are any concerns, we are open to a conference to share information regarding the development and growth of your child(ren). The questionnaire will remain confidential. The data information from the questionnaires will be used to help the teachers plan activities in the classroom that can support the children of the center. For example, if a classroom has a low score in fine motor, the teacher will emphasize more activities using those skills.

There are staff changes happening in the preschool classroom. Ms. Brandi is moving to Portland, Ore. December 1, 2018. We are sad to see her go and wish her the best in her new job and her adventure of completing her teaching degree. Angela Glorioso will be the new co-teacher in preschool. Angel comes with 4 years of preschool teaching and a degree from WSU in Human Development and ECE.

We know that the holidays are busy with lots of activities. If your child(ren) are going to be gone from the center during this busy time, please mark the days you will be out of the center on the attendance sheets attached to the classroom doors. This gives us the ability to plan and schedule staff's request for time off during the holidays – thank you.

December 21 is the first day of winter. This is a reminder that we follow the Olympia School District

closures for inclement weather. If the Olympia Schools are closed, the center is closed.

The year of 2018 is coming to an end. Please check your parent files for tuition statements. Each account has been reviewed for a credit or deficient. The goal is to start the new year with a zero balance on each account. If you have any questions regarding your account, please stop by the office.

The parent board passed and approved a 6% tuition increase for 2019. The support from the board is greatly appreciated in helping the center to meet the new minimum wage increases and teacher's salaries. The new tuition increases will be posted online and in the center by the 15th of December.

We want to wish each of you and your families a very happy and safe holiday! From the 5C's staff –
Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays!
Happy Hanukkah!

Nancy and Tina

Reminders:

5C's Holiday Potluck

- December 7, 2018
- 6:00-7:30 pm
- 6:00 Performance by Preschool and Pre-K
- 6:30 Potluck Dinner
- 6:45 Santa's Visit
- 7:15 Raffle Ticket Drawings

Closures: The center will close at 3:00 pm, December 24, 2018

The Center will be closed December 25, 2018 for Christmas Day



Wobblers

December has so much in store for us this month. Between the cold wintry weather and the holiday just around the corner, we have plenty to be learning about. For our wobbler parents, we have a magical theme wobbler gift basket for the 5c's Holiday gift raffle. You can come to the Holiday party or stop by the office to purchase raffle tickets.

For this December, our colors will be green and red, and we will be taking a closer look at the shape - star. The wobblers will be learning about snow, the wintry weather, the joyful holiday, and arctic animals.

To begin, we will be learning all about the path of the snow. How it comes from the clouds and how it falls through the air and lands onto the ground. Also, we will be incorporating the circle shape for snowman and snow fall.

Secondly, the wintry weather lesson will be based on how to bundle up to go outside for this cold starry December.

Thirdly, the wobblers will be learning about the joyful holiday

called Christmas. That will include, Christmas music, Christmas trees and ornaments and presents.

Lastly, learning about arctic animals which will include reindeer, polar bears and penguins.

To conclude, we will be welcoming Connor from the infant room this December. Have a wonderful December and happy Holidays.

Ms. Stefany and Ms. Dung

Todd I

Welcome to December! We hope everyone is staying warm. This month. We will learn about the season of winter including snow, ice, what we can play and how to be safe. Along with that we will talk about the clothes we wear to keep warm and why it's important. Then we will talk about holidays we celebrate and some holidays that other people celebrate. We will also learn about some fun, arctic animals.

Our vocabulary word of the month is *Traditions*. Our colors to explore are red, green, and gold and our shape of focus is the star.

We have three birthdays this month:

- Salem on the 1st,
- Cormac on the 14th,
- Sai on the 19th

No friends will be turning two. We have no transitions this month.

Just a reminder that we appreciate any and all donations into the gift

baskets (our classroom's theme is Bugs/Insects) to be raffled; parents are welcome to buy tickets to any basket and/or the Christmas quilt and Seahawk blanket. Tickets will be drawn at the end of our Holiday party on Friday the 7th. You do not have to attend the party, only preschool and pre-k are singing, and we will save your prize if your name is drawn.

Ms. Cassey and Ms. Thol



Todd II -Bouncy Tiggers

Thank you for making Thanksgiving so special for our children, we had a lot of fun. Can't believe it is already December! This will be a very exciting month of fun in our room for the Bouncy Tiggers! It will be a very busy month full of special events and many exciting new activities for the children to prepare for the holidays!

In November we learned about Diwali, Veterans Day, turkeys, and giving thanks. We expressed being thankful for all the wonderful things in our lives – family, friends, pets, toys, and holiday food. Ms. Shilpa had a wonderful time teaching about an Indian holiday – the Festival of Lights. We ate Indian snacks including biscuits (children's cookies), pooris (Indian

bread), and Indian snacks. The kids loved the sparklers. Their craft included making play dough lamps. While learning and celebrating Thanksgiving, we made cornbread and butter. We churned the butter from heavy cream and enjoyed it during lunch – it was delicious. We talked about how some foods had to be made because there was not a store to shop at. Circle time included new songs this month like *Five Little Turkeys*, *the Finger Family Song*, and *Turkey Dance Freeze* – they were big hits.

We have continued to work on family style serving at each meal. The class is getting better using tongs and serving spoons. They pour their own milk. They are saying “yes please,” “no, thank you,” and “would you please pass” They have been working very hard on these skills.

The Bouncy Tiggers will learn about holidays around the world including the winter solstice, Christmas, and New Year. Our shape this month is stars. The colors are red, green, white, and silver. Stay tuned for your children singing new Christmas songs like *5 Little Elves* (by The Kiboomers), *Dancing Christmas Tree Song* (by KidsTV123), and *The Reindeer Pokey* (by The Kiboomers).

Please mark your calendar for our holiday closure for December:

* Tuesday, December 25 – Christmas Day

December Birthdays

* Mira Ackerman – December 16, 2015

Ms. Mandy and Ms. Shilpa

Preschool

Dear Parents of the Preschool classroom,

Wow, December is upon us so quickly! A few little reminders, the weather is getting cold outside. When the weather allows us, we do go outside. We would love it if you would bring gloves, hats and rain boots because we go out in the cold weather and in between the rain showers. Please change out your child's extra clothes for winter ones.

We have been very busy in the classroom you may have seen some of the amazing new skills that are being used in the children. One of the skills, we have mastered is buttoning and zipping our coats. We have also been working on some problem-solving skills. We have been identifying our feelings and how to work through them to solve problems.

December brings us to the holidays; we are encouraging the children to share with us their family traditions. We are starting the month off with the amazing Holiday Potluck performance and party. We have been working hard to learn our songs. This year's songs are *Five Little Snowman*, *Santa*, and *Santa Comes to Town*. We hope you can join us on Friday the 7th of December. Also, this month, we will be diving into the

winter themes. The first week of December we will be learning about snow, followed by e learning about Christmas around the world, and finally Christmas and New Years to finish off the year. As we introduce Christmas around the world, we will be flying to different countries. One of the countries we will be flying to is Israel, so we can learn about Hanukah.

December brings us 3 birthdays:

Irelyn 15th

Kylee 20th

Gabe 27th

This month's fun sensory bin is snow. The following is the recipe:

½ cup of white hair conditioner

2 cup of baking soda

Mix together. Looks like real snow.

We said goodbye to Ms. Brandi and are welcoming Ms. Angela in our classroom.

If you have any question or concerns, please let us know.

Happy Holidays,

Ms. Angela, Ms. Millie, Ms. Stephanie and Ms. Taylor



Pre-K

Greetings Families,

What an exciting time of year as we approach the winter season with a room full of creative, growing Big Bears. November flew by in a flash of challenges, dinosaurs, early American traditions and a shopping trip! The Big Bears ALL participated in the Exercise Challenge, with five bench mark events designed to provide instruction and assessment of their skills. Check out their astonishing results posted in the entry way. We studied clothing throughout the month aligning new concepts with our weekly themes. Children discussed how exercise outfits may not be the same as what you wear to a fancy meal.

We do not have any birthdays in December nor have we planned any field trips. WE WILL HAVE ONE CLOSURE DAY! DECEMBER 25th. We have completed the sign-up sheet so that we can take walks around our neighborhood. We'd like to be able to go to the tennis courts, Garfield, and a few other places near-by. There is a view of Mt. Rainier from the end of our alley!

Thank you families for making "Buddy Bear" and the ABC Box an excellent part of our curriculum. It builds relationships and supports our reading and speaking goals for the children. They seem to enjoy having the opportunity to share pictures and objects from home. We will be having our SHOW and

TELL at the end of the month, December 27th and 28th. We will post it on our door so the kids know which day they will have their turn.

Our themes for December will be science, space, giving and receiving and holidays around the world. The study embedded in our curricula will be...the science of balls! Of course, there will be room for cheese balls, glitter balls and ball bearings along with learning about the physics of common sports balls. This Big Bear group loves to learn and play so just about anything can be fun.

Last month, we went outside each morning and did the "frost 500" running around the frozen bark. We wrote stories about nature and pets (which are posted in the hall outside the room. You can see your child's progress simply by flipping the pages)! We talked about our feelings at group time and EVERY child EARNED a gold power coin for accepting the Big Bear Exercise Challenge. What a total blast!

Again...please update your child's EXTRA CLOTHING supply. We do go outside as much as the weather will allow. Your children are intrepid and we want to honor that so EXTRA EVERYTHING is a very good idea. I believe these guys are growing so fast they will be a size bigger before I return to the room from writing this missive.

Please feel free to stop in and visit our room whether you have a question or are just passing by the

center. The children are doing a great job and we are always open to hearing your ideas if there is anything more we can do to serve your family. 5C's has been a tremendous asset to Olympia for decades and our relationship with families is one of the biggest reasons why.

From all of us on the Big Bear staff...we wish you a wonderful winter. Your children are a blessing and a joy to all of us and it is a privilege to teach them.

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

Staff Birthdays:

Amy Dickey (cook) 27th

