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Infants

Our dear Infant families,

Wow, autumn seems to have just blew right on by, and here we are in the month of December! You will see [from the hallway] that our room décor will change from fall leaves and sweet critters to winter snow and snowmen. Our classroom theme for December is *Infants are "Snow" Much Fun...* which is so true! We have really been enjoying watching your children learn and grow these past few months. Each and every one of them have conquered milestones and are constantly working to achieve the next! We have such a wonderful group of children that have such a great combination of personalities, from quiet and observant to strong and active to mischievous and silly, and they all get along with each other so nicely. We look forward to each day with this crew!

This month, we have two birthdays to celebrate!

Zachary turns one on December 4th. Zachary came into our class literally jumping (for joy, we like to think!), and has since then also conquered walking and has even tried to sneak in some climbing. He is sometimes quiet, sometimes the loudest in the room, and definitely shows off his silly side, too! We know Zachary will enjoy his new classroom and thrive as a Wobbler! Our second birthday of the month is Thyri, who turns one on December 14th. Thyri is such an enjoyable little girl with a fun personality! Sometimes she will crawl right up to you and snuggle in for a hug and sometimes she will look at you with a teasing grin and growl. She has a recent love for looking at photos, a contagious smile, and the girl loves to dance! Thyri will have so much fun in the Wobbler classroom! We wish you both a very happy 1st birthday! We will truly miss having you both in our class but look forward to smiles and waves through our window!

As said before, we use several signs with the children throughout the year to increase their communication skills but focus on one in particular

each month. Our sign of the month this month is "water." We use the sign "water" when the children are in the highchair for their solid meals and we offer them a sippy cup with water. If you are not aware of how to sign "water," feel free to ask and then use it at home with your child. Also, a wonderful website resource for you to learn the signs we use in our classroom is: www.signingtime.com. Thank you for continuing to also do these signs at home with your child! They learn so much with all our consistency and repetition!

We hope you all find joy in the little things this holiday season. Wishing you all a delightful December, Ms. Amy, Ms. Hoa, and Ms. Carol

Center Closed

December 24, 2020,
Closing at 3 pm

December 25, 2020,
Center closed



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Notes from Tina and Nancy

The Holidays are upon us and 5Cs is getting into the swing of the season. As you read the newsletter, you will see how excited and thoughtful the teachers are in planning activities for the children this month.

Mark Your Calendar

- Thursday, December 24, the center will close at 3:00 pm on Christmas Eve. Afternoon snack will not be served.
- Friday, December 25, the center will be closed for Christmas Day.

Reminder: Please remember to use the hand sanitizer in the hallway as you enter the building. With the rise in COVID

cases and the flu season, we want to keep everyone safe and healthy.

There will be an attendance sheet posted on each classroom door for you to fill out as to which days, if any, your child will be off during the holidays. This helps us with scheduling the teachers time off during the holidays.

Inclement Weather:

Another reminder with the weather being unpredictable, we have changed the center procedure. We (administration) will determine whether the center will be open or closed. We will send out an email notification by 6:00 am, so please check your emails during our unpredictable weather. Please remember, if the center opens 90 minutes late (9:00 am), breakfast will NOT be served.

Cancellation: The center’s holiday gathering is cancelled because of COVID restrictions. We will miss getting together with everyone this year. At the parent board meeting this month, the decision was made to postpone the Holiday Basket Raffle until February.

The Center will once again be supporting the Capitol

Kids Connection with gift card donations for teenagers. We have been doing this for well over ten years. Suggestions for donations are: Amazon, gas cards, Target, Wal-Mart, fast food restaurants, Regal etc. We ask that you put your name on a shape (Located in the office window), and leave the gift card in the office. We will be collecting through the 17th. Thanks in advance for your support!

The parent board also approved the 5% childcare tuition increase which was recommended for 2021. The center is very appreciative of your support! The parent board minutes are very comprehensive as to what took place during the meeting. If you have the time, please read them. They are posted in the hallway by the white announcement board or you can ask Tina/Nancy to send them to you electronically.

As we reflect on the year 2020, it is with great pleasure that we are so thankful for all of the wonderful children, families, and staff that are part of Capitol Campus Child Care Center. Thank you to each of you.

Happy Holidays!

Ms. Tina and Ms. Nancy



Wobblers

Greetings parents and welcome to December in the Wobbler room. This December, we are referring to our children as *“Little Moving Elves”* because they are fantastic little helpers and moving all the time.

This winter the children will engage in lots of festive activities. With the winter months, we are creating a winter wonderland, Christmas counting to three and “caroling” with our bells. The children will learn about snowflakes, stars, and how to keep warm through our winter cold days. As the days get colder and darker, the children will mostly stay cozy inside with our winter holiday activities.

Our themes for this month are Christmas toys, Christmas wrap, Christmas smells and snow fun. The children will use their five senses to explore the fun that this December will bring to us and strengthen their fine motor skills by unwrapping their “pretend presents.” This month’s shape is the star. Our colors that we are exploring this month

are red and green. Some of the Wobbler room activities will include the children unwrapping boxes, smelling nutmeg, cinnamon, brown sugar and play with some “snow”

This month, the class will be saying good-bye to our friends, Saber and Max. Saber is moving up to Todd I and Max is moving to New Zealand. We will miss both of you very much. We will be saying “Hello” to new friends from the infant room, Thyri and Zachary.

We hope our families all have a wonderful holiday and that it is filled with lots of laughter!

Thank you, Mrs. Stefany and Ms. Dung



STAFF BIRTHDAYS:

Amy D. (Cook) 12-27



Todd I

Wow, welcome to December! The year is

nearing the end and we hope everyone has been and will continue to have safe holidays. Although this year is difficult, let’s focus on positive ideas.

We would love to know; what is a holiday tradition that your family enjoys? Even if you are not able to perform it, the same this year, we can still talk about important family traditions, and perhaps even ‘play’ them with our friends. If you would like please write down your family traditions or talk to Cassey, Kasondra or Thol about them and that will help us talk with the children about them. Cassey’s example is that she usually decorates cookies with her grandma, aunt, and cousins. This year, my aunt is still making all the cookies, and each kid (all adults) will pick up a bag to take home to decorate. I plan to bring this special tradition into the classroom; we will get some sugar or gingerbread cookies from the store and the class will decorate them.

Our overall theme for the month is the season of winter; our weekly themes will be winter clothes, winter weather and travel, family traditions and holiday fun. Our colors for the month are red. gold and green and the shape is star.

We have no birthdays this month. Please help us welcome Sabor into our classroom.

Enjoy the Holidays with your family!

Ms.Cassey, Ms. Kasonda and Ms. Thol



Todd II

Hello and welcome to December! Here is hoping you have all had a wonderful Thanksgiving, as we look forward to continuing our holiday fun! With even more holidays around the corner we will enjoy discussing the chilly weather, snow and winter activities, and Christmas and holiday traditions. As the cold weather has come we ask that you check your child's extra clothes and exchange any summer attire for warmer alternatives (extra socks, jeans/sweats, long sleeve shirts). Hats and mittens would also be a good addition to your child's cubby, so that we can be outside as often as weather permits.

The week of November 30th –December 4th will be about the sights and sounds of the holidays; Christmas lights, Santa

waving from the chimney top, all the festive decorations and music that herald the star of the holiday season. Look for elves, lights and reindeer, as we get into the holiday mood.

The week of December 7th-11th will be all about family traditions; does your family put up a tree or fancy lights? Do relatives come from out of town? Or maybe you do some traveling? Are stockings hung up and talk of Santa filling your home? We want everyone to feel included and would love to incorporate any holiday alternatives and/or family traditions that you may celebrate, so please feel free to share them with us!

The week of December 14th – 18th we will be learning about the winter holidays which will include Hanukkah, Kwanza, St. Nicholas day, just to name a few. One common theme we will see is the theme of "light" during this darker time of the year, with candles being a part of the many different celebrations.

The week of December 21st -25th will be all about Christmas, as we make stockings, stars, and baubles of bright glittering colors. We will share songs and read about the

Grinch and other festive tales.

The week of December 28th- January 1st we will be wrapping up the year as we make plans for ringing in 2021. We will make noise makers and crowns, and snacks with sparkling cider as we ring in a new year with all our friends in Todd II.

Here's wishing a safe and happy holiday season to you and yours, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a happy New Year to all. Thank you for being a part of our family.

Ms. Mandy & Ms. Cindy



Preschool

Happy November! I can't believe this crazy year is almost over! I hope everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving. As we get closer to the holidays, we will have a form posted on the door for you to fill in what days, if any, your child will be gone. I will be on vacation December 24-29th.

Remember, we will be closed on Friday, December 25 for Christmas Day, and Friday, January 1 for New

Year's Day. We will close at 3pm on Thursday, December 24 for Christmas Eve. New Year's Eve will be normal hours.

We have one birthday this month. Cormac will be 4 on the 14th! Happy Birthday Cormac!

We are diving right into all things holiday in preschool this month! We will start by looking at different traditions that this time of year always brings. We will be making a countdown to Christmas chain, so be sure to be asking your preschooler how many days until Christmas. We will look at winter holidays including Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and winter solstice. We will also be doing lots of typical traditions like Santa hats, stockings, trees, and lights. We will also be celebrating our own preschool tradition of a pajama day on Friday December 4, and also again on the 24th. I will post a reminder on the door so no one misses it! We will finish up with a week of New Year celebrations, with a "Noon Year" party and game day on the 31st!

Thank you for making sure your child has weather appropriate coats! Our outside play is a little less

now that the weather has changed, but we do manage to sneak out in between showers, or even during a drizzle to run off some energy! I have told the kids that coats are not a choice if they would like to go outside (and often we will split into groups so some can stay in), and mittens and hats are encouraged, but not necessary, so feel free to let your child take the lead for those items. I ask that all items be labeled, just to reduce any mix-ups (Costco is so convenient, right?!?!?). Along with the cold weather comes chapped hands. If you would like your child to have lotion, you may bring some from home, or we have Walmart Equate brand lotion here in class to use. A medication form has been sent home for you to fill out for which lotion you prefer.

Finally, I have had a couple parents ask about their child wearing a mask in class. We are all for it! We as a center do not make it mandatory for 3 and 4 year old's, but I have spent a good amount of time talking about wearing a mask, and a couple friends have already worn it for a bit in class, so if you'd like your child to wear one, I will make sure to make it fun

in class. If you choose to bring one in, I have a couple suggestions. First, two masks are better than one! It's much easier to encourage mask wearing if you have a couple to choose from. Also, feel free to try a few different styles. Some kids prefer adjustable straps, others like it tight fitting. Second, we will need a sanitary place to store it, so a labeled zip top bag that can stay in their blue bucket works very well. We always have extras of those if you need one to two.

Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us!

Ms. Angela, Ms. Kayla, Ms. Sam, and Ms. Kim



Pre-K

December is here!

Wow! We've made it to the end of 2020. What a crazy year it has been!

This month we are going to be studying the 5 Senses, Music, Cultures around the World, Holidays around the World, and New Year's. We will be learning the

letters K through O. And we will be focusing on identifying anger, recognizing feelings in others, and being kind, caring, and respectful to others.

For 5 senses week, we will be exploring what our five senses are, what they do, how they work together, and how we use them every day. We will be tasting a variety of foods (for picky eaters we always encourage “adventure bites” and remind the children that they don’t have to eat it). We will be expanding our vocabulary for things that we feel (is it textured? Is it slick? Is it freezing? Does it pop?) We will be smelling different kinds of extracts and essential oils, as well as the food that we eat. We will see how our taste and our smell work together. To explore sight we will play eye spy games and play hide and seek. We will listen to different sounds and make our own sounds to see how they sound to us versus to others.

For Music week, Ms. Moriah will bring in her trombone, we will explore music in different styles and in different languages. We will play musical instruments. We will dance to slow, fast, smooth, and bouncy music. We will look

at music sheets and create our own music. What kind of music, if any do you listen to at home? Do you play together? Sing together?

For Cultures around the World, we will be looking at how different people say hello (greetings in French, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese etc.) and the different kinds of food people around the world eat and how they eat it. We will use a globe and a map of the world to look at the different places people live and the big landmarks to look for around the world (Big Ben, Statue of Liberty, Great Wall of China, Burj Khalifa, etc.). We will listen to more music in different languages and be practicing our sign language. What different cultural things does your family take part in? Traditions from your own family? Visits to different religious centers? Listening or watching things in a different language?

For Holidays around the World, we will be looking at the different kinds of holidays celebrated around this time of year. We will touch on Christmas, Winter Solstice, Hanukkah, Kwanza, Boxing Day, and Omisoka. We will talk

about the different kinds of food people eat with different holidays, who comes to eat, and how long each holiday is. What holiday traditions do you have at home? Do you put up decorations? Eat a particular kind of food? Sing particular songs?

For New Year’s, we will piggyback off of Omisoka to talk about the calendar new year. We will talk about how people celebrate New Year’s, what year we are finishing and which one we are stepping into. We will have a mock countdown at 12 pm on New Year’s Eve, and we will have an abundance of “Happy New Year’s” afterwards.

We can’t wait to see what December has in store for us, and we are excited for the fun it will bring!

Happy Holidays - Pre-K teachers - Ms. Moriah and Ms. Lori

