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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Santa's Workshop-12/14
- ◆ Christmas Program -12/20
- ◆ Visit with Santa - 12/22
- ◆ Class Parties- 12/22

Director's News

First, I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all our families for making the Thanksgiving Feast a HUGE success. We are truly thankful for such wonderful families.

We have some very exciting activities planned for this month! On **Thursday, December 14th**, we will have **Santa's Workshop!** A "Gift Store" will be set up for the children to shop for their family. This is not only a fun activity, but it teaches children about giving. Each child will bring \$2.00 for every gift they would like to purchase. You can specify how many "Woman" and "Man" gifts you would like your child to purchase, please limit to no more than 4 per child. They will wrap their gifts and bring them home to put under the tree.

Our Annual Christmas Program & Reception will be Wednesday, December 20th 10:00am. The students will sing Christmas songs and dance to holiday music, followed by a reception.

Early Childhood Education Corner

In 1977, the Commission issued a regulation for the safety of pacifiers. Among other requirements, the regulation says that:

- Pacifiers must be strong enough to not separate into small pieces on which a baby could choke or suffocate.

- Pacifier guards or shields must be large enough and firm enough to prevent the pacifier from being drawn entirely into a baby's mouth.
- Pacifier guards or shields must have ventilation holes.
- Pacifiers cannot be sold with a ribbon, string, cord, or yarn attached, and must be labeled with the statement:
"Warning—Do Not Tie Pacifier around Child's Neck as it presents a Strangulation Danger."

Although the regulation has helped to reduce the number of accidents involving pacifiers, the

Parents and Grandparents are encouraged to come.

On Friday, December 22nd - Santa will be at our school! We will also have our **Class Christmas Parties** this day. Santa will visit and take pictures with the children as well as hand out treats. The following week, each child will bring home their picture with Santa, compliments of Bright Ideas!

All class party information will be sent via tadpoles as well as posted inside your child's homeroom class. Please see your child's Lead Teacher for further festivity details or questions.

Lastly, we will be closed December 25th in observance of Christmas and January 1st in observance of New Years.

I hope you each have a very Merry Christmas and an awesome New Year! Much Love, Mrs. Memrie

Commission still receives reports of infants strangling on pacifier cords or ribbons tied around their necks. Children have caught pacifier cords on crib corner posts, crib toys and gyms, pieces of furniture, and even doorknobs.

Safety Tips:

1. REMEMBER, NEVER HANG ANYTHING AROUND YOUR BABY'S NECK

2. Pacifiers may deteriorate with age, exposure to food, sunlight, etc. Inspect them frequently and discard immediately if you notice a change in texture, tears, holes or weakening.



"No one has yet fully realized the wealth of sympathy, kindness and generosity hidden in the soul of a child. The effort of every true education should be to unlock that treasure."

Emma Goldman

Roly Poly News

Lintresa Chambers - Lead Teacher & Breshauna Travis - Asst. Teacher

Natasha Craig- Lead Teacher & Anna Hays- Asst. Teacher

Here we are again in the midst of another holiday season. The sights, sounds and smells of this special time of year will be part of the infant room. For most it

will be our babies' first holiday experience and we want it to be a wonderful one

Cuddlebug & Busy Bee News

Cuddlebug I-Tori Williams - Lead Teacher & Asst. Teacher- Sharonda Williams

Cuddlebug II-Stacie Griffin- Lead Teacher & Asst. Teacher- Ashley Gray

Busy Bee-Sydney Duncan, Lead Teacher & Britney Grisham, Asst. Teacher

The Cuddlebugs and Busy Bees are so happy it's December! This month we will be discussing the different kinds of holidays and traditions. We will get into the Christmas Spirit by singing cheery songs and making decorations. We will even discover holiday foods and smells. The colors of the month are red, green, silver, gold and white.

Grasshopper News

Grasshoppers -Lead teacher- Anikia Jefferson

Lead Teacher- Naomi Cogbill
Asst. Teacher- Keysha Porter

Happy Holidays! No matter where you are from, December is a month that seems to be set aside for celebrations, family, friends, giving, and cheer! It's also a time of wonder and excited children!

Make this time of year month special by taking time to explore the wonders of the little things that make the holiday season special!

Shape - Triangle

Numbers - Counting to 8

Colors - Red, White, Green

Caterpillar News

Caterpillars I / Caterpillar 2

Lead Teacher-Tammi McCullough

Lead Teacher- Melissa Anderson

This month we will talk about special holidays and celebrations! We will learn about Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Hispanic and American Christmas. The month of December focuses on giving

and we will work on sharing, acts of kindness, and giving to others that aren't as fortunate as we are. Happy Holidays Caterpillars!

Colors- Red, Green, Black, and White

Butterfly News

Andrea Williams - Lead Teacher



Happy Holidays! The Pre-k Butterflies are all packed up and ready to travel around the world this month. We are so excited to be diving into learning all about Holiday traditions around the world. We will be focusing on STEM learning, Continuing letter of the weeks, Counting, Art and Syllable learning! We are also very excited to be practicing all month long for our Christmas program.

KampKids News



The School-agers are in the holiday spirit and are ready to celebrate. We will be talking about the holiday festivities celebrated in different cultures. We have a really fun holiday break planned with 4 field trips! Come spend a fun time with us as we celebrate the season!

Holiday Charity - The Spirit of Giving

The holiday season is a good time to start thinking about helping other people. This includes providing food, clothing and toys to enable them to experience the joy of the Holiday Season. Giving warmth, love and hope; that's what the holiday season should be about. A time to share good fortune with our neighbors in need across the world. Below is a list of charities; some big, some small, but all good.

- **Holiday Project** - The Holiday's Project Mission is to enrich the experience of the holidays by arranging visits to people confined to nursing homes, hospitals and other institutions.
- **Make a Wish** - Make this holiday season special by helping a child's dream come true. Make a Wish will help grant the wishes of children with life threatening diseases.
- **My Two Front Teeth** - offers a personalized online gift-giving experience to aid underprivileged children.
- **Plan Community of Children** - Give a gift to the people of Africa and help reduce the devastating effects of HIV/AIDS.
- **Toys for Tots** - Donate a new toy or give a donation to help make Christmas a little brighter for a needy child in your community.
- **Food for the Hungry** - is an international relief and development organization committed to working with poor people to overcome hunger and poverty through integrated self-development and relief programs.
- **Samaritans Purse: Operation Christmas Child** - This is a unique project of Samaritan's Purse that enables caring people to share God's love with hurting girls and boys in the far corners of the globe.
- **Save the Children** - Save the children is the leading independent organization creating real and lasting change for children in need in the United States and around the world.
- **Mid-South Food Bank** - The Mission of Mid-South Food Bank is to fight hunger through the efficient collection and distribution of wholesome food, and through education and advocacy. Mid-South Food Bank is a member of Feeding America and the Safety Net Collaborative.
- **St Jude Children's Hospital - Thanks and Giving** - a holiday campaign when shoppers, celebrities and national corporate partners unite to help St. Jude fight childhood cancer. You can help by supporting our partners or participating online.



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New Students

We would like to welcome the following children to our Bright Ideas Family:

Roly Polys

Alana A.
Logan B.
Corbin E.
Isabel L.
Aiden H.
Laiken B.
Ariyann A.

Grasshoppers

Rayelan G.

Caterpillars

Rylee N.

Butterflies

Peyton D.

Cuddlebugs

Michael O.
Kyler B.



We're on the Web!
www.brightideasco.net

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to wish the following Happy Birthday:

*Brayden O. 12/12
Natalina M. 12/21
Carter J. 12/29
Alana A. 12/29
Jace H. 12/30*

Staff
*Torian W. 12/2
Anna H. 12/7*

