

Bright Ideas Enrichment Center, Inc.

December 2017 Newsletter

December Calendar:

Class Christmas Parties:

Wednesday, Dec. 20th

Shelby County Schools Closed:

Dec. 21 - Jan. 5th



Christmas Day/

Bright Ideas Closed:

Monday, Dec. 25th

New Year's Day/

Bright Ideas Closed:

Monday, Jan. 1st



Bright Ideas will be closed Monday, December 25th, Christmas Day, and Monday, January 1st, New Year's Day. We **WILL** be open Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve!

Reservation Fees:

If your child will be absent all of their scheduled days, Monday - Friday, please be sure to let your child's teacher, or myself know. Make sure you have paid the reservation fee, which is half your normal tuition, prior to your child being absent. The reservation fee holds your child's place while on vacation. If reservation fees are not paid, their spot cannot be guaranteed.

Schoolage Parents: Please remember to add \$10.00 to your child's weekly tuition amount for each full day your child attends Bright Ideas during Winter Break.

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Medicine

We realize that there are times when your child may need medication during the day. With your child's health and safety in mind, Bright Ideas will only administer dated, pharmacy labeled medication at noon. We are willing to make adjustments to this policy as necessary. A medicine authorization form can be found in the lobby. It should be completed daily, and the medication and authorization should be left with either your child's teacher or the management team member in charge.



Illness

In our effort to keep everyone as healthy as possible, sick children may not be brought to the center for care. Should your child become ill while at school, you will need to make arrangements to pick your child up. Please make sure that we have on file the names, addresses and phone numbers of anyone that you have authorized to pick up your child from Bright Ideas. Children will not be able

to remain at school if they experience any of the following symptoms: Fever of 101° or higher, three or more watery bowl movements within an eight-hour period, vomiting, or any unknown skin eruption or rash. If it is found that a communicable disease has been contracted by a student that has been present in our facility, a notice will be posted on that classroom's door. If your child is absent due to illness, please make us aware. If the absence is due to a contagious disease, a note from your child's physician stating that your child is no longer contagious will be required. If your child is sent home with fever, diarrhea, or vomiting, your child must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school. This allows your child time to recover as well as helps prevent the spread of illness between children. Thank you for helping us keep our students as healthy as possible!

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It's Time to go Outside!

We are required to spend at least one hour per day outdoors year round. This is especially important in the winter when fresh air is key to staying healthy. Colds and flu are particularly common in the winter, this is not due to the cold itself, but rather the environmental conditions associated with cold weather. Dry air produced by cold weather and heating systems is believed to be more conducive to the rapid growth of viruses and bacteria. Being cooped up inside for long periods also aids in the transfer of germs from person to person. To prevent getting an illness, make sure you always wash your hands (especially before eating and after using the restroom), eat healthy and get plenty of rest and physical activity. If you feel that your child is too sick to go outside, please keep your child at home to give them time to recuperate. Make sure you provide your child's teacher with mittens, scarves, hats, coats or any other clothing items you would like your child to wear during outdoor play. We do not go outside if the temperature is below 32°.



Winter Tips

- Do not hang popcorn chains and candy canes on the tree when small children are present. They may think other tree ornaments are also edible.
- If you have a real tree, keep it watered and away from heat sources, sparks and flames. A pine tree on fire makes for quite a spectacle! One you do not want in your home!
- Make sure you have properly working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. You can call your local fire station if you need assistance.

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Donations

If you are planning on cleaning out your old presents to make room for new ones...keep us in mind! We are always looking for items to fill our classrooms: used toys in good repair, clothes, shoes, purses, costumes, art supplies, collage materials, food boxes, you name it!



Krystal 12/9

Asia 12/12

Josthann 12/20



**Esha
Cameron J.
Jeremiah
Mariyah
Londyn P.
Londyn C.**