

January & February, 2017

SMART START PRESCHOOL



Winter has arrived!

- For two weeks in February we will be collecting cans and non-perishable food items to donate to Ithaca's Friendship Donation Network. **Please bring in any cans or other non-perishable food you wish to donate from February 6th to 17th!**
- **Parent-Teacher conferences will be held February 27th to March 3rd. Please remember to sign up for a convenient day and time in your child's classroom as soon as possible!**
- Please remember to bring extra winter clothing in for your child. Throughout the winter, we play outside as long as weather permits. The children need snow pants, coats, hats, gloves, and boots every day in addition to extra pants, shirts, underwear, etc. for indoor play.
- Please remember our **24 hour sick rule:**

We are working especially hard during the winter months to sanitize our classrooms to prevent germs from spreading. Please help us by doing your part!

If your child has a fever (101 or above), vomiting, or diarrhea, they must be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school. This drastically reduces the spread of infections to other students, staff, and families!

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Important Dates

1/27	Tuition Due
2/10	Tuition Due
2/20	CLOSED- President's Day
2/24	Tuition Due
2/27-3/3	Parent- Teacher Confer- ences
3/10	Tuition Due
3/24	Tuition Due
4/7	Tuition Due
4/17-4/21	CLOSED - Spring Break
4/24	Tuition Due
5/5	Tuition Due

OUR INFANT ROOM, BY HILLARY AND KAYLA

This Month In The Infant Room

Welcome to the New Year! This month we have been working on our baby signing. Our babies have been learning words such as eat, more, please, and thank you. Not only is this very helpful for our daily communication but will also help our older infants' transition into the Toddler Room. This month we replaced the rice in our sensory bin with corn. Not only did our babies love the new texture, but it made the clean-up much easier (phew!!) We can't believe all the changes we have seen in our babies this month! Logan and Ethan both began walking, Tanner is standing and trying very hard to crawl, Simon and Greyson are both beginning to sit up wonderfully, Landon, John and Addie are practically toddlers already, and Sydney moved up!



What To Expect

Next month, Landon will move up to our Toddler Room! As many of our children approach 18 months, we will continue working on using utensils to eat. For our younger infants, we will be working on their dexterity with finger food and toys. Parents can also expect more artwork done by their lovely artists!



OUR TODDLER ROOM, BY BECCA, ABBEY, & BROOKE

What Have The Toddlers Been Up To ?

This month in the Toddler Room we focused on color and shape recognition. This class absolutely loves to sing, so we learned a few new songs about some of our favorite shapes like our "Circle and Triangle Song." The Toddlers love to play in the sensory bins and we have been using them often. During Arctic Animals week, we used big blocks of ice in our bins to create an Arctic environment for our penguins and polar bears to play in!

What's to come?

February is full of fun! We will be learning about outer space, our five senses, dental hygiene, and we will be making some cute Valentine's Day projects as well. We will continue to work on sorting and matching next month too! Please feel free to ask our staff about different sorting and matching ideas to play at home!



OUR PRESCHOOL ROOM, BY CASEY, JAMI, & MORGAN

January in the Preschool Room...

The past month in the Preschool Room has been packed full of fun and learning! We celebrated our Holiday season and had some other fun themes such as The Three Little Pigs and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The preschoolers have been working hard on their letters and writing their names!



What's coming up next?

Coming up this month are more fun themes such as snowmen, friendship, cars and trucks, and of course, Valentine's Day! During each of these themed weeks, we will be working hard on number recognition and pre-writing and will be sending home many more of our crafty art projects! Over the next couple cold months we are going to try to get outside to play as much as possible! We will also be bringing a lot of sensory play into the classroom when it is too cold to go outside. We are going to try some snow painting, ice play, snowman building and hot cocoa themed sensory bins.

