

Parent Newsletter - January 2019



Hello everyone and welcome back! I hope you all had a great holiday season and got some time to play with family and friends. I am looking forward to seeing your wonderful children and working with you all again this year.

This month the kids will be exploring the weather. We will be learning about the weather and doing lots of little science experiments to explore this theme. I hope we will have some more Ice and Snow to play in this month. Please make sure your child has good clothing and footwear for the weather and a change (or two!) of socks and pants in their bin...This is the wet time of the year, but we all still love to play outside.

Sandy will be continuing her fantastic Music program once a month for the rest of the year and has asked if we could have a bit more time. We will start around 12:15 on her music days. The kids are ALWAYS excited to see her! Ria has also agreed to put on her fabulous gymnastics program again, this will start near the end of January and run for about four weeks. The kids really loved this last year!

Our parent meeting is scheduled for Wednesday **January 16th at 6:30 pm**. Please make an effort to attend. This is your program and this is where your ideas can be implemented and your voice heard. Kathy Sliziak will be doing the parent education portion of this meeting (for Sheila) so please let me know ahead of time what kinds of topics you would find helpful to have some information on. She is a very approachable, helpful, and an experienced facilitator. If this meeting format is still not working for us, we could discuss having a more in depth parenting workshop that we can open to all parents of the area.

I have not yet solidified plans for our monthly field trip for January...stay tuned...or if you have a great suggestion, please let me know! Actually, I am always open to suggestions for field trips...I am sure I do not know all the treasures (both places and people) that are in this area.

I hope you all have been selling raffle tickets to all your friends and family, as we will not be having another Lund Flea market until the spring. If you know people who are interested in having a table at the flea market, make sure they let Alanna know.

I am also trying to get more organized both inside and outside the classroom and I am attempting to make a new outside space where we can store "loose parts" for outside creative play. Things I am looking for to place in this area are: a steering wheel, bits of 2x4 or 2x2 (maybe 4 ft length maximum) and the same with bits of ABS pipe, some smaller and light weight saw horses (that kids can move), rounds of logs (no taller than 6-8 in), great rocks or bricks to play with, a smaller square tarp or two...you get the picture!

I look forward to starting up again and having fun with all of you in the New Year! Thanks for letting me hang out with your amazing kids!