



A Child's World
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Preparing children to make their mark on the world

February 2012

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VACATION- DATES CLOSED IN 2012

		May 28 th Memorial Day	July 4 th Independence Day	August 10 th (tentative) Staff Dev. Day	September 3 rd Labor Day	November 22 nd Thanksgiving Day	December 25 th Christmas Day
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- LINDA - CENTER DIRECTOR

Please remember to turn in your new parent handbook acknowledge form. New Parent handbooks were handed out with your January Newsletter.



Please keep your child home if they have thrown up, have diarrhea, or a temperature of 100°F auxiliary (under the arm) for 24 hours past the breaking of the fever, the last episode of diarrhea (either no diarrhea or a solid bowel movement) or throwing up. This will help us in keeping the other children, staff and in essence your child healthy.

When you child comes home messy:

Red paint in the hair? Blue paint on the jeans? Sand in the shoes? Spaghetti sauce on the favorite shirt? White socks that look brown? Sleeves a little bit damp?

Your child probably...

Worked with a friend, solved a problem, created a masterpiece, negotiated a difference, learned a new skill, had a great time and developed new language skills.

You child probably didn't...

Feel lonely, become bored, do repetitive tasks that are too babyish, do worksheets inappropriate for his age, do sit down work that is discouraging.

You probably...

Paid good money for those clothes, will have trouble getting the red paint out, are concerned that the caregiver isn't paying enough attention to your child.

The caregiver probably...

Was aware of your child's needs and interests, spent time planning a challenging activity for the children, encouraged the children to try new things, put smocks on the children, was worried that you might be concerned.

Try to remember your favorite activity when you were two or three. Was it outdoor play with water and/or mud, dress up clothes with a friend? Young children really learn when they are actively involved in play, not when someone is just talking to them. There is a difference between "messy" and "lack of care." Your child's caregiver made sure your child had fun, was warm, took a nap, washed hands after toileting and before eating and also planned messy fun things to do because that's how young children learn.

Article based off of Susan Ruans, M.A.

Infant Room

I think it is now safe to say that Mother Nature decided that winter finally needed to begin! Happy Winter!! With the cold weather the center had its first fire drill practice of 2012. The infants went with jelly hands and face into the evacuation crib for a ride to the administration office. True troopers with smiles on their faces as the noise and flashing lights didn't bother them at all. The infants have been watching the snow fall out the windows and are amazed by the sight. In the room, they truly enjoy playing "house" by mailing letters, opening and shutting the door and setting the clock. Also playing the drums and shaking the shakers puts a little sway in their movement. "Talking" on telephones, making the balls hop in the popper, "taking" pictures, pushing trucks, chewing on anything and relaxing on the couch or pillow are activities you may also see us doing. The favorite activity of all may just be dumping out every basket of toys in the room!!

Miss Brenda and Ms Deb



Reminders:

*A reminder to please bring your child's blanket home every Friday to be washed and returned on Monday. Also, to help with the spread of germs remember to be washing your child's hands when they arrive in the morning and before they go home at night.

*A FAMILY PICTURE IS NEEDED!!! We are redoing our family picture area and are asking for a new family picture from everyone. Please bring this in as soon as possible. Thank You!!

Thank you to Mason for bringing in yummy cupcakes to share for his 1st Birthday!

Happy 1st Birthdays in February to Esther on the 14th and Donovan on the 21st!!

Activity:

Since the infants love banging objects together, let us continue to encourage that eye-hand coordination at home. Grab out some pots and pans, Tupperware containers, spoons, measuring cups, anything you can find to bang together. Let them "make some noise" with all these interesting, around the house objects. Join in with them to get a little rhythm going and sing some songs for a fun time on these cold days.

Toddler Room

January already! The weather has finally come and we are sad to say goodbye to the nice weather. This month we loved playing outside. It was so nice to see the children outside without snow pants and boots on. We have been working on our pincher grasp this month. We are learning to pick up small items of food, crayons, and objects with different textures. We made handprints and footprints. Collage art has been one of our favorite things to do. The toddlers put items with different textures on paper. They love to see the end product. Here are some things that the toddlers have been doing!

Welcome-goodbye
We would like to say goodbye to Piper, who has moved to the two's
We would also like to welcome Hunter and his family to the Toddler Room.

Daniel says hola when the phone rings. He will say it over and over until someone picks up the phone.

Riley likes to climb on the mats and has even become daring enough to climb on the climber in the gym.

Bella has been using her words more and saying mine.

Judith is standing up and holding on to the shelves. Next step walking!

Emma is using her sign language more. It's nice to know what she wants.

Samuel really likes stacking blocks. He can stack six wooden blocks at one time.

Willia is having fun playing with babies. She wants us to wrap the babies up and sing rock a bye baby.

Hunter is getting used to his new room and is becoming a lady's man. He has been going up to the teachers and his friends giving lots of hugs and kisses. Watch out Justin Bieber!



Activity: Now that we have some snow, it's a great time to go for a sled ride. It's a wonderful way to help your child burn off some energy and get some fresh air.

Reminders: Please make sure your child has gloves, a hat, snow pants, boots, and a coat each day. If the weather is nice we will be going outside to play.

Mrs. Kelly
and
Miss Tabitha

Two's Room

Welcome to the New Year! We are finally starting to see our winter weather even though some of us were hoping to just skip over that season and head straight on to spring. Oh well, hopefully this winter will continue to be a mild one and the sun will come out soon to melt the snow once again. Speaking of warm and cold, we have been experimenting with this topic. The children have been sorting out and feeling warm and cold objects, even playing with snow when we have had the chance. Some other activities that we have been doing are; tunneling, matching colors and shapes, playing with shredded paper in the sensory table, and singing our favorite songs.
Ms. Sheryl and Ms. Laurie



Personalized Placemats

Activity Detail: With your child, cut out pictures from magazines of your child's favorite things - foods, toys, colors, etc. Give your child a glue stick and then help your child paste pictures onto a large sheet of construction paper, card stock, or poster board. Laminate your finished product and voila! - your very own customized placemat.

Wish List

- Standard Pillow cases
- Window Markers
- Finger Paint and Water Color Paper

Reminder: With lots of various illnesses going around remember center policy to take home nap bags and wash blankets, cot sheets and pillow cases each Friday! Also all nap need to fit easily in the bag and need to be limited to: one blanket, one cot sheet, one small pillow (optional), one small cuddle animal or blankie (optional). If we all follow this policy we can hopefully keep our little ones and teachers healthy!

Goodbye and Hello

We are excited for two new additions to our room. Our class gives a warm welcome to Piper and Sadie.

Reminders:

We will be having a Valentines Party on February 14th, so keep a lookout for more information to come.

Three's Room

News from the 3's Room:

The month of January brought lots of new faces into the 3's room. We would like to say welcome to Jady, Matthew and Jerry. We have had so much fun getting to know our new friends! Our room is now full and our days take a lot of planning to keep so many friends busy throughout the day.

With so many new friends we have been learning a lot about how to be good friends, to keep our hands to ourselves, to use our words or walk away in conflict and to share our toys and play together with our friends. Our themes in January were pets, snow, winter animals and manners. We celebrated our Friday funs with dtuffed pet day, pajama day, crazy clothes day and fancy lunch day. We also got to go outside and play since we finally got some snow!

We would like to thank the families who donated more cotton balls and old socks to help us move our bodies when we play inside.

Ms. Michelle and Ms. Leah



Activity Idea:

Since there is snow but not a lot of it our friends in the 3's room would really enjoy spray bottles of colored water to paint the snow. Parents, you can make snow spray paint using a spray bottle, water and food coloring/liquid water color. Just mix up the water and bring it outside. The art is awesome and after it snows again your yard will be a blank canvas again. :-)

Preschool

This month we started off by welcoming back Ms. Becky! We had a lot of fun with an ocean theme and even had a sunglasses day. We made lots of neat ocean art including jellyfish/octopus and played with our new ocean animal sets from Christmas! We had fun playing with water and fish in the sensory table and of course sang our one of our favorite songs, "Slippery Fish". Next it was a reptiles theme. We amazed our teachers at the beginning of the week by categorizing pictures of animals as reptiles or amphibians; we did really well! We made some great reptile art of snakes, turtles, and chameleons to name a few. We had lots of fun learning about reptiles and even enjoyed moving like them in the gym. The week ended with crazy hair day and I think this was the craziest hair we've ever had! It was great. The third week we had a colors of us theme where we explored several cultures and read books about them, did art that was geared to the cultures and listened to some wonderful music! We talked again about the similarities and differences of people and cultures and how those things make us special, fun and unique! We also had fun with hat day at the end of the week. The final full week of the month we learned about Chinese New Year. We read books, listened to Chinese music and played with a food set that had all sorts of wonderful Chinese foods and utensils! We made art using lots of red and black, made dragon masks and even wore red and black one day. The highlight though was tasting turkey pot stickers that Miss Anna made for our room, yum!

MS. Crissy and Ms. Becky

Thank you to:

- *Ellen for the toothpaste
- * Ms. Anna for making the pot stickers

Activity:

With Valentine's Day coming up spend some time with your child making Valentine's for others. Use markers, crayons, scissors and glue as you create cards and pictures. Talk about what being a good friend means and showing appreciation for those around us. Then go with your child to deliver their hand made cards.

Wish List: Kleenex !!!



PreK

Hello and merry February! January was a busy month for us PreK folk! We learned all about the oceans, arctic animals and about the great Martin Luther King Jr.

We are excited to announce that we have added a new card that is blue to our "red, yellow, green" card chart! If your child is in the blue that means, they are doing great today. This gives our PreK friends something to work up to throughout the day. Once a child has received 5 blue card days they can choose from a variety of prizes including, lunch with Ms. Schroeder (very popular!) extra gym time, extra toy day, extra show and tell, good phone call home, pick your rotation partner for the day, etc.

Yours until ice skates,
Mr. Andy and Miss Schroeder

Happy birthday to
Zachary on the 23rd
and Akshit on the 26th
of February.

Activity: Activity: When reading the daily newspaper or a book, have your child sit down with you and practice sounding out words.



A CHILD'S WORLD



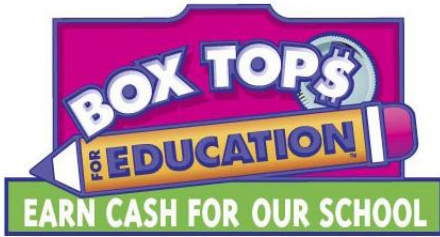
My name is Melissa Anne Juetten and I am a sophomore this year at The Minnesota Community and Technical College. I am studying liberal arts, but hope to transfer to Minnesota State University Moorhead in the fall for Elementary Education. I grew up in Willmar, a small town of 20,000, about two and half to three hours south of Fargo; near St. Cloud. I come from a family of seven including my mom, dad and four sisters Sarah, Laura, Rachel, and Kathryn, and some things I like to do are play guitar, go running, skating, hang out with friends and watch movies, and sing.



My name is Jordan Amber Thomas, I was born in Winter Haven Florida. I graduated high school in Albuquerque New Mexico, and now I am continuing my education in Fargo, North Dakota. All of my family still lives in New Mexico which would be my mom, my 11 year old brother, and 6 horses who I miss very much. I moved up here with my boyfriend and my dog Bandit:) I am expecting to add a baby boy to our little family around April 5th.

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**FROM ALL THE STAFF
AT A CHILD'S WORLD**

Quote of the Month

"All of us have moments in our childhood where we come alive for the first time. And we go back to those moments and think, 'This is when I became myself.'"

- Rita Dove