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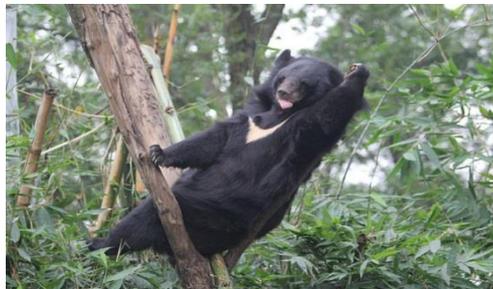
*We don't normally publish a December newsletter...
But we just wanted to say :*





Important Dates

- December 19 – January 1 : Winter Break
- January 21 : MLK Day
- February 9 : PJ Pancake Breakfast
- February 18-22 : Mid Winter Break
- April 8-12 : Spring Break
- April 27 : Auction
- May 13-17 : Last Days of School
- May 19 : Walk Your Block
- May 20-23 : Carnival(s)



FUNDRAISERS

“FUN”draising!

Each of our awesome families has a \$75 fundraising commitment (\$100 if you have more than one child enrolled) each school year. This means you may pay the \$75 upfront and be done with it or choose to fundraise this amount during the school year. Your preschool board provides many opportunities which include: Believe (wrapping paper and gifts), fresh holiday greenery, Magical Night of Giving tickets, cookie dough, See's candy, Applebee's breakfast, plant sale, etc. Your class vice chair is responsible for communicating information about each of the fundraisers to you so be on the lookout for this valuable information! Your class vice chair will also let you know each month how much you have left to raise towards your fundraising goal. Please let your class vice chair know if you have questions anytime about fundraising. Thank you preschool families! We look forward to another great year!
Your board vice chairs (fundraising ladies),
Rachael & Lindsey

See's Candy Bars:

See's Candy Bars are here! and will run throughout the 2018/19 school year.

The bars sell for \$2.00 each and 50% goes toward your fundraising commitment!

These are great sellers at family gatherings, workplaces, and other functions. Even better, the candy bars can be sold right away; no order forms nor wait time involved! You can pay for the bars as you sell!



Fall Raffle

Congratulations to each of the basket winners!!!! 😊

SAVE THE DATE! AUCTION IS APRIL 27th !!!!

A reminder from your Handbook :

With the flu season upon us, we'd like to remind you to keep your littles at home if they are feeling under the weather or showing any signs of a cold or flu. The following are some guidelines (can be found in your handbook) to follow :

When to Keep Your Child Home:

1. If your child has a fever or has had one during the last 24-hour period.(Call the Lab Coordinator if you're not sure what to do.)
2. If your child is taking an antibiotic that affects their participation.
3. If your child has a cold that interferes with their full participation in school activities - including outdoor play.
4. If your child has a heavy or colored nasal discharge. (Usually indicates bacterial infection, requiring antibiotics.)
5. If your child has a constant cough not related to allergies.
6. If your child is fussy, cranky and generally not themselves.
7. If your child is just tired. Rest may prevent the development of serious illness.
8. If your child has symptoms of a possible communicable disease.
(These are usually sniffles, reddened eyes, sore throat, headache and abdominal pain, plus a fever.)

What is a 2 ½ hour commitment?

It is DIFFERENT than the housekeeping requirement. For each child enrolled, each family must sign up to do two housekeepings during the school year. Sign ups for housekeepings will be on your class board.

Each family is responsible for one 2 ½ hour commitment. These are opportunities throughout the year to help out at events such as auction, the plant sale, Walk Your Block, pancake breakfast, etc. Sign ups will be posted on the fundraising board as events are planned.



Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood.
~Fred Rogers

A note from our Parent Ed Instructor:

Dear Families,

We are now in the last month of 2018. As we look back on this year, talk to your children about the memories made. It is a wonderful opportunity to help your child gain perspective and personal history. For instance, "Do you remember last summer when you were afraid to try to swim but then you did? You have learned so many great things this year". This can also lead to the discussion on goals for 2019 and what wonderful things your family could have on the horizon.

This is a month of celebration for most families. Enjoy the togetherness and traditions you are creating with your little ones. What traditions do you cherish from your childhood? Sharing treasured memories and photos can be very sentimental as well as entertaining as a family. Of course, with so much excitement, sometimes normal family routines go by the wayside and this can lead to different sleep schedules, a variance in eating patterns and all kinds of behavioral shifts. Children are creatures of habit so a lot of change and commotion (even joyful and fun events) can be overstimulating. Be aware that because of this, your child may be more grumpy or reactive after a big day or evening out. At gatherings expect that they will get tired and easily emotional. Planning ahead by packing things like their normal snacks, favorite books or toys and a pair of PJ can help calm and center your child. Try to have an estimated time to start heading home to avoid meltdowns or difficult transitions if possible.

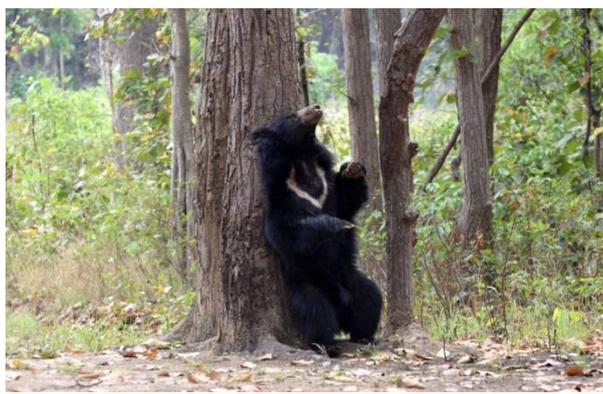
When we return from Winter Break, we will be discussing Sibling Rivalry and Birth Order in Parent Education. An interesting topic after possibly spending time with your extended families over the holidays and having a lot of time refereeing your own children. January will also be a month I offer another evening Parent Education session. The topic will be on Bullying & Character Building. This session will be offered some time in late January. Once a date is confirmed, I will be posting a sign up for this session via my Facebook Page or you can email me to reserve your spot. Until I see you again, have a safe and magical holiday. I have enjoyed our conversations in group and look forward to hearing more.

Sincerely,

Aimee Evans

Parent Education Coordinator & Facilitator





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