



Dear Families,

Welcome back to school and welcome 2019! We hope that everyone had a nice, relaxing and family-filled winter break. We are excited to start off 2019 with all of you and the kids! Please be sure to check out our important dates section at the end of the newsletter to see upcoming events at school!



Staying Healthy and School Rules

Please encourage hand-washing at home to prevent the spread of diseases. If your child is sick, please keep them at home!

You must keep your child home from school if:

- He or she has a fever (even low grade)
- He or she is suffering from diarrhea or vomiting
- He or she is too tired or would be uncomfortable participating in our active day or to play outside.

In the case of fever, diarrhea or vomiting, students must be kept home for 24 hours from the last occurrence. Please respect these rules in order to keep all students and teachers happy and healthy!

Winter Field Trip to Kohl Children's Museum

We are planning a field trip to the Kohl Children's Museum this winter! The date is Thursday, February 28th. We may ask for volunteer chaperones for this field trip. All other parents must drop off their child at the museum. The Kohl Children's Museum's minimum for a field trip is 16 children, so we will be combining both AM and PM classes for a morning time slot. The times and more information will come home in your child's backpack.

Highlights from this Week!

This week we will focus on transitioning the kids back into the swing of preschool! We will keep most of the centers simple and fun, so that we can focus more on reminding everyone about all of our routines and rules in preschool.

Along with a rules refresher, the kids will be able to explore birthday-party themed centers.

This week, we will also run the students through a hair check with our school nurse, Anne Welter, to make sure that we are all clear of lice after the long break.



The StoryBus is Coming!

This StoryBus is a mobile museum that will be visiting our school this Thursday! The kids will be able to get onto the bus, listen to a story and then access many engaging games and activities. The bus will remain parked the entire time. We will not move or leave school property! This year's story is Goldilocks and the Three Bears. <http://www.storybus.org/>

It's 37 feet of literacy fun!
Seventeen thousand pounds of
early childhood development!



A children's museum
that comes to you!

CENTERS AND REMINDERS

Center	Activities	Why are these activities so important?
Blocks	Waffle blocks Cars and car garages	Creative play; turn taking; strengthening fine and gross motor skills; task persistence and problem solving
Table Toys and Games	Penguin turn-taking game Mitten match memory game Puzzles and books	Visual discrimination; measurement and size; turn taking with a peer; hand-eye coordination
Dramatic Play	Birthday Party center -cake and presents -party invitations, cards and colored pencils	Developing language and social skills; socialization and building friendships; imaginative and pretend play; sharing materials and turn taking
Writing	Word wall Stickers, paper, markers	Fine motor skills; early literacy; language development
Library	Class-made books Winter-themed books Magnetic letters and flip books	Book-handling skills; social interactions; imaginative and pretend play; early literacy
Sensory	Multicolored rice, birthday number candles and birthday candles Play dough and play dough tools	Sensory; fine motor development; volume and measurement; science concepts- sink/float, solid/liquid, hard/soft; sharing materials with peers
Snack	Snack as a full group	Self-help; language development and social skills
Art	Streamer collages with scissors and glue stick Bear Mask Project	Expressing creativity; developing fine motor skills; Applying new knowledge
Tech	Closed	Turn taking; developing hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills; practicing various cognitive skills (literacy, math, science concepts)
Science	Gears and gear boards	Exploring cause and effect; making observations; turn taking with peers
Listening	IPad stories possible throughout week	Language development; book-handling skills; practicing literacy concepts

Important Dates:

1/10: StoryBus Visit

1/21: No School- MLK Holiday

January Birthday:

10th- Miss Barello!