

Kiddie Academy of Greenlawn

January Newsletter



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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Well, it's hard to believe another year has gone by, it's also hard to believe that we've been open for 4 months already! There are a lot of changes going on and Alissa is busy writing up our new Health Policy, which will take effect on January 31st, so you're stuck with me this month! The core policies of the Health Plan will remain the same, but the biggest changes have to do with administering medication. As of this date, all medication, whether prescription or over the counter will need to be accompanied by a form from your child's pediatrician, it will need to be in its original box or if prescription, accompanied by the pharmacist's list of side effects, plus a lot of other goodies that go along with this new law. This is a NYS mandated law and no exceptions can be made to it, so it is important that we fully comply. We will send home more specific information to you in the upcoming weeks. All of the new medication forms will be available on our website for your convenience once the time comes.

This month marks the opening of the new Harp Seals II Room! We are very excited that enrollment is building and also about our new 2 Year Old Teacher, Miss Alicia Owens. Miss Alicia has many years of experience with this age group and holds a Child Development Associate. Please welcome Miss Alicia to our family. Additionally, we just heard that Miss Karen has gotten the A-OK from her doctor to return to work at the end of the month after her wrist surgery. We are very happy to hear that!

We had some new friends in attendance for our Vacation Club. We will be having the club again for Winter Recess and Spring Recess, so if you know of anyone who might be interested, please pass our name along.

In February we will be planning our summer camp program. During the summer months our program focuses on summer themes and activities. Details of that will be coming up soon. We have also started the process with the education department for our Full Day Kindergarten in September. As we have more information, we will pass it on to you, but as it stands, the Beluga Whales will be good-to-go in the fall!

Over the past several weeks we have enrolled many new children, some of whom have started and some who will be starting in the upcoming weeks. This is probably a good time to remind everyone to not let in strangers. Since there will be so many new faces around, you will not know right away who is a stranger and who is a new parent.

A special thank you to those who were able to come to a special activity in their child's classroom. The children really enjoyed baking, reading books, singing songs and making crafts with you. Don't worry if you weren't able to make it last month, we will keep you posted on any new events coming up and our door is always open.

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January Babies

Let's all wish our January Babies a very Happy Birthday!

Sea Stars

1/8 Adrianna R.

1/21 Abigail M.

Clown Fish I

1/25 Liam M.

Manatees I

1/26 Nicholas H.

If you would like to bring in a snack for your child's birthday, it must be purchased from a store.

Unfortunately, due to Health Code Restrictions, we cannot allow home baked items. Please check with your child's teachers for any diet restrictions within their room.

Did you know that you can download many needed forms from our website like Infant/Toddler Updates and Medication Order Forms to name a few from our Parent Resource Page. You can also find archived newsletters. The October Newsletter may be helpful to many of our new parents as the Director's Corner article is about "Separation Anxiety.". The web address is: www.kiddieacademyofgreenlawn.com

Toys for Tots Toy Drive

Thanks to all our parents who so generously donated toys for such a noble and worthy cause!

This certainly has been a big year for me personally, filled with major accomplishments and a lot of challenging moments. When my husband and I decided to start this center about 4 years ago, I imagined that at the end of the day I would have a sense of accomplishment, but never could have imagined the joy and happiness that I feel when I interact with your children. To watch them grow and develop into little persons is truly an awe-inspiring event. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful group of families in our center. Your generosity during the holidays was very thoughtful and it certainly is nice to know that we are all appreciated. Your kind words will be kept with my mementos of this past year.

*Regards,
Karen*



New Center Scrapbook

We have been working on a Scrapbook for our Center. Inside you will find information on our staff and the building itself. We hope you will enjoy looking at it. The scrapbook should be ready by the end of the month for all to view.

Parent Referral Bonus

Don't forget about our Parent Referral Bonus! If you refer a friend who enrolls their child at the Center for Full Time Care, you will receive a FREE WEEK! Thank you to all who have already referred new clients!

Weather Related Closings

Any weather related closings will be broadcast on WBLI, WBAB and News 12. Additionally, we will also post on our website. We do not anticipate closing the center, unless conditions are severe.

Curriculum Corner

Sea Stars

Hello everyone and Happy New Year! We all had fun celebrating our first Christmas. Two of our friends turn "1" this month, so we want to wish them a Happy 1st Birthday! We will miss them, as they will be moving into the Sea Horses Room. We also want to welcome all of our new friends that are here already and others who are starting very soon. Our other friends are starting to crawl and mastering sitting up. By next month we'll have that down pat!

Sea Horses

Happy New Year to all of our new friends! With winter setting in we will focus on Winter Wonderland. We will learn about winter animals and how they deal with the cold. We will focus on gross and fine motor development and verbal language. Every Thursday is "Show & Share Day". We will discuss dental week, soup day and hat day. We will sing and dance "Frost the Snowman" Please make sure you bring a hat, mittens and warm clothes!

Clown Fish I

We hope everyone enjoyed their Holidays, "Happy New Year!" I want to thank all the parents who came to our special activity night! Some of our activities this month will be painting with shaving cream, melting snow in our water table, making a collage of warm clothes we wear

in the winter and we will show our friends our coat, hat and gloves. We will make a fruit basket of healthy food we eat. We will practice brushing our doll's teeth and make a giant toothbrush for the class to see. On Thursday's we will have "Show & Tell Day"!



Harp Seals I

In December we explored celebrating Christmas around the world. We had the chance to play with snow, scented with peppermint and baked a cake for Hannukah. For Christmas we had our sensory table filled with Christmas balls, tinsels and garland. We had a guest to the classroom, Mrs. Teeter, who came to read us a story and make a craft with us. Our room was decorated with a chimney and snowmen. In January we look forward to exploring the signs of winter. We are already starting to make our igloos!

Manatees I

This month we're starting off fresh with a new year and the season of winter! We'll work on the letter Jj, Kk and Ll, the number 5 and our rhyme of the month, "Little Boy Blue." We'll read stories and sing songs about winter, winter clothing, igloos, bears and birds. Some of our activities will include playing with shaving cream, snow, creating a weather chart, making and decorating hats and mittens, learning about hibernating bears and making paper snowflakes and icy igloos!



Dolphins

This month we're going to have a lot of fun learning about winter and patience, talking about patience and practicing having patience for our friends. We will be working on the letters J, P and Y. We will be making a sugar cube igloo, learning about New Years here and around the world and learning how to say "winter" in Spanish and sign language. We will sing the mitten song, learn all about bears and what they do during the winter and read "The Penguin the Hated the Cold"!