



Karen's Chronicle

Karen's Kozy Korner



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Greetings Parents!

It hard to believe, but yes, the holidays are just around the corner, along with cold weather, and the arrival of our first snowfall!

Karen's Kozy Korner will have a Holiday Party for the preschool-



"the arrival of our first snowfall..."

ers Friday, 12/21/07. We will have light refreshments and do our Yankee Swap. The swap will be in the afternoon when the afterschoolers arrive. We ask that all students bring in a wrapped item for the swap. As in previous years, the item should be simple, appropriate for any age, and inexpensive. The Dollar Tree store is a perfect place!

A reminder that Ariana, Kiersten, and Miss Beccy have invited each and every one to their annual Holiday lighting and visit with Santa on Sunday, 12/2/07. See Miss Beccy with any ques-

tions.

As colder weather approaches it is important that all children come dressed in proper attire for both inside and outside; Outside attire *must* include a warm jacket, hat, mittens or gloves and boots. If these items are not present we will not be able to allow your child to participate in outside activities. We also recommend that a sweater or sweatshirt along with slippers be left here at school, for those wet damp days.

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December Birthdays

Alexia and Liana
1 Year Old!!!!
12/3/07
Ariana
Turning 6!!
12/12/07

As always, parents may bring cupcakes which we will serve at lunch; our allergy free recipe is here on file! Please ask for the recipe if you

would like to bring cupcakes for your child to celebrate his/her birthday with us!



School Reminders

Ellis School:

Early Release 12/5/07;
Holiday Break: Week of
12/24/07 - 1/1/08

Daville Elementary:

Early Release 12/11/07;
Holiday Break: Week of
12/24/07 - 1/1/08

Swasey School:

Early Release 12/5/07;
Holiday Break: Week of
12/24/07 - 1/1/08

Karen's Kozy Korner will be closed Tuesday, 12/25/07 Christmas Day. We will be open regular operating hours throughout the holiday break. Please return your attendance sheets to us no later than 12/15/07, so that we may plan accordingly.

Once again, we are offering Parents Night Out beginning the Friday after Thanksgiving through 12/21/07. Informa-

tion was previously sent home and a sign-up sheet is available next to the attendance sign in/out. As indicated, overnights are also available.



"A child mis-educated is a child lost"
- John F. Kennedy

December Calendar

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



"Have a safe and happy holiday season! We are open during the holidays, with the exception of Christmas Day!"

Karen's Kozy Korner is open on all the above dates with the exception of Tuesday, December 25, 2007; Christmas Day.

December Themes

Letters: J, K, L ~ Number:
9 - 10 ~ Shape: Star ~
Color: White

- **Choo, Choo!** - Learn all about trains, engines, whistles, tracks, and conductor in this fun-filled railroad theme. All Aboard!
- **Sock Hop!** - Long

socks, striped socks, blue socks, and white socks - socks help keep our toes toasty warm during the cold winter months. The children will talk about shoes, socks, and feet during the week long theme.

- **Jolly Holidays** - Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and

Christmas activities fill this holiday theme. The children will be invited to explore familiar holiday traditions and share them with their friends!



Jolly Holidays

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To continue the ease of transition at drop off time, please bring your infant or toddler **directly** to Miss Nicole's room. Parents may then take the outer clothing and hang it up in the child's cubby. This helps the child not feel enticed by what may be going on in the older children's area. Remember, not all toys and activities are appropriate for all ages.

We strive to have a vast selection of items which will stimulate learning and enjoyment. However, a four year old should not be playing with an exersaucer, and a toddler should not have access to board games with tiny game pieces! The children are proud of their centers, and we are teaching them to enjoy them but respect their peer's space as well.

Please make drop off short and sweet; if you need to speak with an adult please be out of sight of your child, as this will help with the transition, and help your child feel safe and secure while you are gone.

If we are not able to have a conversation with you at that moment, please be patient with us; your child comes first!

We have received numerous complaints in the last several weeks with regard to excessive speed both on this street as well as the driveway. The posted speed is 25MPH, we ask that you respect that and be aware that along with the students attending here, we also have a neighborhood of small children. Please keep in mind that the driveway is a parking lot from six am to six pm; Your most precious commodity, your child, is at risk, when they are not es-

corted by an adult at all times be it arrival or departure. Although we do our best to maintain a professional appearance; we do realize that this can be challenging due to the fact that there are people living here. Please do not allow your children to ring the doorbell; there are people sleeping!

Lastly, we ask that there be minimal drop/off and pick/up during the hours of 1pm to 3pm which is rest time. We realize that there are circumstances, appointments, special arrangements, but it is extremely disruptive at rest time which is one of the most challenging transitions for your child... Please make sure one of the staff is aware, so that a quiet transition may occur, if absolutely necessary.

We hope everyone has a safe and healthy holiday!

Miss Beccy's Korner

Preschool themes for the month are:

Choo Choo; Letter J; Number 9; Color White; Shape: Star; Trains, Train Safety; Hannukah Sock Hop; Letter K; Number 10; Socks, Feet, Shoes, Poinsettia Day; St Lucia Day; Jolly Holiday; Letter L; Review Numbers 0-10; Reindeer; Family Traditions; Christmas, Kwanza, New Year's Eve...Food, Family and Fun

I need donations of socks; mismatched and matched.

The week of 12/10 for "Sock Hop" it would be fun for the students to wear funky patterned socks or really cool mismatched ones!

Pajama Day is Friday, 12/28/07
We need to borrow books on trains, and winter fun.

I have enjoyed having your children in our preschool program. Both Miss Karen and I have witnessed some amazing growth in our young folk; they are gaining a greater respect for the work that they do and their accomplishments. The children have learned patience, and teamwork, which has shown in the improvement in class work participation. Thank you parents for enforcing the enthusiasm. In November we introduced new themes and items to our centers to go along with our curriculum themes. Many new toys have been added as well as older toys resurfacing.

Miss Nicole has been introducing her toddler group to more projects each week, from songs and dance to simple art projects; some of which are on display. All of our paint, glue, crayons and markers are non toxic and most are washable. We provide the children with an old t-shirt as a smock, which seems to help deter most of the gobs of mess! Some of the activities that Nicole does are open ended discussions to determine what your child may or may not know, such as colors, shapes, etc. From flash cards to magazines to dancing...they learn from play and play to learn. You will also see new items each month in the toddler room to correspond with the theme for the month. Watch the parent board for more updates!

