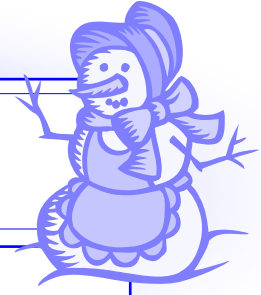




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Happy New Year to all and Welcome 2009!

Well, wintertime has certainly arrived smack on our doorstep!

What a December we had...we welcomed ice storms and power outages that lasted days in some cases weeks; two major snow storms back to back, and some of the coldest temperatures on record, and its only mid January!

First and foremost thank you to all parents for your patience and cooperation as we struggled to catch up after an extremely challenging December for all. We had families who had no power, who could not stay in their homes, parents who had to work double, triple shifts at their place of employment, and

families who homes are still too damaged to return to. Our main concern, as always is the children, but particularly in the last few weeks, we felt that our contribution, if any was to lessen the stress and anxiety and deemphasize the need to complete curriculum. Sometimes, schoolwork has to take a back seat to overall morale.

My teachers have expressed some concerns with regard to arrival times in the morning when breakfast is ending. We are on an extremely tight schedule in the morning; we have buses to catch, children still arriving and a class to prepare for. If you cannot be here before 7:45, please make sure your child

has a good breakfast at homes that he or she may start the day off on a good note. At 7:45 the table is clear of all breakfast items! Also, please know that if you don't send your child with the proper winter clothing, the whole class may not be able to go out, depending on staff and ratio.

I would like to welcome some new students: Pauly, Anjelica, Lilli, Teagan, and Morgan.

We said goodbye to a favorite buddy, Aidan, who is basking in the warm sun in Florida with his family; we are looking forward to a visit from him real soon. We miss you Aidan!

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Birthdays

Lots of birthdays! Happy Birthday, Bryauna, Kenneth, Pauly, Lilli, and Owen! Wow!!!!

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

choose a recipe from our allergy free cookbook, if you would like to bring a treat for your child to celebrate his/her birthday with us!



School Reminders

Ellis School

January: 1/19 No School MLK Day; February 2/23-2/27 Winter Break; March: 3/ 30, no school; teacher workshop.

Bakie School

January: 1/19 No School MLK Day; February: 2/23-2/27 Winter Break; March: 3/ 20 no school; teacher workshop

Brentwood/Swasey School

January: 1/ 19 No School MLK Day; February: 2/23-2/27 Winter Break; March: 3/20 no school; teacher workshop

Calendars

January						
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February						
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March						
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Winter Themes

January...Snowflakes & Icicles; Wheeling About; Once Upon A Time; Letters: M, N, O; Numbers: 11,12; The color is Blue, the shape is a Circle

February...Teeth Tips; In the Mail, Teddy Bear Games, Letters: P, Q, R; Numbers: 13, 14, Pink is the color, Heart is the shape

March...Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss! Here Comes the Circus; you are what you Eat...Letters: S, T, U; Numbers: 15, 16, The color is Green, the shape is a Square

We are starting to settle nicely into a routine again, and have completed some really cool projects! Please feel free to borrow from our book selection; Lil Pim is still available to checkout.

We recently learned a lot about the hospital and tonsils as one of our favorite friends and students had their tonsils out. We shared a book, and made a huge get well card. We are glad to have him back, good as new!

Over the holidays, we had visits from Nick, Harry, Gab and Garrett. When the weather has allowed we have been out on our little hill sledding. We recently enjoyed a movie outing.

Some ideas for upcoming field trips include a trip to the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, Ice Skating, IMAX, and the Circus. As always, we welcome parent/grandparent chaperones.



Happy Winter!

Miss Teresa's Korner

Hello and Happy New Year!

I am glad to be here at Karen's Kozy Korner and I am enjoying my group of toddlers! In the upcoming weeks, we will continue to work on the alphabet as well as completing projects with the ABC theme.

I would like parents to purchase a pencil box for their child, in an effort to organize our very busy classroom!

As a reminder, please, we cannot go outside without proper outerware, including boots, hats, gloves, and snow pants! We need our fresh air time and want to play in all that fluffy snow!

I would like to welcome Anjelica, Teagan and Morgan to our little group.

Please feel free to come to me with any questions or concerns.

Miss Nicole's Korner

Happy 2009 to all families!

Welcome to Lilli and Pauly, our two newest members to my classroom.

In the morning please make sure that your child has their job necklace when they arrive, and that they hang it up when they depart. They are excited about their responsibilities, and we want to keep it consistent. At Miss Teresa's, request, we also have a daily Lunch Helper. So far, so good!

I would like to remind everyone that I am here each morning at six a.m. and I am happy to serve breakfast to your child until it ends at 7:45; we must then clean up, and prepare for class. So, please allow time for your child to enjoy their breakfast here or feed them at home, if you plan on arriving later.

We all want to say a huge THANK YOU to Ray Lachance, for getting our BYE BYE BUGGY here, after digging it out of two major snow storms! We look forward to Bryaunas new baby brother in the spring to fill one of the four seats! Who knows, perhaps he will have company!

As most of you already know, our newest member to Karen's Kozy Korner, Miss Teresa is our Infant/Toddler Teacher, and we are happy to have her here.

