

LITTLE BEARS CHILDCARE WINTER NEWSLETTER

2021

We are looking forward to the end of 2021, and are excited for 2022. Thought we were through the worst of COVID, but things keep evolving. Thus, the rules of the pandemic are ever-changing, and we are trying to keep up with it all. Please be rest assured, we are doing our best to see that everyone remains healthy, and keep everyone informed of every situation as it comes.

Again due to COVID, we cannot have our annual Holiday party/program. We also have some other plans for fun holiday activities. Please see the following page regarding holiday activities.

Teaching Strategies is up and going. Some of the teachers are still working on learning the program. If you have any questions regarding this program please ask.

We have chosen to change our weekly themes to a broader monthly theme. The teachers have been given sub themes based of the monthly them they can pick and choose from. This will allow them to gear their topics and activities to their children's ages and interests better.

Please remember that if you have any concerns to please bring them to myself or Terry so that they can be addressed appropriately.

Best,
Jilleen and Terry

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

We are also planning an ugly sweater day/contest. We would like as many of the children to participate in this also. We are hoping to submit a photo to the Waterloo Courier. Ugly Sweater day is Thursday, December 16.

The giving tree is also up. Teachers are deciding what to put on the tree. So everyone understands, our giving tree is the small tree on the table by the parent center. On the tree are some paper ornaments. On each paper ornament are things the teachers would like for their classroom. Anyone that would like to participate can take an ornament from their child's class, purchase the item listed on the back, wrap it, and place the gift under the large tree by the office. The children will opening their classroom gifts Thursday, December 23. If you take an ornament please remember to return it to the office so they can be used again next year.

Classroom parties are Thursday, December 23. On this day the children will have party snacks, play games, and open classroom presents.

TEACHERS

As you may have seen, Ms. Izzy has returned to us. She is the lead teacher in the Cub room. We are still looking for an assistant teacher for the Cub room.

We our infant team of Ms. Jackie, Ms. Justine, and Ms. Ashley.

In the Koalas, we have Ms. Anissa as the lead, with Mr. Tony helping her during the day when the school kids are gone.

Ms. Kenzie is in the Panda room, and we recently hired an assistant teacher to work with her. Her name is also Ms. Ashley.

Mr. Tony has the school kids in the Grizzly room.

Ms. Barb has also returned as our cook.

REMINDERS

- ◆ Please remember if you want to touch base with your child's teacher you can now send them a message through the teaching strategies.
- ◆ Please remember our hours will be changing in January to 6:00am to 5:30 pm.
- ◆ Please make sure your child always has adequate clothing for outdoor play, as the children do go outside daily if it is warm enough.
- ◆ Please remember to keep your child's extra clothes bucket stocked in case we need to change them. We don't always have extras on hand for all sizes and seasons.
- ◆ With winter weather approaching, we will do our best to stay open. If we have to close we will try to give as much notice as possible.

TEDDY BEARS

Happy Holidays from the baby room!

Our younger babies have been starting to roll over, and we have also been working on sitting up, and crawling. They love it when we get out bubbles or the tunnel for them to crawl through!

Our older babies are working and getting better at communicating with sign language. Many of them know “please”, “more”, “all done”, and “thank you”.

Please remember to check your child’s daily sheet at the end of the day to see if he or she is low on anything such as diapers or wipes.

As always, feel free to ask Jackie, Ashley, or Justine any questions you may have.

Jackie, Ashley, and Justine

CUBS

It feels great to be back at LBC with all the children who I missed dearly.

This past Fall has been great, we have been learning lots of new things from how to count to 5 to working on our ABCs. This past fall we also said hello to new friends that have moved up from the baby room and said goodbye to some of our friends who have moved up to the Koala room. We have been working with all our new friends showing them the things we do from day to day and helping them grow familiar with our Cub room schedule. Very exciting.

In the next few weeks we will be talking about Holidays, polar animals and all things winter. We will also be working on more colors, shapes, trying to count higher than 5 and as well some fun art activities.

With winter just rolling in, our time spent outside playing and doing those activities will minimize. That being said, the time we will be able to spend outside your children will need appropriate warm winter gear to be outside n such as a winter coat, snow pants, boots, hats, gloves.

Ms. Izzy

KOALAS

It has been exciting having so many wonderful friends throughout the year. Many friends have come up from the Cubs Room and we have enjoyed showing them the routine that we have in the room. This has helped our self confidence and enhanced our social skills. We said good-bye to some friends as they went into the Panda Room. We still continue to interact and socialize with them during outside play.

We are so excited for the month of December! The holiday season is fast approaching, which means holiday crafts, Christmas themes and talking about the spirit of Christmas. During the next few months we have a lot of fun activities planned along with still working on color and shape recognition and counting. Hopefully the next month will bring lots of snow so we can sled and play in the snow. Wishing everyone a safe and happy time over the Holidays.

Now that it is getting colder outside and it is starting to snow, please bring your children the appropriate winter gear that includes hat, jacket, snow pants, gloves, and boots. If you haven't already please switch out your child's clothes to pants and long sleeves.

Mrs Anissa & Mr. Tony

PANDAS

Let it snow! Since the fall us panda's have been hard at work learning all sorts of things! As we welcome the winter season, we will continue to work on getting through our uppercase alphabet, so we can begin to work on the lowercase alphabet! We will continue with number recognition and some new math concepts like measuring objects and measuring time. We will continue to work on language development and some emergent reading skills. We are currently working on the spelling of our own names and we are enjoying our special science experiments! We are all looking forward to the holidays approaching as well!

With snow headed our way, just a reminder your child needs all their snow gear everyday! Even if there is no snow the extra gear keeps them warm on those bitter cold days. I look forward to watching the growth in our classroom and welcoming the new children as they progress to the preschool room!

Happy Holidays,
Mrs. Kenzie

GRIZZLY BEARS

Dear Grizzly Families,

Hello from the Grizzly Room! With the year ending we're excited for the Holiday season, Winter Break, and the new year! With Winter Break approaching we're preparing for holiday themed activities, art, projects, and games! As well creating our own gifts for the Holidays. We will also be spending some time outside so please bring coats, hats, gloves, snow pants and boots for your child during chilly days. If you have any comments, questions or concerns feel free to talk to me at any time. Happy Holidays and best wishes,

Mr, Tony

HELLO FROM THE KITCHEN

I hope everyone is in good health and spirits with the holiday season fast approaching. With the long cold winter upon us, I will be making some favorite warm comfort meals from tator tot casserole to chicken noodle soup, and some favorite seasonal treats.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Ms. Barb

We wish each and everyone of our families a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season!

Important upcoming dates

Thursday, December 16 — Ugly Sweater Day

**Thursday, December 23 — Classroom Holiday party/
Open classroom giving tree gifts**

**Friday, December 24 — Christmas Eve, Little Bears is
CLOSED**

**Monday, December 27 - Friday , December 31st — No
school/winter break**

**Thursday, December 31 — New Years Eve, Little Bears
CLOSED (in observance of New Years Day)**

Monday, January 17 — No school

**Monday, February 14 — Classroom Valentines day
Parties**

Monday, February 21 — No school