



## Small Wonders Learning Center January Newsletter 2017



### From the Office:

**Happy New Year!** Many thanks to all the parents and families who brought in goodies and gifts for the staff -we all greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness. We are blessed to have such wonderful families! We would also like to thank everyone who joined us for our Holiday Sing. It was a wonderful performance! Many thanks to everyone who donated to our Giving Trees.

**Closing:** As a reminder, we are closed Monday January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Giving Tree:** Thank you for all the donations to the Milton Food Pantry!

**Winter Weather:** Please send in warm outside gear (snow pants, boots, a hat, mittens, and a coat) every day. As long as the temperatures cooperate, our friends will go outside and play. In addition, please be sure to wipe your feet when entering the building...this will help keep our Center looking nice! Our infant and toddler friends will only go outside if the temps are 20 degrees or higher. The rest of our children are able to go outside if the temps are above zero, however we typically don't go outside when the temps are in single digits. We do adjust the amount of time we spend outside according to the temperatures. Just because it's winter, it doesn't mean we can't go out and enjoy it.

**Afternoon Routine:** With all of our friends going outside in the morning, we find that their winter gear is still damp (sometimes downright wet) when it is time to head out again in the afternoon. We can all agree that it is not fun to get into wet snow pants and boots!! ☹️ So, with the winter months upon us, we will continue to stay inside after naptime. Our infants, toddlers, twos, and school agers will continue with their normal afternoon routines minus the outside time. The Milkyways and Shooting Stars children will be participating in free choice activities while combining within their classrooms or in the downstairs large motor area. As our numbers decline, we will continue to combine and condense into the large group area downstairs. At this time, we plan to have all the children downstairs by 5:00pm.

**Label Items:** All of your child's items need to be labeled. Everything from pacifiers, extra clothing, coat, hats, etc...should have your child's name or initials on it. Many of our friends have the same or similar items & it is easy for things to get mixed up. In order to help eliminate lost items, we will be labeling any unlabeled items.

**Weather Related Closings:** If we need to close due to weather, we will announce it on WCLO/WJVL. It is also listed on the WJVL website. If you have questions, you may call our office at 868-5288. Our phone is typically very busy on these days so please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible if necessary. We do not automatically close due to the Milton School District closing. If school is closed on a day your school ager would normally be at Small Wonders, you need to call and let the office know whether or not your child will be at the Center. If your child is not normally scheduled on a school closing day, you may call the office to see if there is room available for your child to attend.

**No School/Early Release Sign-up Sheets:** School agers have NO SCHOOL on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. The Sign Up is posted until January 6<sup>th</sup>. If you will need care, please sign up on the sheets by the school age mailboxes. These need to be turned in to the office if you haven't done yet.

**Schedule Changes:** Please use the yellow **Schedule Change Form** when requesting any schedule changes or personal days. While you may call to see if we can accommodate a schedule change, you still need to fill out a yellow form when you come into the daycare. School-age families also need to use the yellow form when making their schedule changes.

**Tax Statements:** You can print tax statements directly from [www.tuitionexpress.com](http://www.tuitionexpress.com). All of the information you need is on this form. Our Federal tax id # is 39-1766434. You will need your family id# for the initial setup of your account on the Tuition Express site. If you have not received your id#, please leave a note in the payment box and we will get it for you and put it in your child's mailbox. Your family id# does not change, so if you have used this service to print tax forms in the past, you do not need your family id# from us.

**Fundraisers:** Just a reminder that we collect Campbell's soup labels, Kwik Trip Milk Moola labels, Box Tops for Education, and Pamper points. You can bring in the labels/lids/points and put them in the container in the hallway. When bringing in Campbell's labels, we need the UPC code and point value, not the entire label.

As the New Year begins, we want wish you all a New Year filled with family, friends, laughter and love. We are blessed to be of service to you and to be caring for your children. We enjoy each and every one of them and love to watch them grow!

New Year Wishes!

Miss Beth, Miss Terri and Miss Julia



### **Sunshine & Rainbow Room Reminder:**

As a reminder, the infant & toddler rooms are **No Shoe Zone Areas**. This means everyone must remove their shoes or use the blue shoe coverings. We want to help keep the floor as clean as possible for our friends as they climb and play on it. In addition, parents should come into the room to drop off or collect their child's items. We want our staff to stay with their children during this time. ☺ Thanks!

### **Sunshine Room:**

Happy January! Winter is officially here and that means a lot of new fun sensory play for our little ones. Our fun-filled themes for this month include Snow Angels, Snowmen, Ice Skating, Eskimos and Ice. We will be working on our upper and lower body strength by pulling ourselves up. We will be working on vocabulary and expressing ourselves. We will allow ourselves to explore and heighten all of our senses throughout the month by making snow angles, making cotton ball snowmen and so much more!

We ask our parents that you join us Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> to participate in a fun sensory activity with your little one! Your feet will be getting dirty so please be prepared! ☺

Please bring in updated family pictures for us to establish family recognition with your little one! Please also check your child's supply of diapers, wipes and extra winter clothing! As a reminder, all of our families should bring in a container of wipes each month.

Enjoy the gifts of winter with your infnat before it starts to get warm again! We look forward to seeing you Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>!

Snowflake Smiles!

Miss Cheryl and Miss Alexis



### Rainbow Room:

Happy New Year! As we start 2017, we will be exploring Snowmen, Winter Sports, Sleeping Animals and New Year's! We have lots of fun activities planned for our little ones which include making hockey sticks, decorating snowmen, having a New Year's celebration and so much more!

With the cold winter weather here, please remember to send in winter outdoor clothes for your toddler as we may still get outside, weather permitting. All of our friends must have a winter coat, snow pants, boots, a hat, and mittens. In addition, you may send in slippers for your child to wear while we are inside to keep their toes toasty warm.

Please bring in updated family photos for our little ones to practice family recognition and to decorate with familiar faces!

Happy January Birthday wishes go out to our friends Sawyer, Brady and Cora! We hope you all have a wonderful day! With the start of the New Year, we would like to wish our friends, Sawyer, Brady and Cora the best as they leave our room and move to the Moonbeams.

With a new year approaching, we would like to thank you for allowing us to care for your child. They are a joy, each and every one in their own special way!

Let It Snow!

Miss Marta and Miss Rhonda



### Moonbeam Room:

Welcome 2017! We are going to have a wonderful year with our Moonbeam friends. Our discovery units for the month will include Hot and Cold, Winter/Snow, Winter Animals/Sleeping Animals and Snow Clothes! Our activities will include lots of fine motor art activities like shiver painting and having cream. We will also practice our cutting skills with paper and scissors! This month we are doing an experiment with taste testing hot and cold beverages.

As the weather allows, we will continue to play outside every day. Please make sure your child has their warm outside gear as well as extra clothes and mittens at Small Wonders every day. To help keep our toes nice and toasty, please make sure your child has a pair of slippers or an extra pair of shoes to put on after we have been outside. Don't forget to **label everything**.

Please be checking your child's diapers and wipes on a regular basis as they tend to run out quickly! Our new friends joining us this month are Brady, Sawyer and Cora. We are very excited to have you join us and look forward to learning and growing with you!

We'd also like to wish our friends Maddex, Kendall and Khloe lots of fun as they move up to the Milkyways. We know you are going to do well. Happy Birthday wishes go to our friends, Maddex, Kendall and Khloe! We hope you have a wonderful day.

Keep Warm!

Miss Emily and Miss Lynn





### Milkyways:

Happy New Year and a big WELCOME to 2017!! Brrr..., we can sure feel the chill in the air! Our learning units for this month are Snow, Winter Clothes, Hibernation and Snowmen. This month we are working on self-help skills as we practice dressing ourselves. We are exploring with mittens, boots and coats with many activities to make it fun! We will also work on following directions with more complexity such as our crafty bears, snow globes and shiny icicles. We are going to have so much exploring and learning this month!

I'd like to send out a big WELCOME to our new friend, Kendall. I am so excited to have you come and learn with the Milkyways! I would also like to wish a big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our friends, Viviana and Zed! I hope you have a wonderful day! May all your wishes come true in 2017!

Happy New Year!  
Miss Melody



Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with their family and friends. Our learning units this month are Winter Wardrobe, Polar Bears, Bed Time Rituals and Outside Winter Fun! This month we will be practicing our large motor skills by skipping and galloping. We will also focusing on our scissor cutting skills and recognizing our letters.

We have a week in January that we can bring in special items from home and a pajama day! Those days are:

- Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>- bring in favorite bed time story
- Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>- bring in favorite stuffed animal
- Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>- Pajama Day!

As a reminder, please make sure your child has extra clothing items available. They also need to have their gear for outdoor play. In addition, if your child needs chap stick or lotion, you will need to complete a medication form.

Happy January Birthday wishes go out to our new friends, Maddex and Khloe who will be joining us in January. We hope you both have a fantastic day and I am so excited to have you come learn, play, and grow with us.

Happy New Year!  
Miss Mitchy



## Shooting Stars:

Welcome to the New Year! We are ready to jump feet first into more fun learning! This month our discovery units will be Winter Clothing, Snowmen, Winter Outdoor Fun and Bedtime Rituals. We will be working very hard on our self-help skills like getting dressed by ourselves and zipping our own jackets. We also will be making waterless snow globes, balloon print snowmen and so much more!

As we continue to learn throughout the month, we will also spend some time outside (weather permitting) enjoying the "gifts" of winter. Please be sure to send your child with appropriate outdoor gear and please also make sure that he or she has extra clothing available at the Center. **All items must be labeled.**

For the month of January we are still going to be enjoying Fun Fridays with Zumba and visits from the Liberian. As a reminder please make sure to bring in your Library Bags on Fridays to return and switch your books. January 27<sup>th</sup> is PJ Day so make sure to bring in your favorite stuffed animal to snuggle with! Our letters of the week are as follows:

January 2<sup>nd</sup>- B

January 16<sup>th</sup>-K

January 9<sup>th</sup>- R

January 23<sup>rd</sup>- A

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to our friends Miles and Sawyer! We hope you have a fantastic and fun day!



Happy New Year Wishes!  
Miss Kelly and Miss Heather



## Comets:

Happy New Year and Welcome 2017! Our themes this month are New Years, Igloos, Winter Animals and Snowflakes. We have so many fun activities like snowmen sponge painting, Chines light holders and so much more!

We will be starting our Milk Jug Igloo this month so please continue to send in milk jugs! As a reminder, please make sure they are rinsed out and mostly dry to prevent molding! We are excited to make a creation in our classroom!

Reminder, Milton School District is closed on Friday January 20<sup>th</sup>. If you need care, please make sure to sign-up by Friday January 6<sup>th</sup>. We plan on having a movie day with some fun activities to keep us busy!

All of our friends need to sign a new Technology Release as we have updated and changed a few items. We will now have it once a week instead of twice. **Electronic Days will now be Wednesdays only.** Please make sure you have signed the new permission slip for your child to watch and or play an electronics at SWLC.

Happy January Birthday wishes go out to our friends Leighton, Ian, Natalie, Mason, Emily, Piper, Braylen, Kalyn, John, Greta, Samuel and Evan! We hope you have a fun and fabulous day! We hope you all have a great day! ☺ We are excited about a fresh start with the New Year. We hope to continue and work as a team and build friendships! Thank you for entrusting your children to us.

May All Your Dreams Come True!  
The School Age Teachers

