



Small Wonders Learning Center January Newsletter 2018



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! We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our families and staff for our Giving Trees this year. All items were delivered to the Milton Area Youth Center and the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin the week of December 18th. Many thanks to all of you!!

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. Please know, that 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 Monday, January 15th and Friday, January 19th. Our Main site school agers must sign up at least two weeks in advance for care on these days. If you will need care, please sign up on the sheets by the school age mailboxes. Drop in families are eligible for care based on their submitted days.

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. 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 Kwik Trip Milk Moola labels/lids and Pamper points. You can bring in the labels/lids/points and put them in the container in the hallway.

Extra Clothing Items: We are in need of sweat pant style long pants for our 3 and 4/5 year old classrooms. Neutral colors work best so they can be used by all. We also are in need of socks for all ages. If you have any that you would like to donate, please drop them off in the office.

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 Clothes, Snowflakes, Snowmen, Winter Animals, and Our Homes. We will be working on our upper and lower body strength as some of our friends practice rolling, while others focus on crawling and our older friends practice standing! Our infants are all growing so quickly!

As part of our learning and exploration we will again include lots of sensory play...popping bubbles, playing with snow, listening to music and stories to name a few activities! ☺

With the start of a new year, please take a moment to 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.

With winter upon us, be sure to take a moment to enjoy the gifts of the season with your infant! We look forward to 2018 and enjoying the moments that we share with your children every day!

Snowflake Smiles!

Miss Nikki, Miss Marta and Miss Lynn



Rainbow Room:

Happy New Year! As we start 2018, we will be exploring Sesame Street, Nursery Rhymes, All About Me, and Winter Animals! We have lots of fun activities planned for our little ones which include making our "All About Me" books. Watch for your child's information sheet to be sent home in early January.

We are so excited to have Miss Jamie from the Milton Library visit us once us month starting in January. She'll be reading, singing, and telling us stories. Her first visit is on Tuesday, January 2nd.

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.

Happy January Birthday wishes go out to our friend Walton! We hope you all have a wonderful day and we wish you the very best as you make the move to the Moonbeams. We wish all of our families a very Happy New Year!

Let It Snow!

Miss Barb, Miss Taylor and Miss Alexis



Moonbeam Room:

Welcome 2018! As we begin the New Year, our discovery will include the New Year, Winter Animals, Snow Clothes, and Winter Sports. Our activities will include lots of fine motor activities like painting, playing with playdoh, and making cotton ball polar bears and party hats. We will also have fun in our sensory table as we explore with snow and ice. And last but not least, we have silly new animal songs and rhymes to share with our friends.

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! Watch for a note to be sent home soon regarding potty training... we view this as a joint venture and want to make it go as smoothly as possible for your two-year old and you!!

We'd like to welcome our new friends, Walton and Dax who will be joining us this month. We are very excited to have you join in our learning fun! We'd also like to wish our friends Gemma and Penelope 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, Walton, Brady, Sawyer, and Cora! We hope you all have a wonderful day. Happy New Year!!

Keep Warm!

Miss Heather and Miss Allie



Milkyways:



Happy New Year and a big WELCOME to 2018!! Brrr..., we can sure feel the chill in the air! We have five great learning units for January....We will begin with **Winter Wardrobe** as we discuss what we should wear in the cold, snowy outdoors. We will also continue to practice putting on and taking off our winter gear. Then we will focus on **Outer Space** as we explore the amazing things in the sky above. During the third week of January we will learn about our **Kitchen** as we make special food-themed paintings and learn about table manners. Our fourth learning unit will be **Outside Winter** fun. Let's hope the weather cooperates so we can enjoy some great outside activities. We will end the month with our **Groundhog's Day** unit as we look forward to February. What is a groundhog? If he sees his shadow, what does that mean? We will even be making our own shadow puppets. Whohoo!

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Maddex and Kendall this month. We hope you both have a great day. We'd like to send out a big WELCOME to our new friends, Gemma, Penelope, Jonathon, and Elmas. We are all so excited to have you come and learn with the Milkyways! We also like to wish our friends, Kendall, Maddex, Oliver, and Logan the very best as they move to the Shooting Stars. May all your wishes come true in 2018!

Happy New Year!

Miss Jamie



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 Snowmen, Winter Gear, Hibernation, Penguins, and Groundhog's Day. We will be tapping into our creativity and imaginations as we make shaving cream snowmen and mobiles. As part of our math skills we will be making patterns and create a warm hat and mitten project as we explore our Winter Gear unit. Discovering how animals survive during the cold winter months and where they make their homes will be our next unit. We will end the month exploring Penguins...playing with ice cubes and painting our feet and perhaps trying out our abilities to waddle like one. As February rounds the corner, we will focus on Groundhog's Day and make our own predictions as to whether or not he will see his shadow.

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.**

All of our friends will be "Star Student". Please be sure to send in a couple of items for your child to share with us when it is their special week. We would like to wish a very happy birthday to our friend, Viviana. We hope you have a fantastic and fun day! We'd also like to welcome our new friends, Kendall, Oliver, Maddex, Raylene, and Logan to our learning fun.



Happy New Year Wishes!
Miss Melody and Miss Barb S.



Comets:

Happy New Year and Welcome 2018! Our themes this month are Snowmen, Winter, Bedtime Rituals, Winter Clothing, and Groundhog's Day. We have so many fun activities like snowmen sponge painting,

Reminder, Milton School District is closed on Monday, January 15th and Friday, January 19th. On January 15th we will be Board Painting. There is an additional cost for this activity. Permission slips have been sent home. Please return them no later than January 8th. On Friday, January 19th, we are having a movie day with some fun activities to keep us busy! Everyone is invited to wear their pjs on the 19th.

All of our school age friends should have their winter gear daily. We will go outside every day, weather permitting (temps above zero). If your child does not have proper gear (boots, snow pants, hat, mittens, etc) they will not be able to play in the snow and will have to remain on the concrete.

Happy January Birthday wishes go out to our friends Leighton, Chloe, Olivia, Sawyer, Natalie, Alexa, Emily, Piper, John, and Evan! We hope you have a fun and fabulous day! We'd also like to welcome our new friends, Alexis and Wil to our program.

We hope you all have a great day! ☺ We are excited about a fresh start with the New Year as we continue to build friendships and work as a team.

May All Your Dreams Come True!

The School Age Teachers

