



## Small Wonders Learning Center January Newsletter 2019



### 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 the 3's and 4's classes for their Make n' Takes. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our families and staff for our Giving Trees this year. 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 as well as on our SWLC Facebook page and 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.

**Updated Drop off Policy:** As per our earlier notice, we will now be allowing a 30-minute drop off window after your scheduled time. For example, if your child is scheduled to arrive at 7:30am, you will have until 8:00am to drop them off without incurring an extra charge. However, if you drop off after 8:00am, you will incur the additional charges as we will need to do a follow up on their whereabouts. This new policy will apply only to drop off times. **The 30-minute window does not apply for dropping off prior to your scheduled time or picking up after your scheduled time.**

**No School/Early Release School Age Sign-up Sheets:** There is NO SCHOOL on Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Our main site school agers must sign up at least two weeks in advance for care on these days. 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](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 Kwik Trip Milk Moola labels/lids and Pamper points. You can bring in the labels/lids/points and put them in the container located outside the office.

**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 and underwear for our 3yr-5yr old friends. 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 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 New Year, Winter, Winter Clothes, Winter Animals, and Nursery Rhymes. 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 and ice 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 2019 and enjoying the moments that we share with your children every day!

We are excited to welcome Preston, Xander and Grayson to our room! At this time, Miss Lynn will not be returning until the New Year. We look forward to seeing her up and moving and playing with us again. Please welcome Miss Lyndsay to our room. We are so happy to have her join in our Sunshine Room fun.

Snowflake Smiles!

Miss Heather, Miss Lynn, and Miss Lyndsay





### 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!

### Rainbow Room:

Happy New Year! As we start 2019, we will be exploring New Years, Let It Snow, Winter Animals, Bedtime and My Clothes! We have lots of fun activities planned for our little ones which include, exploring the snow, sorting our colors, and learning to dress warm!

We are so excited to have Miss Jayme from the Milton Library continue to visit us once a month. She'll be reading, singing, and telling us stories.

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.

We wish Robyn the very best as she make the move to the Moonbeams. We are excited to welcome Claire and Samuel to our room this month. We wish all of our families a very Happy New Year!

Let It Snow!

Miss Barb L. and Miss Taylor



### Moonbeam Room:

Welcome 2019! As we begin the New Year, our discovery will include the New Year, Snowflakes, Winter Wonderland, Bedtime routines, and Groundhogs Day. Our activities will include lots of fine motor activities like painting and playing with playdoh. We will also have fun in our sensory table as we explore with snow and ice.

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**.

We'd like to welcome our new friend Robyn 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 Ryan, McKenna, and Zoe 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 and Madison. We hope you all have a wonderful day. Happy New Year!!

Keep Warm!

Miss Kelly and Miss Brittani



## Milkyways:

Happy New Year and a big WELCOME to 2019!! Brrr..., we can sure feel the chill in the air! We have five great learning units for January: New Year, Winter, What Should I Wear, Hibernation and Groundhogs Day.

We will start the month with ringing in the New Year and enjoying our fun winter activities. We have been working hard and will continue to work on self-help skills, such as, putting on our own winter gear.

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 Sawyer and Cora this month. We hope you both have a great day. We'd like to send out a big WELCOME to our new friends, Ryan, Zoe and McKenna. We are all so excited to have you come and learn with the Milkyways! We also like to wish our friends, Brady and Gus the very best as they move to the Shooting Stars. May all your wishes come true in 2019!

Happy New Year!  
Miss Barb S.



## 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 Hibernation, Winter/Snow, Penguins, Winter Clothes, and Groundhog's Day. We will be tapping into our creativity and imaginations as we make tinfoil snowflakes and do snowmen stamping. 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. 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.** Please send in two (2) pairs of mittens so we are able to keep our hands dry and warm.

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to our friends Maddex and Kendall. We hope you have a fantastic and fun day! We'd also like to welcome our new friends, Gus and Brady to our learning fun.



Warm Wishes!  
Miss Melody and Miss Mandy



## Comets:

Happy New Year and Welcome 2019! 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 Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. On Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, we are having a movie day with some fun activities to keep us busy! Everyone is invited to wear their pajamas on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

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 Olivia, Sawyer, Alexa, Emily, Piper, John! 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 as we continue to build friendships and work as a team.

May All Your Dreams Come True!

The School Age Teachers

