



News Letter

January 2018

Our Lady's Child Care Center

We want to start by wishing all of our families a happy and healthy New Year. Hello, 2018!

Reminder to infant, toddler, and preschool parents, please make sure that your child has at least one change of clothes. When we start going out to play in the snow, it's a good idea to have two pairs of extra clothes; pants, socks and underwear especially. We are required by law to have a change of clothes for every child that is potty training. We have some extra clothes for the children. We have very few extra pairs of underwear, but nobody wants to wear someone else's underwear.

If winter does bring snow, we love going out to play! The children will need hats, mittens (gloves only if they can put them on themselves), jackets, snow pants and boots.

If we have to close or have a delayed opening we will broadcast on ABC40, 22 News, via email, and we will post it on Facebook. School Age families, public schools are closed Monday, January 15th, and Friday, January 29th. Sign-Up sheets will be available for those who need care. Regardless, if a holiday falls on a day that your child is regularly scheduled to come, you must sign up on the care sign-up sheet. We assume you do not need care if you have not signed your child up.

The plumbing issues have begun to be addressed! We are excited to have

some needed updates to our boys and girls rooms in the preschool building.

Our license renewal is this March. This means that we are making sure all of our records are up to date. The records you provide are just part of what we are required to furnish to our licenser. Without up to date records we cannot legally provide care for your child. Any and all paperwork (doctors' notes, IHCPs, lead test, ect.) needs to be addressed and returned as soon as possible. Failure to return paperwork will result in suspension of care. See Jamie if you have any questions or concerns.

Volunteers are always welcome in our classrooms. The children enjoy it when a parent visits their room. If you want to read a book, sing some songs, or anything else with the children, let your child's teacher know. We always appreciate the extra help!

Tax Information should be ready for you by the 12th of January. Your patience is appreciated in this matter. Please save these letters, as they are important documents and we will not print them multiple times. Please note: Payments received after January 1st will count towards next year's payments, even if it is pre-dated.

Rate changes will take effect on January 22nd. The increases were made to maintain financial solvency. Rate changes are always difficult, and the decision is not made lightly. We understand that this may cause financial concerns; we continue to offer among

the lowest prices in the area even with the rate increase. We appreciate your continued patronage and look forward to continuing to providing the highest quality care to you and your family.

Blue Room – Beth and Felicia

During the month, we will be working on our sitting, rolling over, reaching and grabbing, and walking skills. We will also continue to work on self-feeding skills. We are also welcoming a new friend this month and we look forward to meeting you and your family. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to ask us.

Yellow Room – Sarah and Jayna

This month we will be learning about The New Year and celebrating in our own little way. We will learn about snowmen and do some fun snowman art. The next week will be all about Bears; how they are big, they hibernate and our favorite kind of bears, our teddy bears! We will learn about numbers and work on counting together

Green Room – Ivette and Angela

We will be learning about penguins, colors, snow and milk and cocoa! We will be making footprint penguins. We are going to paint the snow and even bring some snow into the classroom to play with. We will also explore different mediums to paint with by adding both cookies and hot chocolate to our paint!

Room 1 – Jon

We welcome 2018 and look forward to a new year together. I want my students to pick at least one thing they want to do 2018 times this year, it may even be a New Year's resolution. This can an act of kindness, reading, physical activity or anything else they choose. This will be a fun way to experience practice, discipline and that accomplishing something big doesn't need to be feared. I will ask my students to be responsible for recording their own progress and sharing milestones.

We will talk about Martin Luther King Jr. and work together to make our own I have a dream speech.

Room 2 – Britany and Casey

Hello 2018! We hope you had a great Christmas and New Year's! This month we will be learning about winter and all the fun things we can do in the snow. We will also learn about penguins and Disney stories and characters. We will be exploring different ways to paint and doing lots of exciting sensory activities. Lastly, we will learn about dinosaurs and all the different kinds of them and what they eat. We will become paleontologists, digging up dinosaur bones in our texture table.

Parents, please make sure that all your child's snow clothes are labeled and bring them in every day!

Room 3- Carly and Doreen

We are so excited to start the New Year with another popular children's author; Eric Carle. We continue to encourage reading with the children as we have started our caterpillar and it is growing with your help. Circles are located about the mailboxes for book titles. Other things we will discuss this month are: Penguins, Bears, and the 5 senses. Please remember to pack snow pants, boots, hats and mittens for your child every day. We will continue to go outside throughout the winter. As always, come to us with any questions or concerns.

Room 4–Jen and Nikki

We hope that you all had a wonderful New Year's Eve! This month we will be talking about New Year's Day. To usher in the New Year that is beginning our class will try to recognize 8 good deeds a day, we only have until June together but in that short time we will hopefully accomplish more than 1,000 acts of kindness. We will be doing science experiments with snow, ice, and water. To finish off the month, we will be learning about MLK Jr., and talk about friendship and kindness. We will also be

learning about winter/artic animals, and where they live.

Room 5- Cassie and Tyler

We cannot believe how fast 2017 flew by! This month is our “New Year, New ideas” month! This is the month that we will be taking about how our ideas can change the world. We will ask the children to work in groups or by themselves to come up with an idea of an invention that would help the earth (or people) in some way. We will also be talking about solar and wind power as an alternative to electricity. Tyler and I are very excited to see what the children come up with. Be on the lookout for pictures on the yellow wall of your child’s inventions! *If you have any recyclable items you do not want, please bring them in. We use them for building to help give a look to our inventions!*

From the Director’s Corner:

The Massachusetts state law says:

Car Seat Laws. Chapter 3: Child Passenger Restraint Law...Children must ride in federally approved child safety seats until they are at least 8 years old, or over 57 in tall. Children older than 8 years old, or taller than 57 in tall must wear safety belts.

Aside from the fact that it is illegal to leave your child unattended in a running car, you risk:

- Injury and death (especially in hot or cold weather).
- Kidnapping.
- Curious children pushing pedals or turning keys

If we see a child unattended in a running vehicle, or a child entering or leaving the parking lot not in a proper safety seat, we are required by law to call the local authorities and the Department of Children and Families. Remind grandparents, aunts, uncles, or anyone else that may drop off / pick up your

child at the center. Seat belt laws have change over last 30 years.

Kids in the Back: The first rule for safe vehicle airbags is that frontal systems are not designed for youngsters. Frontal airbags can be dangerous or even fatal to the following:

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- Infants or babies in backward-facing child seats.
 - Small children in forward-facing child seats.
 - Older children belted only by the waist-belt, but not the shoulder belt.
 - Any child who is below the weight limit for the front seat and belt without a booster seat, which is typically about 12 years old.