

January 2018

The Davis Harbor News

Davis Child Care Center



Message from the Administrator

Happy New Year!!! We hope you and your family and friends were able to spend quality time together over the recent break.

At Davis, we will work this month on goal setting. This applies to the building itself, individual classrooms and teachers as well as for the administrative staff. A new year lies ahead...what

will we do to improve care for your child? How can we create more challenging, engaging classrooms? What is a professional goal your child's teachers are working towards?

We look forward to tackling these questions together as your team serving your family. Be well, Kelly Z.

— Safety First Information —

DO NOT Leave Children in cars when you pick up your others.
Also, please do not leave your car running in the parking lot.

Notes & Reminder

Late Fees

Apply after 10 hours, after Preschool, and after 4K—
NOT just after 6:00 PM

Announcements

BOOTS VS. SHOES

Please have indoor shoes for your child to change out of their winter boots. Their feet overheat and then get too cold when they go back outside.

Club's Choice Fundraiser

Thank you to those of you who participated in our fundraiser this winter. We sold the most we ever have!! \$8000!!!! Wow!!! We retain approximately half of this!! We will put monies towards our garden classroom space and for teacher trainings.

CENTER COURT SHOPPING

We made \$400 from our Center Court Shopping Event for the children. This event paid for our Santa at the Holiday Program and the Convention Center and part of the Convention Center Rental. Thank you to all the families that donated items.

BUILDING PROJECT

As many of you probably know, Oshkosh Corp will be constructing admin, offices near by. This is exciting for us, a community organization, just across the street or so, hopefully bringing about opportunities for partnerships. In addition to this build, directly across the street at intersection, we will be having a Casey's Convenience Store constructed. Angie and I have been a part of builder meetings with Ken from Evergreen. Our primary concern is driveway locations and view from our building. When building plans updated, we will post for you.

COLD WEATHER

Know that your children **DO NOT** go outside if the air temp with wind chill is below 0.

THE ROCKIN' ROLLERS Ms. Deb, Ms. Alexis & Ms. Jennifer

Baby, it's cold outside! We like to play with snow and woods animals this month. That includes our Arctic and Antarctic friends the penguin and polar bear. We will also talk about our head, hands and feet when we make a snowman and put his hat, mittens and boots on. We welcome Alexis to our room as our second teacher. In 2018 we will continue to encourage your infant to progress at his/her own pace as they grow and develop. We also hope to keep you more up to date on what is happening with your infant on a daily basis.



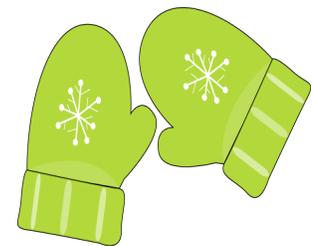
Ms. Deb, Ms. Alexis, & Ms. Jennifer

THE CREEPERS Ms. Kathy & Ms. Sarah

Happy New Year!

Welcome back!!! We hope you had a happy holiday season! During January we will be making snowmen and playing in snow during art, at our sensory table, and hopefully outdoors too! We'll be reading our favorite books both as a group and individually. Songs for this month are: "I'm a Little Snowman" and Dance like Snowflakes". As always, we will continue to build on each one's individual skill development.

**The Creepers,
Ms. Kathy and Ms. Sarah W.**



THE SCOOTERS Ms. Cassy & Ms. Emily

Scooter children are able to play outside when the temperature reaches a (feels like) of 20 degrees and better. On days where that does not happen, our teachers encourage the kiddos to exert their energy through other creative outlets.

On a personal note:

A big thumbs up to our Science Teacher Ms. Jenn Sattler who plans and provides your children with FUN sensory and hands-on experiences weekly.

We also appreciate the rhythm and energy of our Music Teacher Ms. Amy.

Drive slowly, breathe, and enjoy your children's presence.

Happy New Years!

Ms. Cassy and Ms. Emily

THE WIGGLERS

Ms. Kelly & Mr. Evan



Happy New Year from the Wigglers!

Wow, December was here and gone too soon! This month we will continue with snow themes. A few of the themes will be snowflakes, snowmen, and arctic animals. We will continue to spread the joy of the holiday season by reading and singing some of the kid's favorite holiday stories. As we settle into our routines again, we would like to remind parents that we do go outside every day and it is important to have all our winter clothing here at Davis. We also encourage parents to support us in teaching the children how to dress and undress as this is an important self-help skill and a large part of Wisconsin weather. We are excited for all the adventures January and 2018 hold for the Wigglers!

Miss Kelly & Mr. Evan

THE TROOPERS

Ms. Sara & Ms. Alyson

Happy New Year, everyone! We welcome 2018 with positivity and excitement for new things to come. Did everyone make their resolution? The Troopers did...we are going to work our hardest to be SAFE, GENTLE, and KIND. We are going to continue to work on using our words (not our hands), sharing, taking turns, and most importantly, social/emotional development. We are a "School Family", and we intend to treat each other with that respect every day. We have already got a good grasp on this, as we work together on this goal daily. The Troopers also work very hard this time of year on their self-help skills as we have lots to do to get ready for outdoor fun. We have all conquered the "flip-trick" with our coats, and we are all doing well with getting our other gear started. Ask your Trooper to show you just how good they are at these skills. They work hard and are very proud when they accomplish these tasks without help. We would also like to thank all of the parents for having all of the necessary clothing for outdoor play. Everyone has had everything they have needed to be warm and dry so they can enjoy the season. Thank you!

Happy 2018, Everyone!

Ms. Sara and Ms. Aly

THE HOPPERS

Ms. Diane

Happy January from the Hopper clan! 2017 has flown by. It's great to see everyone back and with smiles on their faces. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. I enjoyed my time off with my family. A very special thank you, for all the gifts for me and the classroom. I appreciate your generosity.

Our theme this month will reflect winter and the New Year; therefore our lesson plans will focus on the New Year, hibernation, penguins and Chinese New year. Keep a look out for our new creations! Another goal the Hoppers will be working on is teamwork. When the class works together we can accomplish tasks a lot more quickly! Ways at home you can practice teamwork with your children by doing clean-up chores with them; such as: having them help pick-up clothes or toys, helping set their place at the table or pick-up after meal times and so much more! This will also help boost self-esteem because it gives them a sense of accomplishment when they are helping out.

Thanks for all you do and have a Happy New Year!

Ms. Diane



THE SNAPPERS

Ms. Leah

It's looking like a winter wonderland out there! With all the snow, it is especially important to make sure your child has the appropriate mittens for at school. Thin single layer mittens do not last long when playing in the snow, and we don't want your child getting frostbitten fingers! We recommend waterproof mittens. Please also make sure to label both mittens, so that if one gets dropped it will be easy to find its owner! We will go outside every day that the temperature and wind chill is above 0 degrees.

Please double check your child's labeled red bin in bathroom #1 to make sure that there is a complete set of weather appropriate spare clothes, including a pair of pants, underwear, socks, and a shirt. Thank you.

This month we will be discussing Hot Chocolate, Penguins, Snow, and Mittens.

Our goals for this year: being able to use our problem solving skills without reminders from a teacher, lining up and walking down the hall quietly while keeping our hands to ourselves, and recognizing the letters in our names. We will work on these skills often, with the intention of mastering them by the time they move on to 4K.

Happy New Year!
Ms. Leah



THE SPARKLERS

Ms. Christy

Happy New Year!

With the start of the new year, comes new rules with USDA. USDA would like the children to have water offered at all times, but especially during outside play and lunch/snack. With that please remember to bring in your child's water bottle on the first day of their class schedule.

This month we will be introducing Cinnamon the Bear. Each weekend a child in the classroom will get to take him home and have an adventure with him. When the child brings him back, I will read what you wrote in the journal, or your child can tell us what happened on your adventure. I will let you know in advance when your weekend will be.

On January 12th, we will be having the Roving Naturalist from Heckrodt Wetland coming to talk to us about warm fuzzy critters. It will be fun to learn about the different fuzzy critters that live in Wisconsin. On January 19th, we will be going to Oshkosh North High School to see a play. Miss Mary will be coming back on January 22nd to read us story. On Thursday's we will be having science with Ms. Farmer Jenn. The children are always super excited about science and all the experiments we do. This January we will be learning about winter animals, teddy bears, hot coca, snow, and ice.

Ms. Christy

THE RANGERS

Ms. Michelle & Ms. Sara

HAPPY 2018 EVERYONE! We hope everyone had an enjoyable and save holiday. Staring up again this month will be the Rover Reader, Ms. Mary from the Oshkosh Public Library will be coming every fourth Monday to read to our classroom. The Heckrodt Roving Naturalist will be visiting Davis on January 12th, they will be teaching us all about "Warm Fuzzy Critters." On January 19th we have the opportunity to go on our first field trip to Oshkosh North High School to see a play put on by the high schoolers, it is sure going to be a fun event for the children. The children have been having a blast doing science every Thursday with Ms. Jenn and her excited experiments and lessons. This month the science lessons will be about snow and ice. A kind reminder to check your child's cubby bucket to make sure they have the appropriate clothing for the weather. Please make sure your child brings a warm coat or jacket, hat, snow pants, boots, and mittens. We are asking that you send mittens NOT gloves along as well, mittens are easier for everyone to get on and will keep our little ones hands warmer on those cold and blustery winter days.

Ms. Michelle and Ms. Sara

PRESCHOOL

Ms. Cheryl

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a happy holiday season and a restful break! As we enter the halfway point of the school year we will continue to work on skills needed for 4K.: Colors, shapes, numbers along with scissor skills and name printing.

This month our focus will be on Winter, Snow, and Polar Animals. We will also be working on the stories of Jan Brett like The Mitten and The Hat. Many exciting activities will be planned.

Weekly Newsletters will continue to be sent home with additional information.

Have a Healthy and Happy 2017

Ms. Cheryl

READY 4 LEARNING

Ms. Erika



Happy New Year to all!! This month as we get back into the routine, we will be working on social skills and problem solving in the classroom. I am encouraging the children to use words and to try to work it out before coming to me for assistance. We will also be focusing on what it looks like to be a good friend and how to get along with others. These skills are essential as we begin to look at the transition to kindergarten. I will also be working on assessing skills as we have the second checkpoint coming up soon. Our learning will be done around the themes of Winter, Snow, Friendship and an author study of Jack Ezra Keats. Just a reminder that there is no school on January 10 and January 22.

Miss Erika

READY 4 LEARNING

Ms. Kimberly & Ms. Cassie

We hope everyone had an awesome, restful winter break! Now that we are back, we will be working on practicing our routines and introducing some new ones, like small groups. This will allow us to focus on more specific skills such as cutting, name writing, literacy skills and math skills. We will continue Daily News on the Smartboard to work on letters, letter sounds and concepts of print. We will also be talking more about concepts of print when we read books. We will continue working on social skills and problem-solving skills and encouraging the children to try to solve the problem before coming to a teacher for assistance. These skills are essential as we get closer to the transition to kindergarten. We will also be working on assessing skills for the second checkpoint and progress reports in February. Please see our weekly classroom newsletter for more information on things mentioned above and much more. Happy New Year!

Miss Kimberly & Ms. Cassie



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