



December 2019

The Davis Harbor News

Davis Child Care Center

Message from the Center Director

Dear Davis Families,

December, for me, really is the most wonderful time of the year – I simply love the holidays! Yes, it is a busy time and even a little stressful now and again, but that is offset by the excitement that the children in this building have during the holidays. I love listening to them as they search the building for Trixie (our Elf on the Shelf) and when children stop by my office to share what they are getting for Christmas, how they went to visit Santa, baked cookies or decorated their tree. There is nothing as special as experiencing the holidays from a child's perspective.

I look forward to seeing all of you either at Evergreen PAC for the Hopper, Sparkler, Snapper and Ranger Holiday Program on December 5th or at Davis on December 12th for the Rockin' Roller, Creeper, Scooter, Wiggler and Trooper Holiday Open House. The children have been working very hard on their songs!

This holiday season, I hope that you will take the time to relax and enjoy this magical time of year.

Happy Holidays,

Angie Soda
Center Director
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Notes & Reminders

Reminder that Davis is
CLOSED on:

**12/24-12/25 for the
Christmas holiday**

**1/1 for the New Year's
holiday**

Announcements

**12/5- Holiday Program for
Hoppers, Snappers, Spar-
klers, and Rangers at Ever-
green PAC from 6-7PM**

**12/12– Holiday Open House
for Rockin' Rollers,
Creeper, Scooters, Wig-
glers, and Troopers at Davis
from 5-6PM**

**12/13 - Last day of the
Ronald McDonald Toy Drive**

**12/17-12/18– Children's
Holiday Shopping**

Davis Pride

Ms. Cheryl - 22 years

*Thank you for all the hard work and dedication you put
into Davis each day!*

THE ROCKIN' ROLLERS
Ms. Deb, Ms. Kimberly, & Ms. Melissa

Bells are ringing in our room this month. Christmas trees will be decorated, stuffed reindeer will be played with and we will put together a picture of a candle. During the month we will be listening to some stories related to the holidays that are observed this month: Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. Please join us for our Holiday Open House and experience what we do when we have music class. It is from 5-6pm on December 12th.

THE CREEPERS
Ms. Rachel & Ms. Ivy

Dear Creeper Families,

December is finally here! Please make sure to have warm, water proof snow gear for your kiddos. If the real feel temperature is 20 or above we will be going outside to the playground or going on a buggy walk. Also, please be sure to check your child's extra clothes and be sure they are weather appropriate.

With colder weather coming we will be spending more time inside. That just means more art! We will be focusing on winter weather and colors. Of course we will also be talking about Christmas. Keep any eye out for another PJ day note posted in the Creeper room.

For some fun sensory play we will bring the outdoors in! We'll put on our gloves and have some snow in our sensory table. We look forward to a wonderful December and can't wait to welcome in the New Year.

Sincerely, The Creeper Teachers

THE SCOOTERS
Ms. Emily & Ms. Christine

Hello Davis Families and Friends,

It's hard to believe that it is December already. This month the Scooter Room is busy and has lots to do and accomplish. Our theme for the month is All Things Merry & Bright, in which we will be diving into all things about the holidays. One event happening this month is our Holiday Open House on Thursday, December 12th; where Ms. Jamie, Ms. Emily, Ms. Christine, and the Scooter friends will be singing a couple songs. They have been enjoying practicing our holiday songs. We are getting into the holiday spirit! Then on December 17th & 18th, Davis will have our Children's Holiday Shopping Event for the little ones to do some fun Holiday shopping of their own. :)

As the season of colds and sicknesses is upon us, please continue to help your children practice their handwashing at home. Please continue to bring your children's winter gear; we try to get outside as often as we can. Finally, be on the lookout for our special friend, Snowflake, as she visits us throughout the month of December.

Happy Holidays! Love, Ms. Emily and Ms. Christine

THE WIGGLERS

Ms. Kelly & Ms. Debby

Happy December!

Can it be December already? Where has the time gone. Please remember that snow pants and boots will be a necessity once the snow truly arrives and begins to accumulate. Now that Thanksgiving has been celebrated, we're turning our thoughts to the Holiday season. We'll be decorating our room with red and green, reading books and singing songs that celebrate the season, and getting outside to enjoy the frosty weather. We're really getting excited for our Holiday performance on December 12, watch for more details. The Wigglers have been working hard, almost on a daily basis, singing special songs and playing instruments in order to impress their families! We can't wait to perform for you! Home to school connection: Communication- Turn off the television and other electronics, and listen with your child to sounds around your home. Listen to the refrigerator motor, wind chimes, a clock ticking, or people talking. Ask your child to tell you what they hear. Try this at night. Listen to the night sounds of crickets, frogs, or cars beeping. Whisper to each other about what you hear.

Take time to enjoy the many wonders of the season!

Miss Kelly & Miss Debby

THE TROOPERS

Ms. Aly, & Ms. Lise

Happy December Trooper Family!

We are making some exciting changes in the Trooper room; the changes will be slow and steady to ensure a smooth transition, but feel free to keep up with the progress with us. We are so looking forward to seeing how the changes will improve classroom atmosphere and create an even more fulfilling learning space for your child.

During the month of December, we will be devoting our time to all things fun about holidays. We'll be making reindeer, candy canes, ornaments, etc. during our art time. We will also take time to learn about holidays around the world. To get us in the holiday spirit, the Troopers will get to decorate a classroom Christmas tree to keep up for the month. The Troopers have also been working hard on our songs for the Holiday Open House here in our classroom.

Dates to remember:

Dec. 12: Holiday Open House/Concert 5:00-6:00 PM

Dec. 24 & 25: Closed

Dec. 31: Center closes @ 5:00 PM

January 1: Closed

I would like to remind you to make sure your child is prepared for the upcoming winter season. Your child should have waterproof mittens, snow boots, winter coats, snow pants, and hats. Please make sure they are waterproof and winter appropriate. We all know that it gets cold and wet here in Wisconsin during the winter months. We may or may not have extra clothes available for your child, and we want to ensure the safety of your child during this cold season. Thank you so much!

Ms. Aly & Ms. Lise

THE HOPPERS

Ms. Diane

Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly. Fa, La, La, La. December discoveries in the Hopper classroom will include the sights, sounds, and smells of the Holiday season.

Sights: what do we see around us? Is it candle lights or hurrying people? Sounds:

What do we hear? Is it bells, music or the pitter patter of little feet? Smells: What

do we smell at this time of year? Is it cookies and pies baking, fresh cut trees, or snow in the air? These are the topics of the Holidays we will discover throughout the month. The Hoppers will be decorating our room with colors of the season. We will be talking about different traditions celebrated around the world. If there is a tradition that you do with your family? Please let me know so your child can tell the class about it. Other themes will be reindeer and gingerbread.

Reading books is an activity that the Hopper class loves to do. Here is an idea for you to do at home with your child. Put little notes to your child here and there. A note by the plate at dinnertime can say that Dad will read your favorite Christmas story at bedtime. Read the notes to your child so they can learn reading is fun and important.

Our Holiday Open house is on Thursday, Dec. 5 at Evergreen in their P.A.C. We are practicing our songs every day! Hoppers will be having a pajama party on Friday, Dec. 20. These are just a few of the fun activities we will be doing this month.

Enjoy the holiday season! Ms. Diane

THE SNAPPERS

Ms. Leah

Thank you parents for coming and meeting with me for conferences, it's nice to get a picture of home life and to get to know you a little better!

The year is drawing to a close, it's gone by so fast! Now that winter is fast approaching, I'm sure the cold weather will stick around sooner rather than later. Please make sure to have waterproof mittens for outside play (gloves are usually too frustrating for your child to put on by themselves! Fleet Farm has some nice ones). This month we will be discussing Polar Animals, Reindeer, Hanukkah, Santa/Christmas, and Kwanzaa. We have been and will be practicing a lot for the upcoming Holiday Program on the 5th, we're very excited about it! We will also be working on color recognition this month.

A great way to work on scissor skills this month is to have your child help wrap presents! They can cut paper off of the rolls for the boxes!

A helpful tip for the holidays: try to maintain your child's schedule as much as possible. Try to travel during their nap time so they can sleep in the car, or make sure to arrive with plenty of time to greet everyone and settle down before nap/bedtime. There is usually more stimulation occurring around the holidays, and getting enough rest will make it a happier, easier time for everyone.

Happy Holidays!

Ms. Leah

THE SPARKLERS

Ms. Christy

Happy Holidays! The Sparklers and I cannot believe that it is December. We have a lot planned for this month. December 2, we are going to Evergreen to sing our Holiday songs for the grandmas and grandpas.

December 5, we will be having our Holiday Program from 6 to 7 p.m. The kids will be singing their hearts out. This will be happening at Evergreen right next door. On December 12, we are going to Gabriel's Villa to watch a movie and eat popcorn with the grandma and grandpa. December 16, we will be going to Evergreen, and Mrs. Mary will be here to read us stories. Kids love to shop for their parents. On December 17 and 18, they will be shopping their hearts out. Look out for more information on the shopping. We will be learning about winter animals, trains, gingerbread man, holidays around the world, and a new year. With the Holiday season here kids love to make up stories. As a family, have everyone make a story together. Write it down and draw picture about the story. What a great way to use your communication skills. Please make sure that your child has the right clothes for the changing of the season. Make sure that everything is labeled with your child's name on it, so I know who it belongs to. It is going to be a very exciting month and I cannot wait to get started!

THE RANGERS

Ms. Sara R. & Ms. Brandi

Wow, the Rangers have had an exciting past month. We had the Heckrodt Roving Naturalist come visit Davis to talk about "Eagles", we learned so many interesting facts about the food they eat and where they live. We, also, have been preparing and practicing our

songs for the holiday concert which will be held Thursday December 5th at Evergreen. The program will start at 6:00pm, the Rangers will be last class to perform. We would like the Rangers to come dressed in the festive holiday colors of red, green, or white. Now that winter is approaching 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 labeled with your child's name. If all items are labeled we are better able to assist the children if items should get missed placed. 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 fall days.

Ms. Sara and Ms. Brandi

**STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering,
Mathematics)**

Ms. Jenn & Ms. Brandi

December is upon us, and everyone is full of the holiday and year-end spirit! We are embracing the wonder and fun of the month through a variety of STEM projects. Our smallest friends will be making slimes, learning about salt evaporation, and exploring different holiday and evergreen items in sensory bins. The older classrooms will have three very different lessons: we'll learn about birds in winter while making bird seed feeders, we'll grow a crystal tree from salt, and we will discover how to slow down trains with our Polar Express STEM. Also new this month is the return of the afternoon STEM and Cooking Projects. Each classroom will have the opportunity to sign up for one STEM and one Cooking Lesson that will take place in Ms. Cheryl's Preschool Room in the afternoon. There will be no STEM the weeks of Christmas and New Year's as we'll take a break until the regular rhythm of the Center starts up again. Happy holidays to all, and we'll see you in 2020!

Popcorn is prepared in the same pot, in the same heat, in the same oil and yet... the kernels do not pop at the same time. Don't compare your child to others. Their turn to pop is coming!

