



January 2020

# The Davis Harbor News

Davis Child Care Center



## Message from the Center Director

Happy New Year! Having the “short week” after the busy holidays appears to be good for the children (and the adults) as it allows everyone to ease back in to a routine.

2020 is a milestone year for Davis Child Care Center as we will be celebrating our 30-year Anniversary in August. Our staff members are already working on some fun-filled activities to help us celebrate, so save the date – August 27, 2020!

Cheers to a New Year and thank you for giving us the opportunity to care for your little ones.

Angie Soda

Center Director  
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## Announcements

January 8-Heckrodt visits  
January 8-No 4K  
January 20-No 4K or  
Preschool

## Notes & Reminders

Please remember to make sure that your child has appropriate winter gear. Although our winter days may feel like spring lately, we all know this is Wisconsin and subject to change by the minute!

## Davis Pride

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

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

*Ohhh, baby it's cold outside!! We will be talking about keeping warm by putting mittens, boots and a hat on our paper*

*snowmen. We will explore snow by bringing a bucket of it inside. Our woods animals will come out to play and we will also do some snuggling with our stuffed animals. Keep warm everyone.*



**THE CREEPERS**  
**Ms. Rachel & Ms. Ivy**

Dear Creeper Families,

Happy New Year! To keep open lines of communication in our room we are implementing a Parent Communication Log.

Please use the blue notebook to communicate with the classroom teachers if you are not able to talk to us face-to-face. If it is something that you would like to keep confidential, please use the back of the daily sheet because staff will be the only ones looking at it. We also encourage you to email us at any time!

We are going to bring in the New Year with a BANG. The Creepers will create some colorful firework art with their hands and explore how we can use almost anything as a paintbrush. Later in the month we will be talking about snowmen! If the weather is nice we will go outside and make our very own snowman!

As always, please check your child's extra clothes and make sure they are labeled, weather appropriate, and the correct size. We will need waterproof gloves for when we go to the playground. We can't wait to see what 2020 has in store for us in the Creeper Room!

Sincerely, Ms. Rachel & Ms. Ivy

**THE SCOOTERS**  
**Ms. Emily & Ms. Christine**

Goodbye 2019, and Hello 2020! The Scooters are ready to start this year with a bang! We have lots planned for this month so keep your eyes peeled for any updates

coming your way.

This month the Scooters will be exploring the themes of: Happy New Year, Winter Clothes, Winter Wonderland, Winter Animals, and Fairy Tales. Each theme will help to build on things we can do and explore during this wintery month. We will be especially focusing on the clothes we put on when we go outside and start



working on having them independently helping themselves in getting the clothes on, such as their hats and mittens. Also with the theme of Fairy Tales, we will get to explore the different stories and see what they like.

Happy New Year!

Ms. Emily & Ms. Christine

Happy New Year from the Wigglers!

## THE WIGGLERS

Ms. Kelly & Ms. Debby

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. Please label all of your child's belongings, we do have a room full of kiddos and mix ups do happen. 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 2020 hold for the Wigglers!

Miss Kelly and Miss Debby

## THE TROOPERS

Ms. Aly, & Ms. Lise

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. We have added in a listening center, where your child can put in a favorite book on cd with a pair of headphones and follow along with a hardcopy of the book.

During the month of January, we will be learning all about Winter Fun! There may not be snow yet, but we're going to be ready for when there is. We'll explore winter animals, snowflakes/snowmen, and all things winter in general. It's going to be so much fun and we're going to learn so much about the winter season.

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, & Ms. Katie

## THE HOPPERS

Ms. Diane

Happy New Year, everyone! We welcome 2020 with positivity and excitement for new things to come. Did everyone make their resolution? The Hoppers 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. 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.

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.

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

Ms. Diane



## THE SNAPPERS

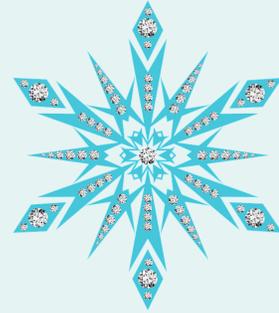
### Ms. Leah

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.

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

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.

Ways to help work on these goals at home would be to role play a situation (like someone taking your toy, knocking your tower over, etc.) and talk about how we could solve the problem! If two adults roleplay the situation, then you can ask your child to help you solve the problem, it empowers them to be problem solvers and feel like a helper! You could also help them practice the letters in their name by writing them in the snow when you play outside!



Happy New Year!

Ms. Leah

## THE SPARKLERS

### Ms. Christy

Happy New Year! It is 2020 - time is flying by. Have you made your New Year resolution yet? The Sparklers have, we will be focusing on being safe, being gentle, and being kind to one another. We will also be working on using our words to our friends and helping them out. This month we will be introducing Cinnamon the bear. Each weekend a new friend will get to take him home and have any adventure with him. Then you bring him back and I will read what you wrote in the journal or your child can tell us what happened on your adventure. I will give you a heads up on when your weekend will be so look out for more information on this. Evergreen is happening this month; we will be going on the 13th and 27th. We will be singing and doing an art project with them. It will be a lot of fun. Miss Mary will be coming on January 20th to read us a story. Jamie will be coming in for music on every other Wednesday. The children love to sing all the songs she is teaching us. On Wednesdays we will be having science. The children are super excited about science and all the experiments we do with Ms. Jenn. This January we will be learning about New Year, snow, teddy bears, ice, and Chinese New Year. This month have a dress up party with your kids. Give them some of your old clothes for them to try on and go somewhere like to the beach or to a tea party. Use your imagination and enjoy your time together. It is going to be a fun month and I cannot wait to get started.

## THE RANGERS

### Ms. Sara R. & Ms. Brandi

HAPPY 2020 EVERYONE!!!!!! We hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe holiday. Starting 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 children have been having a blast doing science every Wednesday with Ms. Jenn. They love her exciting experiments and lessons, and our extra STEM activities we get to participate in. There will be no 4K on January 8th and 20th. 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 that are labeled with your child's name/initials. 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; we do go outside two times a day weather permitting.



Ms. Sara and Ms. Brandi

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

Ms. Jenn & Ms. Brandi

while learning about insulators. Everyone will get to help make a snow storm in a jar! After our snowy fun, we will be taking a week to explore simple machines and learn about magnets. From there we will wrap up the month learning about polar animals and some of the special adaptations that help them thrive in such a cold environment. Along with these lessons, 2 Bite club and our afternoon cooking and STEM times will continue as well. We'll make the most of the fun the cold weather can offer and be thankful we don't live where the polar animals are!

Happy New Year! We are starting the year talking about snow and ice. Our small friends will make some play snow while our older friends will conduct an experiment to try and keep ice from melting

