



December 2020 The Davis Harbor

Davis Child Care Center

December

Message from the Center Director

Dear Davis Families –

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in our building! Our tree in the entryway is getting filled with ornaments that the children have made, Trixie (the Davis Elf-on-a-shelf) has found her way back to Davis and the classrooms are decked out in full holiday gear.

Unfortunately, we will be unable to have our traditional Holiday Open House or Holiday Program this year. We will, however, be taping a virtual Holiday Program that will be sent out via email to each Davis family. Taping will take place on December 14th & 15th. **There will be a special media release form that needs to be completed for each child, giving permission for the child to be taped for this special production. This form will be available at the front desk on Monday, December 7th.**

This time of the year can be overwhelming; slow down a bit, take time enjoy each other, and enjoy the holidays!

Happy Holidays,

Angie Soda
Center Director

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Important Dates:



Scholastic Book Orders Due 12/4

See last page of newsletter for more!



Center Court Holiday Shopping Begins 12/7

Slips, money and/or can goods due 12/4



Fundraiser Delivery 12/16 3:30-5:30pm

Thank you to those that participated!



Center Wide PJ Day– 12/23

Reminders

Hand Sanitizer, Chapstick & Lotion

Please refrain from sending these items in with your child or on your child's backpack. Per state regulations, these items are treated like a medication and require documentation and administration by a teacher. If this is something your child needs to have, please see the front office.

Clothing

Just a friendly reminder that we do go outside each day, so please make sure your child is dressed for the ever-changing weather.

Davis will be closed:

Thursday, December 24th

Friday, December 25th

& Friday, January 1st



THE ROCKIN' ROLLERS

Bells are ringing in our room this month. Christmas trees will be decorated, stuffed reindeer will be played with and we will put together candles. During the month we will be listening to some stories related to the holidays that are observed this month: Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. Please be on the lookout for different items being sent home this month!

Happy Holidays!

Ms. Christine, Ms. Mya, and Ms. Birdie

THE CREEPERS

Dear Creeper Families,

Fall has almost come and gone and winter is fast approaching. As we prepare for winter please remember to label your child's clothing. With the decreasing temperature and the possibility of snow, waterproof gloves will be helpful.

This month the Creepers will learn all about winter! We will explore winter animals, learn about how to dress for winter and play with snow! Towards the end of the month we will also celebrate Christmas.

We are looking forward to exploring winter and learning together. Just before Christmas we will be having a center wide PJ day! Keep an eye out for a reminder on your daily sheet.



Sincerely,

Ms. Rachel and Ms. Hannah

THE SCOOTERS

Happy December Davis Families and Friends,

Brrr...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. The Scooter friends will be learning and singing a couple holiday songs this month and we will find a way for you guys to see it J. We are getting into the holiday spirit! The Scooters will even have their own little pretend fireplace and tree to look at and 'play' with. Davis will also have our Children's Holiday Shopping Event for the little ones to do some fun Holiday shopping of their own. The dates we are still waiting on.

As the season of colds and sicknesses is upon us, please continue to help your children practice their hand-washing at home. Please continue to bring your children's winter gear; we try to get outside as often as we can. You can also bring in lotion for your little one as well for their dry skin. Finally, be on the lookout for our special friend, Snowflake, as she visits us throughout the month of December.

Happy Holidays!

-Ms. Emily and Ms. Cassie

THE WIGGLERS 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. 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 Phoenix



THE HOPPERS

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 you have a family traditions for the holiday season that you would like to share with the Hopper room please e-mail me at hoppers@davischildcare.com.

Music and dancing is an important part of the Hopper day. We are already practicing our holiday song that will be videotaped instead of the holiday program. We are excited for you to see. At home an activity that you could do with your child is tell silly jokes with your child. Simple, "What Am I?" riddles are also fun. Have a good time and laugh with your child,



Enjoy the holiday season!

-Ms. Diane

THE SPARKLERS

Happy Holidays!! This is month we are going to be working on our cutting skills. This will help the children develop our fine motor skills. If you would like to practice at home, have your child cut out different shapes out of wrapping paper with kid friendly scissors. Another fun activity during the holiday season is to practice story telling. 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.

The Sparklers and Snappers will be having a Pajama party/movie day on Tuesday, Dec. 8. This year we will not be hosting our traditional Holiday Program, instead we will be recoding a virtual program. More information will be coming! Center Court Shopping will be happening on December 9th for the Sparklers. If you would like your child to participate in this fun and giving program, please return paperwork by Dec. 4. This program always brings wonderful smiles and fills our buckets with the giving spirit!

In December we will be learning about winter animals, trains, the gingerbread man , holidays around the world, and the new year. It is going to be a very exciting month and I cannot wait to get started!

Housekeeping note: Please make sure that your child has the right clothes for the colder weather. Also, please make sure that everything is labeled with your child's name. That is so helpful!

THE SNAPPERS

Thank you, parents, for talking to me on the phone 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, with lots of snow. 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, Santa/Christmas, and Multi-Cultural Celebrations. We will also be working on color recognition this month, especially learning the color gray.

We will be having a pajama and movie day (a short movie, possibly the cartoon How the Grinch Stole Christmas) on Tuesday, December 8th. We will have our turn to shop at the Davis Shopping Court on Wednesday, December 9th. Be on the lookout for more information about our virtual holiday program!

Home Connection: 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!

Happy Holidays! 😊

Ms. Leah

THE RANGERS

Wow, the Rangers have had an exciting past month. 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. Now with the unpredictable weather, please make sure your child brings a warm coat or jacket and hat daily. We usually go outside twice a day depending on the weather and temperature. Please label your child's items with their names so it is easier for everyone to identify the owner, otherwise there is confusion among the children and items get taken by mistake. This is also a great time to double check your child's extra clothing that are at the center. We have put any clothing that is out of season in your child's bag to take home. Please make sure that we have weather appropriate clothing incase of an accident or spill. 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 days. Please make sure to check and empty your child's back pack nightly, their 4k folder is sent home everyday and well as any Davis notes. We would hate for you to miss out on any important news



Ms. Sara and Ms. Katie

SCHOOL-AGE

Happy Holiday season! There will be an ebb and flow to virtual learning as we trek through the weeks between the holidays. Already there is an increase in projects as teachers are seeking to have some virtual fun with their students. Please make sure you are checking on material pick up/drop offs for your students as we want them to be able to participate as much as possible in these projects! In addition, there are many materials (for example works of writing) in backpacks that can be dropped off at school during these material exchanges as well. I continue to adapt our classroom to the virtual schedule and add new materials all the time. Ask your students about our new magnetic letter board-they have really enjoyed forming new words in this space! As the weather turns colder, we will continue to get outside as much as possible, so appropriate outdoor gear is required. On days we can't get outside, we will be doing creative indoor recess to help give our growing brains a break. Each day continues to be an adventure in the School Age Room, and we will keep doing our best to be consistent while flexible to meet everyone's needs. I'm sure we'll be able sneak in a few holiday activities of our own here at Davis as well.





December Book Orders

Dear Davis Families,

Books make great gifts! Follow the link below to order books. There is no shipping cost and prices are discounted. Plus, our classrooms gets FREE books with every order!

Class Order Due Date: 12/04/2020

Connect to Our Class Page: <https://orders.scholastic.com/L9Q46>

Shop the flyers with your child:

<https://editions.mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=667427>

All books ship to the class, and will be sent home with the child at pick-up.

Thank you for encouraging the love of reading!

Mrs. Soda

Class Code: L9Q46

