



January 2021

The Davis Harbor

Davis Child Care Center

Message from the Center Director

Happy New Year! Although you may have not been able to participate regular holiday traditions, I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday season.

This past year was a very challenging one for all of us and I would like to thank our Davis families for their flexibility, adaptability and understanding as we navigated through unprecedented times and everchanging procedures in the child care world.

I am hopeful and optimistic that 2021 will be much better! I wish each of you good health and much happiness in 2021.

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*Happy New Year
2021*

Check out the link below. It is a great read for parents to help get through some stressful times.

[Managing Emotions as Parents](#)
[| Parenting Tips & | PBS](#)
[KIDS for Parents](#)

Reminders

Health Updates and Immunizations

Please remember to update the front office with any new physicals/wellness exams and immunizations. If your child is under the age of 2, State licensing requires us to have an updated physical on file every 6 months. If your child is over the age of 2, we are only required to have a new physical on file every 2 years.

Clothing

Just a friendly reminder that, weather permitting, we do go outside each day; please make sure your child has the proper "outdoor gear" for the ever-changing weather. In addition, please make sure that your child's items are labeled with a first and last name.

THE ROCKIN' ROLLERS

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 plan on exploring the snow by bringing a bucket of it inside. Our woodland animals will come out to play and we will also do some snuggling with our stuffed animals.

Keep warm everyone.

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

THE CREEPERS

Dear Creeper Families,

Brrrrrrrr! It is getting colder outside and there is snow! We will be getting outside whenever we can to explore the snow. Please bring in warm, waterproof mittens. If we cannot get outside, we will have large motor in the Atrium.

This month the Creepers will explore a variety of themes. For example, we will take a break from talking about the cold and learn about space! Another topic is the circus! Did you know that January 19 is national popcorn day? We will have something special planned for that day.

A few of our friends will be moving up to the Scooter Room, Leighton, Casey, and Olivia. We will miss you! Hannah and I would also like to welcome Isla and Zachary to the Creeper Room. Welcome new friends!

Stay warm,
Ms. Rachel and Ms. Hannah

THE SCOOTERS

Goodbye 2020, and Hello 2021! We can't believe we are already entering a new year; this year has gone by so quick and slow at the same time. The Scooter Room is 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, and Winter Animals. 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. We can't wait to explore and experience all the snowy wonderland has to offer. In addition with our theme of Winter Animals, hopefully we will find some animal tracks outside in the snow. ☺

Happy New Year!
Ms. Emily & Ms. Cassie

THE WIGGLERS 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. 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 2021 hold for the Wigglers!

Miss Kelly and Miss Phoenix

THE HOPPERS

Happy New Year, everyone! We welcome 2021 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 snow and snowmen, hibernation, penguins and winter clothing. Keep a look out for our new creations.

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

Ms. Diane

THE SPARKLERS

Happy New Year! It is 2021– 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 helpful to one another. We will also be working on using our words, not our hands. Throughout the month we will be working on our names, learning the letters that are in our names, and practicing writing them. All though we do not need to know them all, or need to write our names, it is always a good idea to practice doing it in a fun game kind of way. We are going to be doing some different science projects as well. This January we will be learning about snow, teddy bears, ice, and shapes. This month have a drees 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 in your house. Use your imagination and enjoy your time together. It is going to be a fun month and I cannot wait to get started.

THE SNAPPERS

I hope you all enjoyed your holidays together. It will be nice to have a little peace and quiet after all the chaos that the holidays bring! Your child very much enjoyed participating in the virtual program, we hope you enjoyed it!

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, 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 RANGERS Hello Ranger Families,

HAPPY 2021 EVERYONE!!!! We hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe holiday. As last year has come to a close, it is amazing to look back and see all that we have been through as a Davis Family. The Rangers have been working really hard on Being Safe, Being Kind, and Being Helpful. We ask that you help to continue this at home with your child. There has been an increase in hurtful play and words lately, and if we work together as a team, we will be able to change this behavior around.

December was full of all kinds of fun activities. The Rangers had so much fun preparing and performing our holiday song for their families. It was a joy for the Ranger teachers to create this fun performance with the kids. As we turn the page to a New Year the fun will continue to grow. January will bring Snow to our classroom as we explore the fluffy white stuff and animals that live in the cold, even if there is not much outside. We will also be looking at setting goals for ourselves and as a classroom. I hope everyone has noticed that there is a new addition to your child's backpack. Davis has added a Green Folder (the RANGER COMMUNICATION folder) for each child. This is a way to keep separate what your child is doing on Ranger Time and the Red/Orange/Blue Folder – 4K time. Please check both folders nightly and return both folders to school daily. Also, we have put up a daily sheet on the bulletin board in the front lobby to help keep parents informed on what is happening in the Ranger room. If you ever have any questions feel free to stick a note in your child's green folder or e-mail the ranger room.

Winter is HERE!!! Please make sure that your child has a Hat, Coat, Mittens, Boots and Snow Pants (each item labeled with your child's name/initials) daily. We are asking that you send mittens NOT gloves along as well, mittens are easier for everyone to get on and will keep your little one's hands warmer on those cold and blustery winter days. We go outside every day (2x per day) as long as wind chill is above ZERO, and need to make sure that you child has appropriate winter gear on them.

Our classroom would like to officially welcome Ms. Hannah P as one of our afternoon teachers. Ms. Hannah is helping out in the afternoons, when Ms. Katie leaves. You may see her when she brings your child to you at the end of the night, so please say Hi. We would also like to say Hello to our new friends and families who have recently joined our classroom. Welcome to 2021, let's make this a Great Year for our Ranger Family.

Your Ranger Teachers,

Ms. Sara, Ms. Katie, and Ms. Hannah

SCHOOL-AGE Happy New Year! The new year is a fresh start to our learning in grades K-3, and we are hopeful at the return of the Hybrid school schedule. Everyone has enjoyed the break from school work, and we are ready to dive back into the learning. We realized there will be some learning curves as we adapt to the new Hybrid schedule, and we will do our best to make sure that your students are getting their daily work completed as much as possible with us. Please note that we go outside 1-2 times a day for recess time, and waterproof mittens are helpful to have on hand! We continue to adapt and be flexible, and we wish you all the best in the new year to come!