

# BEARLY NEWS

*January, 2013*

## From Ms. Peggy's Desk . . .

***Happy New Year to everyone! Hope you all had a wonderful holiday! The staff and I would like to thank you for all the generous gifts and food we received. We also thank you for the time off to be with our families and friends.***

***This is the time of year that I like to update all of the children's files. In your child's mailbox will be a registration form and USDA form (if applicable). Please fill these out as soon as possible and return to me. I am also working on end of the year statements of the amount of child care tuition which was paid in 2012. You will receive yours as soon as the updated forms are turned in.***

***We had a Licensing visit on Dec. 14 and received only one violation! We were thrilled about that! Thank you to all the staff who work so hard to follow the regulations each day! A copy of the specialist's report is posted in the front entrance.***

***We had a productive P.A.G. meeting on Thursday. Stephanie Thacker will be emailing the minutes to parents. Our next meeting will be Feb. 7 at 6:00 p.m. We hope that you will plan to attend!***

## Infant I Room (Koala Bears) . . .

***Ms. Lindsay and Ms. Deanna***

*We would like to welcome Leila to our room! Sarah B. is trying to say more words each day. Trinity is sitting up all by herself! Hudson, Lucy, and Charlotte are all taking steps! Alexandra is getting bigger each day. Sarah loves the word "hi".*

*Hope everyone had a great holiday!*

## Transitional Room . . .

***Ms. Stephanie***

## Toddler I Room (Teddy Bears)

***Ms. Pam***

*I hope everyone had a happy holiday. We are going to be learning about Health and Hygiene this month, and working on learning names for our body parts.*

*Everyone has been having fun doing circle time and they are doing really well with their colors. They also love singing the baby bumblebee song.*

## Two Year Olds (Care Bears)...

***Ms. Lori***

*A special thank you to Linda Darcus (Kayden's grandmother) for bringing in a Christmas tree to decorate our room with. We really enjoyed it.*

*We would like to welcome Christopher Boone to our classroom.*

## Preschool II class (Panda Bears)

***Ms. Kaylor***

*Our Preschool class is kicking off the new year with Community Helpers. Our Blueprint theme is "Moving, Making, and Doing", and we will be doing plenty of that! While learning about these helpers, I've included mini lessons such as: healthy habits for doctors and dentists, and fire safety and stranger danger for fire fighters and police officers.*

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*We have also begun writing our first names and will be learning to recognize our last names. Our focus letters for the month are “Rr” and “Kk”, so help your child point them out and ask about capital and lowercase letters.*

*Let’s start this year off right!*

## **Pre-K class (Polar Bears)**

***Ms. Stacey***

Happy New Year! This month begins our 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of our preschool year. We will hit Kindergarten skills pretty hard for the next couple of months to prepare your little ones for August.

During this month’s “Moving, Making, and Doing” theme we will be working a lot with alphabet letters, numbers, and writing our names. We’ll also practice hand raising at circle time and extra writing exercises to strengthen our pencil grip.

This is a favorite theme for the boys and the girls are always interested in learning.

Please try to make every effort to attend our P.A.G. meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month. We discuss activities in our classrooms and also things going on in the center.

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## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

**07 - Lorelei Baker**

**15 - Paige Baldwin**