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"As The Seasons Change" A Seasonal Newsletter from Four Seasons Daycare

Welcome to Four Seasons Daycare, a licensed facility that is committed to providing the best possible care for you and your children. The intent of "**As the Seasons Change**" is to keep our center families informed about upcoming events and on-going happenings at the center. We hope you find this newsletter both entertaining and informative. Should you have any questions, concerns or suggestions about this publication, or any other aspect of your child's care, please feel free to speak to the center's director, Ms. Debbie.



News From The Office

Just a few reminders...

- Payments are due Friday, and are considered late as of 6pm Monday.
- Please make sure to keep your contact phone numbers up-to-date so that we know how to get in touch with you daily.
- Please sign your child in and walk your child **all the way** to their classroom.
- Please remember to wash your child's hands upon entering the classroom to help cut down on germs.
- Be **especially** careful in the parking lot!
- Please make sure your child has a complete change of clothes in his/her cubby for those unpredictable accidents that tend to happen.



Upcoming Events

January 1- New Years- Center & KGCS are closed
 January 21- MLK Day - Center & KGCS are closed
 January 25- Scholastic Book orders are due
 February 5- "Al's Pals" Preschool Parent Meeting
 February 14- Valentine's Day Classroom Parties
 February 15- KGCS- Early Dismissal
 February 15- Scholastic Book orders are due
 February 18- President's Day Center & KGCS are closed
 February 19-20 Spring Pictures
 March 1- Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration
 March 5 "We're Off to Kindergarten" Parent Meeting
 March 8- KGCS- closed
 March 8- KGCS- Kindergarten Round up
 March 15- Family Breakfast with O'Malley
 March 15- Classroom St. Patrick's Day Parties
 March 15- Scholastic Book orders are due
 March 19- Parent/Teacher Conferences
 April 1 Re-enrollment begins
 April 15-April 22 Center open, KGCS closed
 April 19 Classroom Spring Parties
 April 19-Scholastic Book orders are due- (last one)
 April 26- Re-enrollment period ends- Forms are due.
 May 6-9- Mother's Day Store
 May 7 Teacher Appreciation Day
 May 10- Mother's Day Tea
 May 17- Preschool Graduation
 May 21 Gym Fun Demonstration
 May 23 and 24 KGCS Early Dismissal
 May 27- Center & KGCS closed for Memorial Day
 May 28- First Day of Summer Camp
 June 14- Father's Day Ice Cream Social

**** From time to time, changes need to occur to our projected calendar. Should other important dates arise or changes to scheduled dates occur, information regarding those changes will be posted at the parent information desk in the center. KGCS will also notify you of changes.**

News Flash



Welcome to the second half of the school year! With the holidays behind us, we are all looking forward to a wonderful start to the New Year! There are many exciting events planned over the next several months. Check the "Upcoming Events" portion of this newsletter to stay on top of all the happenings at the center!

Keeping up with the latest happenings becomes especially important when winter weather is upon us! I thought I'd take a moment to review our closing policy. First of all, you should know that our center independently decides whether to open or close based on many factors, the greatest, of course, being the safety of the children and our teachers. Be assured, when we can be open safely, we will be open, even if the county schools are closed. So, how *do* you find out if we are opening on time, or closing for the day? There are many avenues that we use to get the word out! If the weather seems to be an issue, you can check Four Seasons' voicemail, our website and your email for up-to-date closure information or tune into B101.5 or 95.9 on your FM dial. You can also now follow us on Twitter [@4SeasonsDaycare](#) for weather related information and for upcoming center activities. This is actually the most effective way, as it is the first method we employ to help keep our families up to speed.

In addition to keeping up with the winter weather, this is also the season to keep up with those nasty winter germs! To that end, please help us keep the children and teachers healthy this season by washing your child's hands each and every time they enter the center, by keeping them home when they are ill and by adhering to the center's illness policy, which entails picking your child up when you are notified your child is sick within the hour and keeping your child home for at least the next day if they are sent home and until they are fever-free for minimally 24 hours. Working together we can keep everyone happy and healthy.

On a personal note, you may have noticed that I am not as visible at the center as of late. I am completing an internship as part of my Early Childhood Special Education Graduate Studies program through George Mason University and so, while I'm checking in with the teachers and monitoring center operations daily, I will not physically be at the center each and every day. If you need to get ahold of me, please feel free to reach out via email or consult with Ms. Georgia, Ms. Gina or Ms. Jess in the office.

Thank you for continuing to allow us to love and care for your most valued treasure! We are honored that you have asked us to be such a special part of your child's life.

Ms. Debbie ☺

Check out the latest news from your child's class...



A Word from the Crib

The Infant Room staff would like to take this time to remind all parents to check their child's supplies weekly and replenish diapers, wipes, food, and formula in a timely manner. Additionally, the teachers encourage you to look at all the fun, developmental activities planned for your child daily! Sometimes it may seem like it's all about feeding, sleeping and diapering in this room, but there is MUCH more going on each day beyond traditional care! Currently, the teachers are adding new "signs" to your child's vocabulary, incorporating more sensory activities daily and encouraging your baby to explore their world. Be sure to ask one of the infant room teachers to share some of the fun activities they are doing with your little one as they learn and grow each day!!



Toddler Talk

Ms. Sheila, Ms. Cindy and Ms. Joyce are planning lots of exciting activities for our toddlers in 2019! Currently, we are focusing on the concepts in our monthly curriculum, building our vocabulary and working on social skills. Look for your child's daily "Cuddlegram" for information on your child's day and the weekly folder to keep you up-to-date on the happenings

in the classroom. Folders given out each Friday should be returned on Monday. There is also a "Today we..." magnetic board hanging on the back of the classroom door that outlines some of the day's fun. Since toddlers have limited vocabulary, we recommend that parents use this board as a tool to communicate with your child about his or her day. As always, check your child's cubby each day and replenish supplies as needed. We are looking forward to a great new year filled with lots of love, laughter and learning!



Tales from the Twos

Potty Training is the theme for the New Year in our classroom and we are on a roll! Ms. Chrissy, Ms. Jackie and Ms. Nicole are extremely proud of the progress many of their students have already made mastering this very important developmental milestone and are looking forward to working with others as they begin to show signs of readiness! To help your child succeed, please remember to dress them in easy to remove clothes and keep plenty of pull-ups, wipes and extra outfits at the center. Lots of other fun activities are planned for the two's class as we soar into 2019. Please make sure to check your child's folder each week for details about upcoming events.



Moving and Grooving

with the Threes

Ms. Rose, Ms. Tangie and Ms. Nicole are prepared for 2019! They are focusing on your child's social development and understanding of curriculum concepts as they head into the second half of the school year and prepare your child to enter next year's Pre-K Program. Daily activities are posted in the classroom. Please check your child's Friday Folder for the latest classroom happenings each week and return the folder on Monday. Sign-up sheets for special classroom events will be posted by the classroom door if you would like to join your child or contribute an item for the class to enjoy! An important parent meeting is planned on February 5th to outline some of the upcoming AI's Pals lessons and highlight other upcoming preschool events. Hope to see you there!

Preschool News



WOW! It is hard to believe we are already half way through the school year! Ms. Paula, Ms. Brie and Ms. Christina are excited about all the fun events planned for 2019 as we work our way up to preschool graduation in May. Weekly activities will be noted on the classroom calendar distributed at the beginning of each month. Please check your child's Friday Folder each week and return it on Monday. Sign-up sheets for special classroom events will be posted if you would like to join in or contribute! Center-wide events are outlined in the beginning of this newsletter. Please note, two parent meetings are planned. The first,

on February 5th, is to review some of the upcoming AI's Pals lessons and another is planned for March 5th to inform you about Preschool Graduation, Summer Camp and Kindergarten! Please plan on joining us to discuss these very important topics!



School-Age Happenings

It is hard to believe that 2019 is already here!!! The start of the school year has been quite an adventure and the second half looks just as promising! As always, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Brenda and Ms. Tina will be there each day to help make sure your child starts and ends their school day just right! Homework help is available each day as needed. Children may start their homework at the center, but please note that **parents and students** are responsible for checking all "home"work and ensuring assignments are complete at "home". Please note the upcoming events calendar for KGCS closings. Remember to send a lunch for your child on days that school is not in session. Summer Camp packets will be available in April. To reserve your child's spot in Summer Camp 2019, please make sure enrollment forms are completed and returned by the April 26th due date or risk disenrollment at the end of the school year. Thanks again for spending the school year with us, the school age teachers have plenty of fun and games planned for the second half of the school year!