



KID'S HAVEN CHILD CARE AND PRESCHOOL

December 2018

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A Note From The Director

Happy Holidays!

As the year comes to an end and the new one begins, I have a few notes...

*Our hours for Christmas Eve are 7:00am-3:00pm, we are closed Tuesday, 12/25 to observe Christmas Day, our hours for New Year's Eve are 5:30am -5:30pm, and we are closed Tuesday, 1/1 to observe New Year's Day.

*Please know that ALL accounts must have a **zero balance** as of Dec 31st. This is very important because we run our accounting system on a fiscal year so we close the books for the year on the 31st. If your account is not paid in full by this time, you will be unable to bring your children back until your account has a zero balance. Thank you so much for your understanding of this policy.

I hope you all have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Sincerely,
Missy Sjolin

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Creative Curriculum

We are currently in the study of music making. We have been engaging and building on children's curiosity around music, sound, and performance. If you can, we'd love your help gathering items to investigate. We will take many different objects and pictures related to music making. Below is a list of suggested items, but you may also send others not on the list that you think may add to our explorations. Please label all items with your name so we can return them to you at the end of our study. Also, please let us know if you or a family member is involved with music making and would like to share this talent with the class. We would love to arrange a time for you to join us in our investigations.

Instruments— drums, rhythm sticks, cymbals, triangles, gongs, jingle bells, step bells, xylophones, electronic keyboard, homemade instruments. Materials— sheet music, CDs, photographs of unusual instruments, programs or photographs from musical performances, microphone, and children's books containing songs.

As we study music making, we will learn concepts and skills in literacy, math, science, social studies, the arts, and technology. We'll develop thinking skills as we observe, investigate, ask questions, solve problems, make predictions, and test our ideas.

At home you can listen to music throughout the day with your child. We often don't even notice the music that plays in the background of our everyday lives. Discuss music that you and your child hear. How does it make you feel? Does it sound like any other music you have heard? Talk about favorite music styles and songs with your child and share why you enjoy them. Create a list together of your family's favorite songs. Thank you for playing an important role in our learning!

Special Events at Kid's Haven

12/3-12/7: We are inviting a high school band member to join in any of the investigations by talking about his or her instrument, demonstrating the instrument, or playing music with children.

12/3-12/7: We are inviting families to share their favorite songs, musical styles, performances with their child.

12/14: Preschool Christmas Programs- 9:00: Transition & Pre 1, 9:45: Pre 2 & Pre 3, 10:30: Pre 4, Pre 5, & Pre-K

12/17-12/21: We are inviting families to create opportunities to sing with their children.

12/19: We are inviting a family member into the classroom to share their musical talents.

12/21: Christmas Celebrations

12/24-12/28: We are asking families to send in lyrics to a favorite family song to include in a class songbook.

1/2: Visit the music room

11/26/2018-1/4/2019: We are inviting a family member into the classroom who plays an instrument.

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Reminders:

*Sign up for the week of Christmas outside your child's classroom door.

*Please bring in labeled winter attire for your child as we hope to continue to go outside as long as it is not too cold out.

*Please bring all of your child's belongings to their classroom cubby in the mornings so we are not miss placing any items.

*Please keep your eyes out for the way your child's classroom will celebrate Christmas in the classroom.