

Newton-Watertown Creative Start ~ Children's Center
Parent Newsletter
January 2024



Important Dates:

CLOSED ALL MONDAYS in January:

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

Thurs., Jan. 4th-Family Event at pick up

Friday, Jan. 12th- Parent Group with Shachi at 8:30 a.m.

Wed. Jan. 16th-Policy Council at 6:30 p.m. with Board of Directors

Friday, Jan. 19th- Parent Meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Family Engagement

Please join us for our Family Event-Lullabies from Around the World at pick up time on Thursday, January 4th (if you can come about 15 minutes early for pick up)

We hope you can also make it to Shachi's Parent Group on Friday, January 12th at 8:30 a.m.

Parent Meeting

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A note from Miss Donna and Miss Hana

If anyone is interested in our Substitute Teacher Training in January let us know! Flyer is posted on the Parent Board with the information.

The children go out daily, send your child in with a hat and mittens, and boots if there is snow on the ground. Please label clothing if you can!

Watch the local news for school closings due to inclement weather. If the Watertown Public Schools are closed we are closed also. If there is a delay we will follow what the delay is for the public school. Pick up time will remain the same.

Please remember to call the center (617-527-6689) after 8:00 a.m. if your child is going to be late or absent. Please do not text or email the teachers. Thank you!

Social-Emotional Info with Miss Shachi

Children are learning to identify others' feelings by looking at their face and focusing attention on what is happening, or the situation, which can help them tell how someone is feeling. Please help your child practice at home by asking when they felt happy or sad

Happy January

Birthday to:

Jesus 1/5

Israel 1/10

Andy 1/14

Cl. 2 Adam A. 1/20

Miss Carla 1/7

Classroom 2-Miss Anahita and Miss Barbara

What we learned about in the month of December: We learned about our families and they are different and the same. We also explored clothing . Why we need it and about different kinds of fabrics: their textures, their patterns.

Favorite activities in the month of December: Drawing our families, fabric, collages and fabric texture board.

Favorite book from the past month: A Family is a family is a Family by Sara O'Leary

Favorite song from the past month: "Mommy Finger Where Are You?"

What we will be learning about in the month of January: We will be studying the Author illustrator, Eric Carle and we also will be learning about Earth and Space Science

Family Engagement activities: Tracing Our Family's Hands, My History in Clothes

Classroom 3-Miss Carla and Miss Jen

What we learned about in the month of December: We did an Author Study on Jane Yolen and her series of social emotional books; How Do Dinosaurs: Say Good Night, Say I'm Mad, Play with their Friends, Say I love you.

Favorite activities in the of month of December: We used mirrors to look at our faces and say how we felt. We talked being a kind friend. We also enjoyed Marble Painting and Symmetry Painting (paper is folded so it looks the same on each side). We liked taking nature walks and observing our surroundings change as winter comes

Favorite book from the past month: How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night? by Jane Yolen

Favorite song from the past month: "Dinosaur,Dinosaur Turn Around"

Favorite fingerplay from the past month: "Five Little Dinosaurs"

What we will be learning about in the month of January: We will be learning about Winter and Winter Animals; we will also be doing experiments with water and how it freezes and melts

Family Engagement activities: Snow on black construction paper, Favorite Food collage

Classroom 4-Miss Toba, Miss Robina, Miss Vehanush

What we learned about in the month of December: We learned about how an author can have more than one book and compared their books. The author we studied was Eric Carle. We chose Eric Carle because his books speak to children's interests, curiosities, and also leave room for young children to create their own stories.

Favorite activities in the month of December: Children enjoyed creating their own books by telling their own stories. Also children practiced their sign language while reading "Brown Bear, Brown Bear"

Favorite book from the past month: Today is Monday By Eric Corle

Favorite song from the past month: "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"

What we will be learning about in the month of January: Winter/ Snow/ Winter animals STEM Physical science.

Family Engagement activities: Practice zipping and buttoning clothes.