

Hello Families

Happy 2017! We hope the New Year brings you all health, happiness, and good fortune!

Thanks to everyone for participating in all the charitable events we had throughout December, we love giving back to the community and we couldn't have done it without you!

With the new year, we have some new faces starting. Our college girls will be heading back to school by the end of the month, and we'll also have some familiar faces switching to different classrooms. Stay tuned for a letter going out explaining all of the changes in detail.

Have a great January!



Dates to Remember
1/10 FISK presentation

Outdoor Gear

Please make sure your child has weather appropriate outdoor gear at all times. Our younger side will continue to go outside until the temperature reaches 20 degrees, and our older side will continue to go outside until it is zero degrees. We don't always have enough extras to provide, so we ask that you always have them available. Don't forget to label your child's items - it can be difficult to remember which pair of black snow pants belongs to who!



New Faces

Our toddler room is getting a new teacher at the beginning of January! We'd like to welcome Ms. Alicia to Kidzland, we hope you love it here as much as we do!

Polar Plunge

The Polar Plunge is coming up in February. If you'd like to join Team Kidzland, see Mr. Josh!

Spotlight Staff:

Our Spotlight Staff member this month is Ms. Colleen! Ms. Colleen is a toddler planning champ—always coming up with adorable ideas to do with her little ones. Thanks for all you do Ms. Colleen!

Happy Birthday!

Ms Tiffany	1/3	Ms. Marissa	1/22
Royelle W.	1/5	Mara H.	1/23
Kendall H.	1/11	Breckin H.	1/24
Brayden S.	1/16		

NAEYC

If you haven't had a chance yet, please remember to fill out the NAEYC Family Survey that we sent out at the beginning of December. These are important for our center to use as tools during our accreditation process. If you need another copy, just let us know!



Snow Ice Cream

Recipe from gimmesomeoven.com

YIELD: ABOUT 2-4 SERVINGS

This 5-minute recipe for homemade snow ice cream is a sweet way to celebrate a snow day!

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup milk (any kind)
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 pinch salt
- 8 cups clean snow or shaved ice (more or less depending on the density of the snow)
- optional (but strongly suggested) topping: sprinkles!!!

DIRECTIONS:

In a large bowl, whisk milk, sugar, vanilla and salt together until combined. Go scoop up some fresh (clean!) snow, and immediately stir it into the milk mixture until you reach your desired consistency. Top with sprinkles or other ice cream toppings if desired.

The ice cream should be fluffy and not runny, but it melts quickly, so dive in right away!

**Consume fresh snow at your own risk.*



Fun Winter Ideas



Bring the snow inside on the days it's too cold to play outside!

Here's a great idea to keep the little ones busy during those long winter months:

[Snow Sensory Bin](#)

Baby Sign Language

Baby sign language is a great way to communicate with your baby or toddler! It helps them learn to communicate their wants and needs in a way that can be understood.



Yes

The yes sign looks a head nodding yes. You take your hand and make it into a fist, holding it at about shoulder height and make your fist bob up and down. Once baby starts to understand your words, teach yes as a way for baby to signal acquiescence. Ask baby if she wants something, and instead of having baby grab at it, gradually teach her to sign yes.