



## Hello Families!

The temperature has dropped, the snow is coming, and it's dark at drop off and pick up. Winter is here! Here are a couple winter reminders:

Kidzland strives to be a dependable part of your lives. We rarely close in inclement weather, but if the road conditions are just not safe enough for our little ones to be traveling on, we would need to make the decision to close. We typically follow the same guidelines as the Little Chiute School District. If weather conditions would force us to close, you can follow the closings on WBAY. We do send emails out as well, so please make sure your email address is up to date with the office.

Please be sure your child (Ages 1 and up) have appropriate outdoor weather gear available at all times, as we will continue to go outside on a daily basis while the temperature remains above 20 degrees for the younger side, and above 0 degrees for the older side.

Kidzland is closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Please return your Holiday Schedules to the office by December 12th so that we can schedule the staff accordingly.

Have a warm and cozy December, and Happy Holidays from our family to yours!

## Dates to Remember

12/3	1st day of Hanukkah
12/19	Last Day for Giving Tree collections
12/24 & 25th	Closed— Merry Christmas!
12/26	Kwanzaa
1/1	Closed— Happy New Year!



## Spotlight Staff

This month's spotlight shines on **Ms. Marissa!** Ms. Marissa is a recent Early Childhood graduate of FVTC, and is doing a great job in her first position as a Lead Teacher. Her creativeness and excitement for the education of young children is contagious. Thanks for all you do Ms. Marissa!

## Giving Tree with Homeless Connections

Kidzland is participating in the 2018 Giving Tree with Homeless Connections. You will see paper ornaments on our Christmas tree by the coffee bar. Each ornament has an item that can be purchased to help families in the area. Homeless Connections helps connect families to resources promoting self-sufficiency and prevent homelessness in the future. Lets help support some of these families!

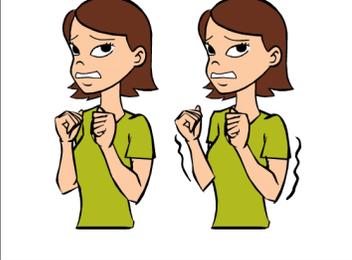
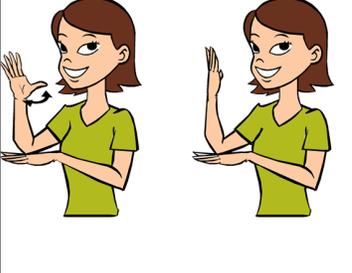
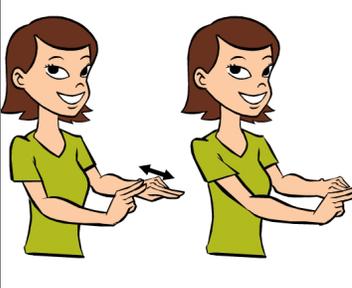
## Happy Birthday!

Elise V. 12/2	Kennedy S. 12/14
Emma H. 12/3	Ruby V. 12/16
Audrey G. 12/8	Ms. Colleen 12/19
Ella G. 12/8	Zoe O. 12/28
Clara S. 12/8	Grayson M. 12/30
Maddie P. 12/9	Hayden R. 12/30

## Baby Sign Language

Baby sign language is a great way to communicate with your baby or toddler! It helps them learn to express their wants and needs in a way that can be understood. Visit [www.babysignlanguage.com](http://www.babysignlanguage.com) to learn more signs.

### 5 Signs of December

Sign	Picture	Signing Instructions
Snow		<p>To sign <i>snow</i>, your fingers flutter down as if they were snow flakes drifting down from the sky. Take both of hands and extend and spread your fingers. Start high and bring the hands slowly down while fluttering your fingers up and down. The sign for snow, is similar to the sign for rain, the only difference being the fluttering of the fingers.</p>
Cold		<p>To make the baby sign for cold take both hands and make them into fists with thumbs up. Pull your upper arms into your sides, extend your forearms out, and shake your fists back and fourth. The sign looks a lot like you are shivering.</p>
Santa Claus		<p>The sign for Santa Claus is based on his bushy white beard. Hold a loose "CLAW" hand to your chin. Bring it down in an arc to your chest and touch the pinkie finger side of your hand to your chest. .</p>
Tree		<p>The sign for tree looks like a tree waving above the ground. To make the tree sign, take your weak hand and extend it flat across your body to make the ground. Then take your strong hand and stand it up at right angles, with your fingers extended and shaking them back and forth.</p>
Train		<p>Point the index finger on your weak hand and make your other fingers into a fist, like a twig. Your strong hand is the leaf. Make an open hand, with palm down. Then place the base of your palm onto the index finger of your weak hand. Move your strong hand up and down a little to complete the sign.</p>