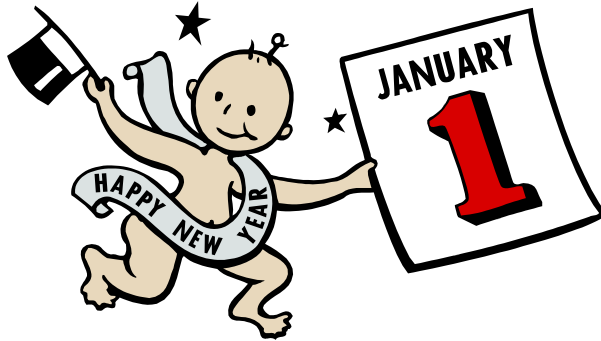




Kids Town Connection

Seasons Greetings



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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that it is already four months into the school year. As we look back, we also know how much the children have changed, and learned, as we remember there is still a lot more to learn. The children are settling back into their routine after a fun break.

As winter continues, for possible school closings or delays due to weather conditions, any changes can be found on our website and the schools phone answering system.

Parents, it is time to start planning ahead for the following school year. As many of you realize we have found the need to have two 2 year old classes this year. It is very important to have a correct count for the following school year so we have class space and teachers to teach. With our new policy, registration fees will be due in February. Those of you who paid the registration fee in August 2010 will still be required to pay the registration fee in February, but will not have to pay again until next February 2012. We have decided to eliminate the activity fees all together nor will we require a school uniform shirt accept for children enrolled in our 4, 5 and older Summer Camp program. Thus, we will be handing out registration forms. We will require the registration fee to accompany a new **fully** filled out updated application.

We are in the process of revising sections of the Parent Handbook. This will include our policies on teacher conferences; workbook fees; etc. The handbook also lists all the holidays and closing dates as well. It has a few new items like the vacation credit policy so please read over it carefully when it is distributed and remember the revised Parent Handbook will always be available on line at our website.

Sincerely,
Patti & Shona

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Rooms 1 & 2

Happy New Year! Wow, 2011 is here already, how time flies.

This month we will be focusing on transportation. The first two weeks we will focus on the book "Freight Train" by Donald Crews. We will focus on the colors red, orange, yellow, green, purple and blue. The last two weeks we will introduce the books "My Car" by Byron Barton, "Trucks" by Bright Baby and "Where to go" a transportation cloth book.

Just a friendly reminder, Monday, January 17, 2011 is a holiday and KTLC will be closed in observance of MLK Day.

We look forward to another great year here at KTLC.

Sincerely,

Ms.Lori Ms.Emily Ms. Kiah Ms.Shelby

Room 1 and 2

FYI

Just a quick reminder on the guidelines to labeling your child's bottles/food:

They must have their whole name completely written out, first and last, no initials and today's date

If the bottle is breast milk or formula, it has to be written on the bottle as well

Room 3

The teachers of rm. 3 would like to welcome the month of January. This month we will be making art projects including all modes of transportation. We will be making car noises, train noises, airplane noises and many others. We would also like to welcome some new teachers that will be starting in Room 3, Ms. Kasie and Ms. Jackie. We hope everyone has a great month!

Room 4

Welcome to 2011! I hope all of you enjoyed the last of 2010 and had a wonderful break. Hopefully you were able to spend some quality time with your magnificent children as well as family and friends. Sometimes it is hard to adjust back into the school schedule, but this month's theme will be a lot of fun! Our theme this month is "Things that Go" and our book this month is Freight Train by Donald Crews. This book takes us for a ride on a freight train pulled by a steam engine and goes over the parts of the train while going over simple colors. Your child will learn all about the parts of the freight train and the colors as illustrated in the book. This book gives us many fun things to create! We will be printing with stamps and painting with cars, and coloring with chalk to make steam, we will also create stoplights and color and paint lots of great pictures of things that go by land, sea, air, and space! Other books in this curriculum are Trucks by Byron Barton and My Car by Byron Barton. There are many other great books for this curriculum as well. Songs this month include "Row, Row, Row Your Boat," "I've Been Working on the Railroad," and "The Wheels on the Bus," along with many other classics about things that go. We will be setting up chairs in the room and pretend we are in an airplane going to Hawaii, get in our spaceships and fly to the moon, and we will be taking lots of pretend bus trips and train rides! This month should be a lot of fun and your children will learn lots of new vocabulary and knowledge about "things that go."

On another note, the weather has been very cold lately! When it is too cold or rainy/snowy to go outside we substitute outside play with play mats, tunnels, an indoor slide, and riding cars. Sometimes we will go out to the big room to watch an educational movie, no longer than 30 minutes. If you have any concerns about your child going out in the weather please feel free to let us know. We will not be going outside if it is below 32 degrees.

I look forward to this month and if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to e-mail me anytime. hpoorman@ktlc.us.com

I look forward to an awesome and exciting month!

-Heather

Room 5a & 5b

Happy New year! January brings a New Year, renewed focus and energy to our classroom. It is time to start more challenging tasks. The children have grown tremendously in their ability and confidence since September.

Planes, trains and automobiles will be our focus in the classroom along with Polar animals and hibernation. Special books we will read include The Hat and The Mitten both by Jan Brett, Mama Do You Love Me by Barbara Joose and Freight Train by Donald Craus.

Winter arrived with snow and cold cold weather. Please dress your child in layers so they can adjust to the temperatures in the classroom as well as on the playground. Also, check to see if your child has a seasonally appropriate extra change of clothes in the classroom. Thank you for your support. I look forward to a great 2011 with your child.

Clare Stefan

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Happy New Year Kidstown! I am very happy to start another year here at Kidstown Learning Center. We are beginning our 2011 year with our transportation curriculum. As we review different ways of transportation we will also be working on identifying the beginning, middle, and end of stories. We will continue to practice our sight words everyday. I am very pleased with the way the students are learning to sound out the words. Our class will continue to review our daily calendar activities, replicate patterns, and sound letters.

In math this month we will be working on our critical thinking ability with counting money, and telling time.

In writing we will be working on persuasive writing, by writing with purpose such as writing directions, or a story with a beginning, middle and end.

In science we will be learning about the different planets and how they all interact with each other.

During our circle time we will be discussing health and personal hygiene. We will be going over the different ways to keep our body's fit, healthy and clean.

In social studies we will be discussing important people of American history. These include, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and Abraham Lincoln.

We will continue our Spanish, sign language and computer lab every week throughout the year.

I look forward to learning and growing with the students in 2011.

Ms. Jenna

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Room 6

We're Back! Room 6 is back at KidsTown and ready to start the New Year off with a smart start! This month we are taking our letter recognition skills and tackling the world of writing. All month we will be working on writing the letters 'A, O, C, V'.

Also if you have the time stop by our new 'Transportation Repair shop' located in our Dramatic play area. Our Room 6 professionals will be training on all of the latest transportation styles of the last century.

Happy New Year,

Ms. Zamora, Miss Nikie, Miss Tiffany

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Room 7

Hello, I am Ms. Alison, the new lead teacher for classroom 7, and I am looking forward to the start of a new year with you and your child. This month will explore the wonderful world of Transportation. Along the way we will gather information about the different types of transportation and talk about the ways they are used in our everyday lives. We will be reading great books about Transportation such as *The Little Engine That Could* by Watty Piper and *The Little Airplane* by Lois Lenski just to name a few. Along with our transportation theme we will focus on the letters F and G and our shape will be square.

As we miss Ms. Daphne we welcome Ms. Dawn from room 8 with open arms.

Sincerely,

Ms. Alison

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Ms. Dawn

Room 8

We hope that you guys had a Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. We have a fun filled beginning to the year. This month theme is transportation. There is so much we can do with this theme from airplanes to automobiles to locomotives. The letter of month is "Tt." And the colors of the month are orange and yellow. Here are a couple of books for this month:



Freight Train by Donald Crews

My First Truck Book by DK Publishing

Boats by Bryon Barton

Please send in gloves or mittens and a hat with your child. We will be going outside during the winter months. Enjoy your New Year!!!

Mrs. Becky

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Mrs. Dawn

Mrs. Katelyn

Española Corner

This month in Spanish and Sign Language, we will go back and review our colors, numbers, animals, fruits, letters, family members and days of the week. Since this month's theme is Transportation, we will learn how to say the different modes of transportation.

Car- Carro or Coche

Bike- Bicicleta

Boat- bote

Airplane- Avión

Train- Tren

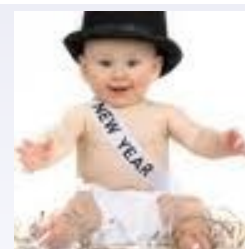
Bus- Autobús

School Bus- Autobús escolar

In Computer class for rooms 5 and 7, we will explore the many types of computer software and games that are available. We will continue to work on matching with letters and numbers. The use of the keyboard will be introduced so the child can get familiar with where the letters are located and how to move using the arrows keys.

Nurse's Notes

Happy new years to all! Coming into January we tend to think about a lot of different new years resolutions. Here are 12 tips that we can all benefit from during 2011:



- Washing hands often to keep from spreading germs and getting sick
- Bundle up to stay dry and warm
- Learn how to manage stress. Don't over-commit yourself!
- Be smoke free and avoid second hand smoke
- Always fasten your seatbelt, make sure you buckle your children in the car using a car seat, booster seat, or seat belt according to your child's height, weight, and age
- Get exams and screenings on time
- Get vaccinated, which helps prevent disease and save lives
- Keep a eye on your children (keep all potentially dangerous and hazardous items locked up at all times)
- Practice fire safety, most residential fires are in the winter months so NEVER leave fireplaces, heaters, stoves, or candles unattended. Have a emergency plan and practice it regularly
- Prepare food safely (wash hands and surfaces often, avoid cross-contamination, cook food to proper temperature, and refrigerate promptly
- AND MOST IMPORTANTLY eat healthy, get moving, eat plenty fruits and vegetables, limit portion size and foods high in fat and sugar, be active for at least one hour a day. Lets all make a commitment to eat healthier and exercise regularly I can do it can you?

From the Chef's Kitchen

The New Year always comes with the saying, "I have to start eating healthy." Well, here are a few good tips on nutrition to assist you with whatever goal you have in mind for this new year.

Throw out everything "white" and go "brown." Open your pantry and cabinets and if you have white sugar, get Sugar in the Raw, which is brown. If you have white rice, purchase brown or whole wheat or whole grain rice. The same goes for breads. Whole wheat and multigrain breads and better for your body.

Also drink plenty of WATER!! 8 cups a day will start to flush out all impurities and start to make you feel better. Also Instead of a big breakfast with fatty contents , try a cup of fresh fruit and some yogurt. If you enjoy eggs, try only egg whites, fried or scrambled and you will start to feel better.

Thanks and good luck!

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Emerson	6
Luke	8
Marcelo	8
Ms . Shelby	12
Ms. Amy	12
Colin	14
Elijah	14
Taylor	15
Ms. Zamora	19

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Matthew	27
Ms. Amber	31
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