



CRICKET TODDLER DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Welcome winter. It's hard to believe we are getting ready to celebrate the holidays. This month the Crickets will be learning about different holiday celebrations and traditions. We will build a big tree in our room by the children painting a plate and their picture will be added to it. We will use a scrub brush to make a beautiful wreath as well as having pine branches and peppermint rice in our sensory table. We will also be working on our holiday gifts so no peaking or sneaking around!

Dates to Remember:

December 4 – Ms Charlene vacation day
5 & 19 – Music with Ms Stephanie
12 - First Day of Hanukkah
13 & 27 – Amazing athletes
13 – Ms Kim vacation day
25 – Christmas – center closed
26 – Center closed in observance of the holiday
29 – PJ and movie day
January 1 – Welcome **2018**, center closed Monday January 1



REMINDERS: The weather is cold and we still go outside to play. Please be sure your child has warm mittens and hats. Please also make sure all jackets and clothing is marked with your child's name to help prevent getting them mixed up.

Please remember upon entering the classroom with your child to wash their hands. The teachers wash the children's hands several times during the day. This will help to prevent the spread of colds and other illness during the winter months.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	D.O.E.
Story / Circle Time (Language Skills)	There Was An Old Lady	Clifford helps Santa	Two Little Candy Canes	Christmas Mouse	Reindeer Pokey	LC37 – the younger toddler uses sounds and words in social situations
Art Activities	Hand print trees	Gifts / Pictures	Coloring	Holiday collage	Peppermint craft	CD66 – the older toddler creativity explore and experiments using a variety of materials and medium
Fine/ Gross Motor Skills	Bean Bags	Large Lego's	Bead Maze	Pegs and Pegboards	Snow balls	PW33 – the young toddler explores eye and hand movements
Sensory Exploration	←-----	-----	Pine branches	Sensory table	-----→	AL12 – the younger toddler shows curiosity in new and familiar objects

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	D.O.E.
Story/ Circle (Language Skills)	The Snowman	Christmas tree	Jingle Bells	A Very Snowy Christmas	Mooseltoe	LC28 – the younger toddler responds to action words by performing action
Art Activities	Handprint Garland	Holiday Gifts	Spin art tree	Holiday gifts	Reindeer	PW36 – the older toddler controls small muscles in the hand
Fine / Gross Motor Skills	Small cars and trucks	Dress up	Pegs and peg boards	Music and marching	Stringing beads	CD46 – the younger toddler repeats actions watching for results
Sensory Exploration	←-----	-----	Peppermint rice	-----	-----→	CD63 – the older toddler uses simple tools to continue exploration

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Story / Circle Time (Language Skills)	Clifford Helps Santa	Jingle Bells	The First Day of Winter	Christmas Mice	The Night Before Christmas	LC31 – the older toddler continues to understand many more words than they can speak
Art Activities	Bow art	Snowflake painting	Reindeer hats	Brush Christmas wreath	Reindeer food	CD66 - the younger toddler explores sensory art materials and uses them to create visual effect
Fine/ Gross Motor Skills	Stackers	Coloring at the easel	Balls	Driving Cars and trucks	Wedgits	SED21 – the older toddler is developing problem solving skills when challenged
Sensory Exploration		←-----	Ribbons and bows in the sensory table	-----→		CD62 – the older toddler asks questions and develops inquiry skills

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Story/ Circle Time (Language Skills)	CLOSED	CLOSED	The Little Red sled	The Night Before New Years	PJ & Movie day	LC41- the older toddler develops an awareness of word sounds and rhythms of language
Art Activities			Tree silhouettes	2018 New Year Banner	Finger paint	LC48-the younger toddler makes purposeful marks on paper
Fine / Gross Motor Skills			Textured blocks	Musical Instruments	Chalk on chalk boards	PW33- the young toddler explores eye and hand movements
Sensory Exploration	←-----	-----	Fake Snow	-----	-----→	AI12- the younger toddler shows curiosity in new and familiar objects

Week Of:

Theme:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	D.O.E.
Story/ Circle (Language Skills)						
Art Activities						
Fine / Gross Motor Skills						
Sensory Exploration						