



December



2017

Toddler/Preschool Newsletter – Ladybugs
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Dear Ladybug Parents – It is truly hard to believe the holiday season is upon us! Throughout November, our young students have enjoyed many learning activities about transportation, friends and family and Thanksgiving. Throughout the month of December, we will learn about the holiday season and the many traditions of Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa! If your family has a tradition you would like to share with the Ladybug teachers, please let us know so we can integrate them into your children’s holiday learning experiences! We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!!

Dates to Remember



<u>Amazing Athletes</u>	December 13 th & 27 th
<u>Music Miss Stephanie</u>	December 13 th
<u>Center Closed</u>	Christmas Day 12/25 Day after Christmas 12/26 New Year’s Day Jan. 01, 2018
<u>LB/FF Pajama Day</u>	Friday, December 29 th

**CENTER WIDE
PJ AND MOVIE DAY!!**

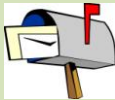
PAJAMA DRIVE



Many thanks for the donations we have received so far during our Pajama Drive in conjunction with Scholastic Books.

The drive will run through December 13th at which time they will be donated to a local shelter.

YOU’VE GOT MAIL!



Don’t forget to check your child’s mail folder beside the classroom door for daily sheets, special notices and children’s artwork!

*Have a safe
and happy
holiday!*

Toddler Independence



The Ladybug children are learning independent self-help skills and LOVE doing things for themselves! We continue to teach & encourage them to clean up their toys, wash their hands and put on their own jackets by setting them on the floor for them



Cubby Check!

The Ladybugs continue to go out to the playground twice a day throughout the winter. Please check your child’s cubby for appropriate clothing for the cold weather. Don’t forget the hats and mittens!!!

PLEASE LABEL ALL YOUR CHILD’S CLOTHING



Open Door Policy – GOCC has an open-door policy. If, at any time, you would like to participate in your child’s class, feel free to speak to the teachers!



Curriculum

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Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Happy
Celebrations	Celebrations	Celebrations	New Year
Week of 12/04	Week of 12/11	Week of 12/18	Week of 12/25

English Language Arts <i>Language Development</i>	Talk about various holiday celebrations using pictures to support discussion.	Read <u>Corduroy's Christmas</u> at circle*	Sing "The Dreidel Song" at circle.	Read <u>Squirrels New Year's Resolution</u> at circle
Mathematics <i>Cognitive Development</i>	Holiday Chain Sort paper strips by color and work together to create holiday chains with simple patterns*	Use the balance scale with teddy bear counters.	Sort holiday erasers by holiday symbol	Sort out the different shapes and color counters
Science & Technology <i>Cognitive Development</i>	Make a big batch of play dough, separate and color using colors of the holiday.	Magnifying glasses with printed holiday wrapping paper.	Blue and yellow shaving cream*	Use salt and glitter in the sensory buckets
History and Social Science <i>Cognitive Development</i>	What is a tradition? Talk about traditions at circle time.	Take turns with teddy bear counters and balance scale.	Dramatic Play Holiday Shopping	Children help clean up the classroom for the New Year
Health Education <i>Physical Health Social/Emotional Development</i>	String holiday colored pony beads on pipe cleaners,	Jumping in hula hoops.	Spin dreidels. String holiday colored pasta.	Use tweezers to pick up and sort counter,
The Arts <i>Cognitive Development</i>	Talk about and begin holiday gifts for parents.	Work on holiday gifts for parents.	Make a Kwanzaa quilt by pasting red and green squares on to back paper.	Make a New Year's hat*
Preschool D.O.E	Mathematics P14 #8 Sort, categorize or classify objects by more than one attribute.	Language P9 #6 Listen to a wide variety of age-appropriate literature read aloud.	Science & Technology P23 #15 Use senses to explore environment using sensory vocabulary.	The Arts Use basic shapes & forms of different sizes to create artwork.
Toddler D.OE	Cognitive CD57 Toddler matches and sorts according to	Language LC30 Toddler listens to stories.	Cognitive CD60 Toddler experiments with	Cognitive Development CD63 Toddler uses simple tools to continue

color, shape or size.

*materials to
discover their
properties.*

exploration.