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## Director's Corner

December was such a nice and fun month as we welcomed back some favorite activities. The Children's House Christmas program was a very big success and spilling over with cuteness. A very big thank you to the little star performers and their teachers for a wonderful night. Santa also came back this year to visit and everyone was super excited and knew exactly what they wanted to ask for. Now we welcome 2023 and all the new adventures that await us.

At the beginning of each new year, we use this time to update our contracts, ProCare information sheet, and CACFP family enrollment forms. Contracts will be emailed to families to sign and return. ProCare information sheets and CACFP forms will be given out during pick-up to be completed and returned. 2022 statements will also be given out during drop off the second week of January.

As we begin a new year together, Children's House would like to thank you for your continuous support and choosing us as your childcare center. It is truly our honor, joy, and privilege to care for your family. Our mission has always stayed the same: To provide a loving and safe learning environment, as we love others because we were first loved by him.

Wishing you and your family happy and safe new year,

*Judy Vlach*, Director

## Information Station

Children's House will be closed for the New Year's Holiday on Monday, January 2.

And on Monday, January 16 to honor Martin Luther King, Jr.



# Classroom News

## January Birthdays

### Students

1/7 Winter, Shooting Stars  
1/29 Everard, Sunshines

### Staff

1/4 Ms. Rachael  
1/4 Ms. Rae



## Baby Bunnies

In December, we had lots of merry fun. Finn put poms in the snowman bottle. Iris put cotton balls on contact paper to make Santa's beard. June played with the fake snowballs. Maeve love playing with the jingle bell toy while Amelia got her foot painted for footprint art. Maylee listened to Christmas songs during all the fun.

We wished Kellen and Gavin good luck in the Busy Bees room and we welcomed Madeline to the Baby Bunny room. In January, we will learn all about the cold. We will also learn about what we wear in the cold, all about snow, and about cold climate animals.

Happy New Year!

Ms. Loretta  
Ms. JoJo  
Ms. Laura

## Busy Bees



We had such fun in December! Thank you to all of our parents who helped us make it a special, festive time.

In January, we will learn about animals who live where it is always cold. We will learn colors and vocabulary as well as parts of the body, by building pretend snowmen. We will us "wintery" colors in our art: blue, white, grey, and black.

This month our themes will be:

First week: Winter Fun

Second week: Cold weather animal friends

Third week: Snow Persons

Fourth week: Snowflakes

Within the framework of these themes, we will continue to work on emerging language, socio-emotional skills, pre-math concepts and strengthening our fine and gross motor skills.

Ms. Helen  
Ms. Rae



# Classroom News

## Sunshines

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! The Sunshines are looking forward to a fun-filled 2023!

We are going to kick off the new year learning about winter! We will talk about the special clothes we wear in cold weather, animals who live in snowy place, snow and ice, snowpeople, circles, and the color white.

Hopefully, we will be blessed with at least a couple of days of snow-play, so please send boots and mittens!

Thank you and have a wonderful January.

Ms. Wendy  
Ms. Cassandra

## Shooting Stars

Happy New Year to all! The cold winds are blowing in some very fun themes this month.

The Shooting Stars ready to welcome the New Year and a new season by exploring the following themes in January:

Jan. 3-6: Winter  
Jan. 9-13: Snow/Snowpeople  
Jan. 16-20: Arctic Animals  
Jan. 23-27: Ice/Frozen

Feel free to send your child with a book from home that might fit into winter themes. Thank you for all that you do!

Ms. Rebecca  
Ms. Kathy

## Rainbows

December was a happy bustle of holiday fun. Happy New Year to our Rainbow families.

This month we will be exploring the season of winter. We have a lot of fun science experiments. We will also explore winter animals. We will also be celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, as we learn about him and celebrate how we are all Alike but Different.

Our weekly themes are:

Week one: Cold weather/Letter M

Week two: Winter animals/Letter N

Week three: Alike/Different, Letter O

Week four: Moses (no letter)

Ms. Erica



## COME MEET OUR NEW PASTOR!!

Pastor Tony Stang is our new lead pastor and we would love for you to visit and get to know him! Our worship times are 10:45 a.m. at Springfield with a variety of Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. Youth and Children Sunday school also meet at 9:15 a.m.

If you are looking for a church home, we are an American Baptist denomination and welcome everyone who wishes to join with us. You may find out more about American Baptists [here](#) or you may wish to visit us at: [www.cbchurchfamily.org](http://www.cbchurchfamily.org)



### Top 12 Parenting Resolutions for the New Year

Many of us make personal New Year resolutions, but maybe not specifically for parenting our children. Tian C, writing for First Cry Parenting, offers the site's idea of their top 12. Here are a few of them:

- Resolve to spend a half-hour to hour a day of active time with your child/children each day.
- Use alternative methods to express denial rather than always saying "don't" or "no".
- Associate with a social cause together. This will increase sensitivity to society.
- More communication this year. This means more uninterrupted focus.

To read more of these resolutions, [click here](#).

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Connected Pairs continued....

### 5 New Year's Resolutions You Need to Make So That Your Relationship Survives 2023

In this article Kali Coleman talks to relationship experts to develop five New Year's Resolutions for 2023. Some of these are:

1. Focus on finding something new. "Novelty is the spice that virtually all relationships crave yet so many lack," according to one expert.
2. Work on being a more unified front. Setting boundaries as a couple is as important as personal boundaries.
3. Set aside more quality time together. Set a goal to do more things together as a couple, without the distractions of electronics.
4. To read more of this article, [click here](#).

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