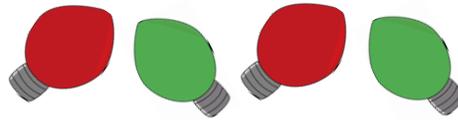




# December Newsletter

## Monthly Themes



### Holiday Fun

December 3rd-7th: Holiday Sweets

December 10th-14th: Christmas

December 17th-21st: Christmas

December 24th-28th: New Years



## Upcoming Birthdays



- ◆ Ella F.– December 6th
- ◆ Ray F. –December 8th
- ◆ Jacob M.-December 11th
- ◆ Blair O.- December 16th
- ◆ Emily M.– December 17th
- ◆ Gianna G.– December 19th
- ◆ Harper I.– December 22nd
- ◆ Sawyer J.-December 22nd
- ◆ Niko C.– December 23rd

## Establishing a Pick Up and Drop Off Routine



Transitions can often be very challenging for young children, especially when going from one environment to another. As a result, morning drop offs and afternoon pick ups can be especially difficult to manage. This is a completely normal and developmentally appropriate behavior, and working to establish a consistent routine can be extremely helpful.

Here are some helpful rules and tips for making drop off and pick up times easier for both you and your child.

◆ **Talk to your child** and prepare them for the day. Just verbally walking them through the routine will be a good

way to help them know what to expect.

◆ Remember that as long as you and your child are in the building, they must *follow school rules*. Our staff work each day to reinforce school rules and expectations. This includes always using walking feet in the hallways. It is important to maintain consistency and follow through on these rules.

◆ Children must always be accompanied by an adult. While we do always strive to maintain a safe environment, children who are unattended even for a minute could quickly get injured.

◆ If you are picking up more than one child, it may be helpful to pick up your younger child first. This will help to keep our older children from going into the infant and toddler rooms.

One of our primary goals is to keep your children safe. By following these guidelines, you will help to contribute to this safe atmosphere.

If there is anything we can do to assist you and your children during drop off or pick up times, please do not hesitate to ask. We are here to help!



### Special Days in December

- ◆ December 5th  
**Baking Treats Day**
- ◆ December 7th  
**Parents' Night Out**
- ◆ December 13th  
**Ugly Sweater Day**
- ◆ December 19th  
**Birthday Party for Jesus**
- ◆ **December 24th**– Christmas Eve: Close at 3:00
- ◆ **December 25th**  
Center Closed
- ◆ **December 31st**  
Close at 3:00

## New Year's Eve Crafts

New Year's Eve is a fun time to reflect on the year before with your children. Here a few ideas you can do or use them to get your own creative juices flowing:

- Create a book that you can print – these are a simple and fun task to put together. Include all of the fun things you did over the past year. Let your little one draw pictures that go with the activities they've done. These are also a good idea for early readers.
- Write a Poem – Use the letters in the word "New Year" and write a poem about things you've done over the past year.
- A New Year Essay – this is good for older children. Write an essay on the "The Best Thing That Happened to Me This Year Was..."
- Entertainment over the past year – Make a list of questions about your favorite movies, songs, books, television shows, websites, photos, activities and why you liked them.
- Keep the New Year In mind – make a list together of things you'd like to do, goals you'd like to reach in the new year. Include places you'd like to visit, books you'd like to read, things you'd like to learn, etc.
- Create a scrapbook: Use photos and memorabilia from activities you've done, trips you've taken or other fun things and put it all into a scrapbook that your child can look back on for years to come.

There are plenty of ways to create fun reminders of the past year. Use your own creativity to create beautiful memories with your children.



## Referral Program

Would you like some extra money for holiday shopping??

Write us a review on Google for either the Walden or Laverack location and receive a Target gift card!



\*This must be the first time writing a Google review to be eligible. Please be sure to write your review for the program that your child attends\*



## From the Office

*Wishing all of my extended family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!! May the good Lord bless your households with much love, joy, peace, and happiness. Much Love, Darlene*

