



INSPIRATIONS LEARNING CENTER

January 2021 Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES:
JANUARY 18th – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR MLK DAY

JANUARY THEME



During the first month of 2021, the children will be busy learning and discovering each day. The children in the VPK classes will be talking each day about ***Stories and Rhymes***. Please be sure to check out the weekly lesson plan that is posted for the families at each school location.

The three-year-old children will be working with ***Favorite Tales and Rhymes*** during the month while the twos will be enjoying and discussing ***Colors***.



FOOD AND TOY DRIVE

Our families are absolutely amazing!! Thank you to everyone who made donations to both of these worthy causes.

The Early Learning Coalition distributed the toys to children throughout Volusia County. Your donations brought a lot of joy to many people.

The Critter Crew 4H Club was able to give many wonderful food donations to the Second Harvest Food Bank on your behalf.

The family response was fabulous and many people were grateful to receive the gifts.

Thank you so much!



FACE MASK POLICY

This is a reminder that face masks are required at both our school locations for anyone over the age of two years old.

Please continue to be diligent with this effort to reduce the spread of germs as COVID infection rates are high and we must make every effort to keep our families and staff healthy. We understand it is difficult to continue with these health and safety measures, as we all would like life to return to "normal," but we feel it is important to follow the recommendations made by the consensus of health professionals and we thank you for your cooperation and mindfulness.





School will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021 to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 19th.

BRINGING IN THE NEW YEAR!

As we happily wave goodbye to 2020, it is our wish that we all continue to hold on to the optimism and strength that has carried us through the past year. There are many exciting things to look forward to in this new year and it is important that children are excited and aware that things will get better. As we continue to navigate through the pandemic it will be important to help children feel our excitement and optimism as we discuss and model the many helpful ways we can make a difference and help each other!

A new year is the perfect time to talk with children about changes and improvements. A family discussion about resolutions and commitments is a great way to help children. Commitments help children to be responsible and caring. This discussion also connects with the school family as children make their commitments in the classroom each week! Remember to remind children to keep their resolution positive. Start small. Younger children may only need one or two goals. Below are a couple of suggestions:

- Picking up toys after they are done playing
- Wash their hands each time they use the restroom
- Brush teeth twice a day
- Sing "Happy birthday" in its entirety when washing their hands
- Talk about different ways to assure "social distancing" and praise them when it happens
- Be kind to everyone – people and animals!

Ask children for some of their ideas – we promise you they will have plenty to contribute! Wishing everyone a happy and safe 2021!

JANUARY

BEACHSIDE:

MAX

VYOM

NICHOLAS V

RILEY

MASON

NORTH:

DANIEL



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION REMINDER

We enjoy celebrating birthdays at Inspirations. If you would like to send in a special birthday treat for your child, please make the necessary arrangements with the classroom teachers. Don't forget – all food items must be "store bought" and completely nut free. Thank you.

2021 FAMILY ACTIVITY

Since most of us are not venturing out as much as we used to, here is a nice family project that you may be interested in making on the weekend. This type of activity with children can help to create many happy memories.

Below is Ms. Quigley's special memory jar, given to her by her two youngest grandchildren several years ago.



Together, with your child, create a memory jar to keep over the next 12 months. The children can decorate it in a variety of ways. My memory jar was covered with torn tissue paper and glitter pasted on with "watered down" glue. Once it dries, the glitter and decorations will not flake off! Every time something special happens, write about it on a piece of paper and put it in the jar. You can even include momentos like ticket stubs and cards. On New Year's Eve 2022, you can open the jar and take a walk down memory lane as you read and enjoy the comments together.

Hope you enjoy doing this....have fun!



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