

Children's Academy Early Learning Center



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DATES TO REMEMBER

January 18– Martin Luther King Jr. Day—No school

**February 10 - In service day—No school for PM Students
Ms. Mary's class will still be in session**

Running out of things to do inside with the kids during winter? Check out these fun activities.

- 1. Candy Cane Goo, a great sensory activity** - Do this on a flat surface. You will need cornflower, water, peppermint essence and red food coloring.

Directions: Pour some cornflower into a bowl and add cold water very slowly until you get the consistency you want. Make up two batches of this, one with the corn-flour and water and a smaller one to add red food coloring. Be careful with the red food color as it might stain material. Swirl them together with a very small amount of the peppermint essence. Once it's all mixed, it's ready.

Show the kids that by picking it up into a ball, it is solid, but if you drop it on the table or hold it in your hands, it turns liquid again. Oobleck (or goo) is a non-Newtonian fluid as it doesn't flow like liquids normally do. The Oobleck is made up of molecules arranged in long chains. When the chains are stretched the liquid will flow, but when you force them together they stick together to form a solid.
- 2. Word Building Charades** - In this game, you translate the way letters look into body positions. For tall letters, you jump up; for medium-size ones, you stand in place; and for ones that drop down, you crouch. So for *bag*, you jump up for *b*, stand still for *a*, and crouch for *g*.

To start playing, write down a list of words. Then take turns choosing one and acting it out to see if the other person can guess what it is.

Schultze's Corner

At the Early Learning Center we try to **NOTICE** what your child is learning and doing every day. We are very specific in how we describe what they are doing so it informs their brain of the skill they are learning. As parents and teachers we often say "good job" as an automatic praise to children's performance. **Describing** helps children know **what** they did that was "good." **Noticing** not only helps a child know what they are doing correctly but it develops specific vocabulary and helps the child learn expected behaviors. For example we might say: "You held the door open for your friends so they could get into the classroom safely. That was helpful." Here are a few other ways to encourage learning. Use **sentence starters** such as "You spent a long time figuring out where to put the puzzle pieces. You kept working until you were done." **Pay attention to details.** Make comments about what you see when looking at their art work. "You used green and blue on your picture." **Use mirroring.** When a child does something for the first time and gets excited smile back and describe what they did. "You put your coat on by yourself! You did it!" Encourage your children's accomplishments and introduce new vocabulary as often as you can! **"Noticing"** builds brain development!



A change in the **SNOW Day** policy

If the New Albany Floyd County Schools are closed for a snow day we will have virtual learning that day. Your teacher will be sending home activity packets and assignments for these days. Your teacher will notify you of specific lessons for that day.

Week of January 18

BREAKFAST MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No School	Cheese Omelet 3.5 oz Apple Slices 2 oz Low Fat Milk 1/2 pt	WG Cereal 1 oz Banana 1/2 c Low Fat Milk 1/2 pt	WG Pancakes 3.17 oz Tangerine Juice 4.23 fl oz Low Fat Milk 1/2 pt	WG Muffin 2 oz Orange Wedges 1/2 c Low Fat Milk 1/2 pt

Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No School	WG Cheese Bites 3 ea Steamed Carrots 1/4 c Seasoned Broccoli 1/4 c Strawberries 1/4 c Low Fat Milk 1/2 pt	WG Chicken Bites 3.44 oz Seasoned Corn 1/4 c Garden Side Salad 1/2 c Mandarin Oranges 1/4 c Low Fat Milk 1/2 pt	Hamburger 2.25 oz on Bun Potato "Smiles" 2 ea Celery Sticks 1/4 c Fresh Apple Slices 1/4 c Low Fat Milk 1/2 pt	WG Smuckers PBJ 1 ea & String Cheese 1 ea Baby Carrots 1/4 c Applesauce 1/2 c Low Fat Milk 1/2 pt

On Track To KINDERGARTEN

Question of the Week:

Do you know someone who wears
eyeglasses? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Who? _____

January - Week 2

Put an unbreakable cup
of water in a freezer.



Take it out
tomorrow
and tell
someone
what
happened to
it.

Put a paper plate
under each
foot and
"skate"
around the
kitchen or
any room
without
carpeting.



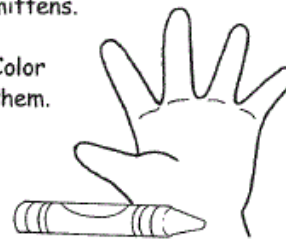
**Have
someone
read
to you.**



Sing TWINKLE, TWINKLE
LITTLE STAR.

On a piece of paper,
draw around each hand
to make a pair of
mittens.

Color
them.



Child's Name _____

Parent's Name _____

Building Blocks

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