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Riverside, Ca

Happy New Year!

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New Year Traditions Around the World

Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur: In September or October, Jews believe God opens the book of life for 10 days, starting with Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish new year) and ending with Yom Kippur (the day of atonement). At this time the Jews try to atone for any wrong doing and forgive others.

In Korea new years is celebrated for the first 10 days of January.

Chinese new year: children dress in new clothes to celebrate the Chinese new year. They carry lanterns and join in a huge parade led by a silk dragon, which is the Chinese symbol of strength.



Refer a family

When they enroll you get a FREE week of tuition up to \$200.00 dollars towards one child.



Progress Reports

Cares curriculum classrooms will be providing progress reports this month for your child. These progress reports will be used for teachers to acknowledge your child's strengths and areas that they may need a little more focus on.

This Month In Our City

Lunar Festival

January 31st Downtown Riverside
Starting at 10am

The Lunar Festival is an annual riverside event where we celebrate the Asian culture and their new year traditions.

There will be dance performances, Taiko drums, free arts and crafts, and much more! Don't miss the closing ceremony with a fire work show!!



Good Times Jar

As we start a new year and create new memories, let us not forget the great ones that we created this past year. A fun way to look back at the memories we make would be to create a memory jar!

Take a mason jar, some chalk board paint, and chalk. When something positive happens, write it on a piece of paper and place it in the jar through out the year. At the end of the year read all your blessings from previous year.



January 2015

Dates to Remember

January 1st

New Years Day
CLLC is Closed

January 15th

National Hat Day

January 19th

Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday
RUSD Is Closed
CLLC Is Open

January 20th

Penguin Awareness Day

January 28th

Dress Opposite Day

2014 Summary of charges will be available in the office on Monday January 5, 2015



Frogs - Infants Room 1

Theme: Space

Color: Blue

Shape: Circle

Baby Sign: Play

Nursery Rhyme: Five Little Tockets

Song: Mister Moon

Now that all of our holidays are over and we are beginning our new year, we are excited to blast off into space! There are many planets to see and learn about, stars to gaze upon, not even gravity can hold us down! As we head into rocket ships to go on an interesting journey we will be singing along to "Twinkle Twinkle Little

Star" and "Mister Moon". Everything that we see we will try to recreate in our art such as bright moons, sparkly stars, the milky way and so much more. We would love for you to become astronauts with us this January.

Thank you,
Mrs. Krystal and Katie



Owls— Infants Room 2

Theme: Competent Me

Color: Blue

Shape: Circle

Baby Sign: Play

Nursery Rhyme: Pat-a-Cake

Song: Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

The holidays were great and we were so lucky to share them with all of you. Now we are in a new year and are ready to teach your children all about themselves while we learn about our theme Competent Me. We will explore our toes and hands and see what kind of art and things we can do with our hands and toes. As we play in centers and with our friends we will continue to work on our

sign language with this months word "play". Some crafts that we will be making this month are flour snowman and fingerprint snow globes.

Thank You,
Mrs. Mary



Bumble Bees - Infants Room 3

Theme: Competent Me

Color: Blue

Shape: Circle

Baby Sign: Play

Nursery Rhyme: Pat-a-Cake

Song: Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Winter is in full swing and there is a chill in the air. We are excited that the new year is here. Last year flew by so quickly and our babies are growing up so fast. So as we grow, we learn all about ourselves through our theme. Everyone will get to look through picture books of the babies and their families as well as exploring with our fingers and toes in flour and paint. This winter season allows for us to create

many new arts and crafts; this month we are ecstatic to make snow globes, penguins, snowmen, mittens and so much more! Please join us for our first month of 2015!

Thank You,
Mrs. Amber and Alyssa G.



Ladybugs - Preschool Room 4

C.A.R.E.S. Curriculum

Theme: Polar Animals, Weather & Seasons, Magnets.

Color: Blue and White

Numbers: Number Sequence

Letters: Pp, Ll, Jj

Happy New Year! We are ready and excited for the rest of the year. We will be practicing our color recognition, number sequencing, patterns and cutting. Our theme this month is weather and seasons with our science focus on polar animals and magnets. We will be exploring these themes with activities that include

sorting by touch, snowflake art, and sensory exploration. We will also be teaching the understand of night and day!

Thank you,
Mrs. Michelle and Maria



Monkeys - Room 5— Private K

C.A.R.E.S. Curriculum

Theme: Weather and Season, Polar Animals, Magnets

Numbers: Smallest to Largest

Letter Blends: Short Vowels and Beginning Sounds

Whooo the weather outside sure has continued to change over these last few weeks. We love that our friends will get a chance to learn all about the different changes in the weather and seasons. The rain is starting to pour on down and the snow is coming out so we thought it would be fun to count penguins and snowman in our math centers. In our art we will take paper towel

rolls and make penguins. Out of tissue paper we will create snowman. I look forward to begin this new year journey with you.

Thank You,
Mrs. Nadine



Whales– Preschool Room 6

C.A.R.E.S. Curriculum

Theme: Weather and Seasons, Polar Animals, and Magnets

Color: White, Blue, and Silver

Numbers: 5,15

Letters: Gg, Hh, Ii, Qq

Lets start this year off with a bang. We have lots to focus on and learn about like our weather and seasons. Each child will get a chance at circle time to look out the window and tell their friends "what's the weather"? Then we will discuss all sorts of types of seasons and the weather that usually consists with them. As we learn about the polar animals we continue to learn fun facts. We might learn

what a polar bear eats, what type of teeth a walrus has and even interesting facts about penguins. Let's get creative and make mittens out of handprints and cotton balls.

Thank You,

Ms. Geovanna



Farm Friends - Preschool Room 7

C.A.R.E.S. Curriculum

Theme: Weather and Seasons, Polar Animals, and Magnets

Phonics: Rhyming pairs

Numbers: identifying and creating 1-10

Letters: Pp, Ll, Jj

Happy new year everyone! This month we will continue to practice our writing skills, tracing skills, number sequencing and counting. Our theme this month is weather and seasons we will get a chance to create rain in a science experiment. Some activities this month include sensory exploration, penguin parade, and snowball counting. One fun activity that we will have is our polar habitats that we are creating with Legos and cotton balls, after

we have created igloos we will talk about who lives in igloos and what animals live in the snow. I am excited to see what 2015 will bring us!

Thank You,

Ms. Kristin and Mr. Jonathan



Fish Friends - Room 8

C.A.R.E.S. Curriculum

Theme: Weather and Seasons. Polar Animals

Phonics: recognizing rhyming pairs and vowel sounds

Numbers: adding and subtracting 1-5

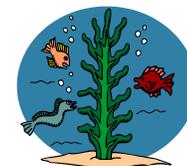
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We welcome the new year and a fresh start as we jump into January! This month our theme is weather and seasons and our nature focus is polar animals. The children will participate in a variety of exciting activities that promote the understanding of these themes such as warm and cold sensory play, making rain, creating penguins and other polar animals out of

textures. We will also discuss and experiment with magnets and other types of metals. Progress reports will be going out to you to review your child's progress in the first half of the year!

Thank You,

Mrs. Alyssa and Katie S.



Safari—Pre K Room 9

C.A.R.E.S. Curriculum

Theme: Weather and Seasons, Polar Animals and Magnets

Numbers: 1-50 adding and subtracting 1-5

Letters: Ss, Rr, Ww

Phonics: recognizing rhyming pairs and vowel sounds

Happy New Year friends and family of room 9! This year we are kicking it off with a study on polar animals, seasons and the different kinds of weather. We will learn some fun facts learn about penguins such as what they eat, where they live, and more. We will also make a penguin out of an oval shape and create igloos out of marshmallows. We love watching and listening to the rain pour down outside, so we decided we will make

rain sticks this winter so we can imagine what it would be like if the rain were actually inside our classroom. We will take old cookie sheets and magnets and other objects to learn about what can be attracted to magnets.

Thank you,

MS. Kristi and Ms. Ariel



School Age - Rooms 5 & 10

Theme: Ancient Greece

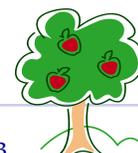
Character Value: Respect

We are excited to be welcoming in the New Year! The year is just beginning and we are excited to keep going on our journey through different countries. We will be continuing on with our next stop in Ancient Greece! The school agers will be exploring the history, people, and culture of Ancient Greece. We will be learning about the Ancient Greek Gods and what their special powers were.

We will also be able to create our own mythical creatures just like the Ancient Greeks did! Ancient Greece is going to be such a fun country to explore, and we cannot wait!

Thank you,

Ms. Amber and Ms. Lorie





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Happy Birthday!!!

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Alexis V.	Mrs. Alyssa	Ms. Kristi
Mrs. Krystal		



The true sign of intelligence is not the knowledge but imagination. -Albert Einstein

Character Value focus this month: Respect

Assistant Director's Corner—Mrs. Lesley

Happy New Years to each of our Families we are grateful to have each of you here with us in 2015! As New Years traditions arrive, many of us make new years resolutions. Some may be to wake up earlier, get to church, go to the gym, eat healthier, etc. Our team has some of their own new years resolutions: To provide a quality program and give loving care to our children each day, have a "can do attitude", challenge ourselves, play more. As we achieve our goals here I would just like to share with you a scripture,

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."- Jeremiah 29:11

As our future unfolds this year I am thankful to share another wonderful year with all of you and I look forward to the many blessings the Lord brings each of us!



Notes From the Kitchen

Ginger Bread Cookies

Ingredients: 1 1/4 cups sugar, 2/3 cup molasses, 1 cup butter, 2/3 cup heavy cream, 1 3/4 tbsp. ground ginger, 1 tbsp. baking soda, 6 cups flour.

Directions:

Heat the sugar, molasses, and butter in a large sauce pan over low heat. After butter melts, cool mixture. Stir in cream, ginger, baking soda and flour. Let dough stand overnight.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Divide dough into thirds. Roll each piece very thin. Use a cookie cutter to cut out shapes. Bake cookies on greased cookie sheets for 5 to 7 minutes. Cool on a rack and you are ready to eat.

Batch makes 7-8 dozen cookies.

