

# Opal Cliffs Children's Center December 2017 Newsletter

## Theme of the Month:

**JP: The Polar Express and transportation**

**PS: Winter Wonderland**

## PARENT CORNER

- \* Please remember to drive slowly in the parking lot! There are lots of kiddos and community members around.
- \* A reminder that the front doors are only to be opened and coded by parents! We don't want any children to get hurt by our heavy doors!
- \* If you would like a conference with your child's teacher, please email Chandra.
- \* It's important to leave toys from home at home!
- \* The temperature is changing so please remember to have a variety of extra clothes
- \* We do go outside on rainy days so if you have rain gear please bring it! If you have any outgrown rain boots or rain coats you would like to donate, please do!
- \* A special thank you to Quincy's dad Forrest for taking our awesome photos!
- \* Please limit nap items to one blanket and one snuggly toy/lovie

## TK Corner

- \* We will provide care starting at 12:00 on any half day release schedule.
- \* Please check the TK bulletin board often, it has important upcoming info on it!
- \* If you need care for winter break, **YOU MUST PRE-SIGN UP** and it is a first come, first served program. Care will be at Main Street. Please see Melissa or Chandra for info.

## Dates to Note:

### Opal Closures:

- \* December 25-29th  
and Monday  
January 1st
- \* January 15th  
Martin Luther King  
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# Junior Preschool

## Miss Carly and Miss Natalie

In November we learned and sang a lot of new nursery rhymes. We made our own Hickory Hickory Dock clock with mice, the Itsy Bitsy Spider and the Cow Jumping Over the Moon. They are up all around our classroom, come and see them! We loved playing in our sensory table and making our spider climb up the water spout with our toy spiders, plastic tubes and funnels. We had fun jumping over our "candle stick" during our music and movement time. Our felt tree is up with our fall leaves and squirrels as we watched our leaves change colors outside and we are getting ready to play with our own class tree and leaves.

In December we will be talking and learning about transportation. All of the different ways we get to school each day and how other people in the world travel. We will also take a trip on our own Polar Express train (in our classroom) Choo Choo!!!



## Miss Amanda & Miss Audrey

We had so much fun in November learning, singing and acting out nursery rhymes. We learned Humpty Dumpty, the Itsy Bitsy Spider and Hickory Dickory Dock among others! We made clock necklaces with mice and drew Humpty Dumpty. We loved reading our Mother Goose rhymes. We would request our favorites during circle times and throughout the day! We also have a new trees and made birds to live in them.

During December we are going to have our own experience on the Polar Express train! Watch our classroom change as we learn all about the different types of transportation that we use and those used by others around the world!



# Preschool

## Miss Helen's Peregrine Falcons

For the first couple of weeks in November we worked on getting to know each other and I introduced myself as their new teacher. Then we delved into learning about fall and autumn. We talked about the weather, holidays, and activities we do during the fall. We learned about the the animals who live on a farm, what makes a farm and who works on the farm. The kids loved the art activities, making and creating their own piggies out of clay and making their own barn. They really loved anything that was hands on! I brought my pet lizard in and the kids loved it! I love that the children now know me and I am excited to be their teacher!

December will bring a Winter Wonderland to the preschool room. We will learn about the weather, animals, holidays, etc.



## Miss Chrissy's Barn Owls

In November we talked all about the farm. Some new words that we learned this month were silo, combine tractor, hay roll and hay bales. We worked on our balancing skills as we held a "chicken" on a spoon while we walked on a line. We sorted piggy tails onto the correct color pig and built our own working farm! We loved milking a cow like a dairy farmer! We also sheered a sheep and made pictures with the wool. Some things that we started working on were meal time practices; using serving spoons, passing food and talking with our friends at the table. A way to extend this at home would be to have your child serve one part of dinner onto their own plate.

In December we will work on all things winter! The animals that hibernate in winter, what weather we see and the winter traditions that we have in our families.

## Miss Cynthia's Eagles

We learned about patterns, what they are and how to make them. We have been working on learning how to write our names and we talked a lot about farm life. We discussed animals and what they eat, what farmers do and how animals help on the farm. We loved cooking with Carla as we made pumpkin cinnamon rolls!

In December we will be talking about winter! We'll talk about what animals are around during the winter, how they live and what they eat. We will also discover what activities take place in the winter and learn about the changes in the weather.

## Miss Crystal's Night Hawks

In November we talked about the farm, farmers and farm animals. We learned about different animals that live on the farm and what their jobs are. We loved learning about all kinds of tractors! The kids enjoyed making tractors of their own using construction paper and they also had fun making muddy pigs with brown paint. We are excited about the upcoming holidays. We have made a few decorations for our classroom tree. Come check it out!

During December we will be talking about the different winter holidays, make Christmas trees, talk about winter animals along with discussing the season changing.



# Miss Melissa's TK er's

In November the TKer's had a great time in the garden. A big thanks to Mason's family for the big buckets. The big buckets have made great drums. Also in the garden all of our hard work of cleaning and planting has payed off because our plants and grass have grown so much. Our garden looks amazing and the children are so happy to see the plants everyday. During December we will plant flowers and use drum sticks on our buckets. We are going to work on making more musical instruments as well.

