



KIDS FIRST NEWPORT NEWS

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ROOM 3 - FARM ANIMALS

The month of November has flown by! We had so many things to learn and do. We learned about harvest time, Indians, pilgrims and made lots of turkeys. This month we will be focusing on gingerbread men, Christmas around the world, and Christmas traditions.

We've had a lot of changes to the Farm Animals. They're growing and learning so fast, it's hard to keep up! Jazmine, Charlie and Liberty have all moved to the Wild Kingdom and are doing great. We've welcomed Braniya, Raiden and Samantha and Santos to our room. Johrod also moved up from the Busy Bugs. They have all adjusted well and are enjoying meeting their new friends. Braniya and Raiden's vocabulary has grown tremendously since they've started. Santos loves to play with the blocks and Samantha loves to play pretend with the telephone. Akeelan, Terrance and Urijah all love to build with the blocks. Tristen likes to play with the dolls, while Gunner always enjoys putting the pop beads together. Jataelyn and Jalacia are our current "greeters". They always tell everyone "hi" and "bye" as people come and go from the room.

Please remember that as its getting cold outside the children need heavy jackets so they can still enjoy some time on the playground. Hats and gloves would also be appreciated. Thank you parents for letting us be a part of your child's lives.



Room 5 - Wild Kingdom

Hello from the Wild Kingdom! We're saying goodbye to November and hello to December. We also said goodbye to Kayden whom we will miss as he continues to grow. Bye Kayden! Also, Demarcus moved to his new room in Under the Sea. Good luck Demarcus and hello to Liberty who has made a wonderful entrance into the Wild Kingdom and is already adjusting. Our month of November was just as exciting as our other months. We made hand print turkeys, Indian art and learned all about Indians. Our main focus was on eating healthy.

So to let you in on how your child is progressing...Shawn and Laishaun are enjoying the musical instruments in our music center. Chase and Jasmine enjoy the book center while Makon and Dakota are learning to master those puzzles in our puzzle area. JadaKris and Cedric and Liberty are cooking up a storm in our dramatic play area. Charlie loves the science center and wants to know all he can about the dinosaurs.

Thank you parents for letting us work with your children. It is always a blessing, and remember to send a warm change of clothing for your children. Thank you.

ROOM 1 - BUSY BUGS

Season's Greetings parents and staff from the Busy Bugs! For the month of December, we will focus on the following themes: the gingerbread man, Christmas around the world, and Christmas traditions! Last month we welcomed a new friend, Semaj, who's adjusting very well! We said goodbye to our friend Johrod who moved up to the Farm Animals.

As always, we like to brag on Busy Bugs efforts and accomplishments! Jayden is becoming more verbal! Damajiah has started to use words to express his wants. Elijah likes to share with his peers! CedKingdom is a big help when he puts away toys in the correct place. Zantrell has mastered using his spoon at mealtime. Johrie loves to play with the bikes on the playground. Deangelo enjoys music time!

We're proud of our Busy Bugs children! We always have to thank our ECDS and therapists for their helping hands. Please remember regular attendance is very important for your child! Parents, thanks for letting us be part of your child's journey through childhood.

**look for the
FAMILY CENTERED CARE SURVEY
Coming soon for you to complete
And return to KIDS FIRST**

ROOM 2 - MOTHER GOOSE NURSERY

The Nursery had a fun November. We decorated with pumpkins and turkeys for Thanksgiving. We also made art work with stickers and painted leaves. We all enjoyed our 4 day weekend for Thanksgiving as well.

We welcomed JaKalen to the nursery and he is doing very well. Kash loves to bounce to the song "Little Red Wagon". Saniya is standing alone. Kemya is pulling to a stand. Alena is getting better at sitting up and playing with toys. LaJavion is on chopped food and loving every bite. Luke likes to play with the other children.

The waddlers welcomed Jomya to our room this month. She is enjoying making friends. Zahara loves to sing different songs with people. Akeela, Krysten and Davis like to dance. Teagan is taking steps now. Emma likes to play in the kitchen area. Brennen moved to the waddlers and is doing very well.

This month we will learn about gingerbread men and Christmas. We look forward to Christmas and maybe we will get to see Santa Claus! We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

ROOM 4 - UNDER THE SEA

November really blew by! What a busy month it has been! We had so many things to learn about such as the Indians and Pilgrims, all the different colors that come with the fall season and all the different kinds of yummy food that helps us count our blessings on Thanksgiving! We had many projects including the ever popular "hand print turkey"! The children really enjoy our painting projects! We have also been coming up with new playtime ideas. Leah, Destiny and Octavious really like playing "red light, green light" outside on the tricycles. Our "find a color around the room" has become one of Joshua's favorites! Trent, Zequan and Le'Bryant have enjoyed our toy car races and Zavion and Jessica like "follow the leader"! We would like to welcome Eddie who just moved up from the Farm Animal room. Each of our children is doing a tremendous job reaching their goals and we are so proud of each and every one of them!

**CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK
AT KIDS FIRST!**

**Friday, December 10th
1:00pm to 3:00pm**

If your car seat is damaged or not appropriate for your child you may be able to get a new free car seat!



Project Nurture

Nurturing Idea for December

Cooing

Your baby's cooing may not sound like much right now, but he's actually talking to you, listening closely to what you say, and learning how to communicate.

Hold your baby close and make eye contact. Talk to him in gentle, loving tones. Imitate his sounds and facial expressions. Play sing-song games like "Pat-a-Cake", "Peek-a-Boo" and "The Itsy Bitsy Spider".



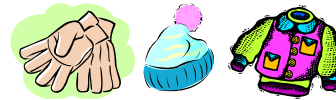
Your baby will let you know when he's ready to stop by looking away.

WHAT IS PROJECT NURTURE?

Project Nurture is KIDS FIRST's Infant Mental Health Program. Our goal is to promote the social and emotional well-being of KIDS FIRST infants, toddlers, and families through secure and nurturing relationships.

Kids first will be
closed
December 20th through
24th
And
December 31st

The Source Ministry of Remmel Church is sponsoring a **coat, hats and gloves giveaway** on Saturday, Dec. 4 from noon until 3 p.m. at the former Guinn & Monday, 833 Malcolm Ave.



THE NURSE'S CORNER: Before You Buy – A Toy Safety Checklist

1. WARNING LABELS MUST BE READ AND FOLLOWED – Warning labels usually warn if a toy poses choking hazards for young children due to small parts.
2. CHECK FOR SHARP EDGES AND POINTS – This is especially important for younger children since they have a tendency to put things into their mouths or into their eyes.
3. CHECK IF THE TOY HAS CORDS OR STRINGS ATTACHED – There is always a danger of the cord getting entangled into a loop which may pose strangulation hazards to the child.
4. AVOID TOYS WITH SMALL PARTS – Younger kids have a tendency to swallow things, which can pose a danger.
5. MAKE SURE THE TOYS IS STURDY AND STRONG – In case of any falls or accidents, the toy should not break into pieces with sharp edges as this can cause bodily injury to the child.
6. CHECK IF THE TOY IS TOO LOUD - Too loud toys can permanently damage the sensitive hearing of children.
7. MAKE SURE THE TOY IS NON TOXIC – If you are buying toys like crayons, art supplies, or any liquid containing toys, make sure that the toys do not contain toxic chemicals.
8. MAKE SURE THE TOY IS NOT RECALLED – Check for recalls at various internet sites like Consumer Product Safety Commission and Recalls.gov to see if the toy you are buying is on the Toy Recall Lists.