

KIDS FIRST

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NURTURING IDEA

It is important for infants and toddlers to know that their parents will be faithful to them in love and care. Demonstrate—through play—the care of a shepherd for his sheep. You act as the shepherd and choose a sibling or other caregiver to play the wolf. Your child and remaining siblings are the sheep. Put all the sheep together and guard them. The wolf (playfully) tries to grab one of the sheep (by touching them), but the shepherd must run him away. If the wolf gets one of the sheep, the shepherd must run after him and rescue the sheep.



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.

FROM THE CLINIC DIRECTOR

I would like to remind everyone that attendance is a requirement for enrollment in the KIDS FIRST program. Please have your child at the clinic no later than 8:30 a.m. and picked up no later than 4:00 p.m. each day unless other arrangements have been approved. If your child is sick or unable to attend for the day, please call and advise one of our staff members so we will be aware of the situation.

As the threat of inclement weather approaches, please confirm that all of your child's contact information is current. We will post closing or any changes in hours of operation on KAIT 8 and on the local radio stations.

Jennifer Ray, BSE

JANUARY / FEBRUARY EVENTS

KIDS FIRST WILL BE OPEN ON MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY ON MONDAY, JANUARY 18 AND ON PRESIDENTS DAY ON FEBRUARY 15. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BRING YOUR CHILD ON THESE DAYS.



VALENTINE PARTY

Please join your child for a Valentine party on February 12th at 2:00 p.m. in his/her treatment room. You may bring store purchased treats and valentines for classmates if you like.

January Birthdays

Cheyenne

Riley H.

Stormy

Zane



NEWS FROM THE TREATMENT ROOMS

Mrs. Fran and Mrs. Goldie would like to welcome Joel and Lauryn to the **Baby Room**. Kaelan is starting to walk and Brylee is learning to crawl by pushing backward. Aleah is trying to turn over and is doing a great job for Ms. Natalie. We are glad to have Elena back from vacation but we still miss Camden and will be glad when he can return. The **Tadpole** room welcomes Jayden from the baby room. Children in the **Toddler I** treatment room have enjoyed snow art for the

first two weeks of January and a special activity decorating gingerbread cookies during Speech Therapy. We welcomed Wyatt to our class and are helping him to get acquainted with everyone. Frank and Bryce know their age and where they live and Luke knows most of his colors. **Toddler II** treatment room is focusing on how to dress in winter weather. We want to welcome Cheyanne to our class and wish Triston well as he advances to the **Big**

Kids room where they are busy making snowmen. We are sad to see Sharon and Caleb move up but we know they will be in good hands with Mrs. Gloria, Mrs. Faye and Mrs. Juanita. **Pre-K I** has been working on hygiene skills, manners, sharing, and emotions. **Pre-K II** is working on numbers and letters. We have also been having so much fun learning about winter activities. We all enjoyed two days off because of the snow.

Thought for the Day



The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.



THERAPY NOTES

Scarlet and Dallas are making such wonderful progress with their Speech Therapy treatments and Mrs. Jenny and Mrs. Amber want them to know how very proud we are of them. We would also like to thank their parents for all the help they have given in their success!!

Arkansas Children's Week

Arkansas Children's Week will be celebrated the week of April 11-17. Anyone interested in purchasing a t-shirt may see Mrs. La Toya who will begin taking orders February 1st. The 2010 shirts will be dark chocolate with the three color logo on front and the cost will range from approximately \$5.00 for youth size to \$7.00 for adults. Please include payment at the time of ordering.

Watch for upcoming activities at KIDS FIRST celebrating the world's most cherished commodity, our children!!



CHILDREN RIDING THE TRANSPORTATION BUS WILL NEED TO FIND A DIFFERENT WAY TO THE CLINIC ON MONDAY, JANUARY 18 AND FEBRUARY 15 SINCE THE BUS WILL NOT RUN ON THESE DAYS.

WITH THE NEW PHONE SYSTEM WE NOW HAVE, YOU MAY LEAVE A VOICE MAIL IF YOUR PARTY IS NOT AVAILABLE AND YOUR CALL WILL BE RETURNED ASAP.