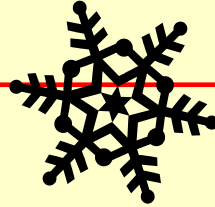


KIDS FIRST NEWPORT NEWS



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Room 1 - busy bugs

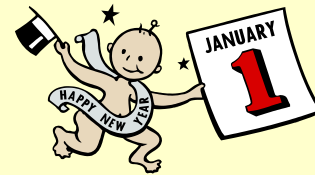
We can't believe its 2012 already! Our kids have grown and learned so much this last year, we are so proud of them! The month of December was full of all kinds of fun! We loved decorating the room with the kid's holiday-themed art as well as Christmas caroling at Lindley and the best part of all, getting to see Santa! Davis, David, and Zayshawn were eager to meet Santa and sit on his lap, and they all took the cutest pictures! Hannah didn't love Santa as much as some of the other kids, but she did love opening her present after he left. Wesley loved singing at Lindley and Kayson was such a big help in passing out our Christmas cards. Saniya has enjoyed looking at all the fun decorations around the building. Jakalen is the newest addition to our class and has done very well adjusting to the new routine and new friends! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the holiday party, we really appreciate your involvement! Hope everyone's New Year has gotten off to a great start! Please continue to send jackets with hats and gloves to keep our children warm when they play outside.

ROOM 3 - FARM ANIMALS

The year 2011 has flown by! We've done so many fun things over the year and our kids have made so much progress, we are so proud! This last month had so many festivities that our kids really seemed to enjoy! We went Christmas Caroling at Lindley, created many Christmas pictures, had 2 visits from Santa filled with pictures and presents, and last, our Holiday Party at the end to finish off the year! At Lindley, Justyce helped pass out our homemade cards while Talijah helped sing. Will loved riding in the wagon on the trip over as well. Trent and Josh have enjoyed all our arts and crafts projects. Zahara and Jeremiah loved meeting Santa and smiled great for their picture with him. And Ryder, the newest addition to our class, enjoyed all his treats at the Holiday Party. Thank you to our parents for contributing to the Holiday Party, we really appreciate it! We hope everyone had a nice holiday break! Please be sure to continue to send jackets, hats and gloves with your child so we can continue to play outside despite the cold temperatures!

ROOM 2 - MOTHER GOOSE

We cannot believe it is already 2012! We hope everyone had a good Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you parents for making our Christmas party a success. Everyone in the nursery is growing and learning every day. We recently welcomed Adalyn to our room and she is doing well. Sara loves to cruise the furniture and will probably take off walking soon! Paris is crawling around the room and discovering new places every day. Jaylen has figured out how to pull himself forward with his arms and loves exploring. L'Tayvia has started pulling up on her hands and knees. Perhaps she will be crawling soon. Ellie has been sitting up unsupported and likes to sit up with toys on the mat. Nancy loves to bang toys (maybe a future drummer?). Mckenzie is trying to walk, taking up to 5 steps when she gets brave. Nevaeh and Kevin like chasing their teachers to give them hugs. Bryce is increasing his vocabulary and attempting sentences. Jacavion enjoys singing by himself or in a group. Johzara likes to help out in the room, picking up toys and bringing things when asked. This month we will be talking about different things to do with winter and bears. We hope everyone has a happy not too cold January.



ROOM 5 - WILD KINGDOM

The month of December was a busy and exciting month for the Wild Kingdom. Our room enjoyed making neat art projects and decorating for Christmas. We enjoyed being able to visit the nursing home and singing Christmas with the residents. We had a great time at our Christmas party and were surprised by a visit from Santa. We are proud of each one of our children and encourage their attendance. Thank you parents for allowing us to be a daily part of your child's life.

ROOM 4 – UNDER THE SEA

In December Under the Sea was busy with Santa's workshop. We learned about gingerbread men and snowmen. We read "The Gingerbread Man" and "Frosty the Snowman" with sayings and songs for each. We covered Christmas traditions and Christmas around the world. It's our tradition to have Santa Claus and a Christmas party. James and Dakota to us in December but that didn't stop Santa from coming to town. Laishaun, Nyjai, and Braniya moved in, adding more girls so Liberty is no longer the only one. Brody, Trevion, Hayden, Terrance and Chase lead the boy brigade. Santa surprised us with a visit the week before and children sat in his lap and gave their requests for Christmas while having their picture made for parents and receiving a goodie bag. We visited the Grandmas and Grandpas at Lindley. They gave us candy and we gave them our homemade cards and little gifts while singing songs. Each child received a book from Santa at the Christmas party. The parents did so much by helping with goodies and coming to the party. It was a very Merry Christmas! This month we will be learning about winter, snowmen, bears, winter sports and observe Martin Luther King's birthday. Happy New Year!

OUTSIDE PLAY IN COLD WEATHER

At KIDS FIRST, all of the children are given the chance to play outside every day, as long as weather and air quality conditions allow. Outdoor play provides an opportunity for learning in a different environment as well as many health benefits.

*Germs that cause infections are generally less concentrated in outside air.

*Light exposure provides children with Vitamin D that growing children require.

*Open spaces encourage children to exercise and develop their gross motor skills in ways that are difficult to duplicate indoors.

You can help your child enjoy the outdoors during cold weather by dressing him or her in layers and sending a warm coat, cap, and gloves or mittens to wear. When the weather is cold, we will watch your child carefully and come inside if needed.

If the weather is too cold, with wind chill at or below 15 degrees F, as identified by the National Weather Service*, we will restrict the children to indoor play only.

Project Nurture

Nurturing Idea for January

Tough Times

In times of change such as when you lose a job, your family relocates, or your family feels the pinch of a reduced income, your children draw comfort from you. Talk with your children about the changes and their concerns and help them discover the positive side of change. The best



things you can do with your children—such as reading stories or giving them hugs after a long day—don't cost a thing.

WHAT IS PROJECT NURTURE?

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

**KIDS FIRST
WILL BE OPEN
MONDAY, JAN. 16
FOR MLK DAY**



WINTER weather



Should winter weather occur and KIDS FIRST must close, the closing will be announced on KAIT-TV in Jonesboro.

If winter weather develops during the day please make sure that we are able to contact you by phone to either pick up your child or notify you that the vans are leaving early.