

EMCDC Newsletter

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Happy New Year!!

Reminder:

Our Center will be closed on Monday, January 19th for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Parent & Child Activity

Waiting Games:

Waiting has become a part of our everyday lives. The next time you hear, "How much longer?" try one of these ideas to occupy your youngster:

- ✓ Play word games. Start with a simple word like "up," and take turns thinking of opposites or alternative words.
Examples: down, left, right
- ✓ Take all the change out of your pocket and let your children sort it. Then, show them how to count it out. How much change will make a dollar?
- ✓ Try an alphabet search. One person find an object that begins with the letter "a." The next finds something beginning with "b," and so on.

Article by *Resources for Educators*

Project Enlightenment

Project Enlightenment is an early childhood education and intervention program of the Wake County Public School System, serving teachers and parents of young children, ages birth through kindergarten.

Parent Classes:

Project Enlightenment offers parenting classes on a variety of topics.

January's classes include:

- *Building Friendship Skills
- *Understanding and Assisting Children With Their Fears
- *Toddlerhood: A Turbulent and Terrific Time!

More information about their services and the entire Winter/Spring 2009 Parent Classes schedule can be found on their website:

www.projectenlightenment.wcpss.net

January Classroom Information

2's Class:

Happy New Year! 2008 was fun but there is a lot to look forward to in 2009!

This month we will learn about winter, the color blue, the oval shape, and the number 1. Please help by discussing these topics at home as well.

Please label all jackets, coats, gloves, etc.

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday!

Happy Birthday to Nadiya (10th) and Sawyer (24th)!

Ms. Sheron & Ms. Ashley

3's Class:

Happy New Year! Thanks to all the parents for the wonderful gifts that were received during the holidays. I hope that everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday.

This month the class will be going over the following topics:

Letters L, M, N, & O

Color blue

Number 1

Winter

*Be sure to go over these topics at home. This will help your child a lot at school.

During the fourth week in Jan. I will be posting a note about conferences. During these conferences, I will be going over any types of concerns that I may have about your child, and his/her progress since being in my classroom. Please keep a lookout for this sign-up sheet.

Reminders:

Share Day is Friday only. (Please leave other toys at home during the week.)

Make sure all coats, hats, mittens, etc. are labeled.

Please be sure to sign your child in and out.

Ms. Renee

3's & 4's Class:

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great Christmas!

Thank you to all of the parents for all of the wonderful gifts that were given to me! I really appreciate it!

This month we will be talking about winter, numbers, and the letters N, O, & P.

Toward the end of the month I will be doing conferences with parents. There will be a sign-up sheet for you as it moves closer. If there are any questions or concerns about your child, we can discuss them.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Lillian on the 14th!

Ms. Jennifer

4's & 5's Class:

Happy New Year everyone! We look forward to starting a brand new year. We would like to thank the parents for the many acts of kindness shown to us during the holidays with the cards, gifts, and party foods.

During January and February we will be assessing each child. After these assessments are completed, we will begin having parent/teacher conferences. We will discuss each child's progress and what we need to work on in order to prepare each child for Kindergarten.

There are workshops listed beside the sign-in/out sheet that you can attend concerning Kindergarten registration and preparing your child for Kindergarten.

Our topics for January include winter, numbers 1 - 10, and the letters I, K, & X.

Our class would like to wish Emma Presti a Happy Birthday on January 30th!

Ms. Debbie & Ms. Sheila