

Vestavia Hills Baptist Church

Child Development Center

January, 2024



From the Director's Office . . .

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday, celebrating time with family and friends.

“My World in Winter” is our unit for January. Our classrooms will explore winter weather, animals in winter, dressing for winter, and much more. On January 19th, we will celebrate a favorite winter animal—the penguin! Be sure to wear your black and white on Penguin Day!

Our curriculum incorporates developing healthy habits with our children. These include washing hands often, coughing or sneezing into your arm, and making healthy eating choices. Reinforce these at home! Let's make a difference! Please take a moment to review the Sickness Policy in the Handbook.

January is the month for Game Nights! Each Tuesday and Thursday board games will be available for check out (return by the next day please!).

Upcoming Dates:

Jan. 3 CDC Re-opens

Jan. 15 CDC CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Jan. 19—Penguin Day! Wear black/white

Happy January!

Ms. Tye



January 5 Callum

January 7 Ms. Barbara

January 13 Ms. Kristin

January 28 Josie

Happy Birthday

Classroom Spotlight!

Take a look at this month's focus:

Toddler Two is a busy, active class! Led by Ms. Edna and Ms. Lala, our young 2's are learning about responsibility (taking cups to the sink, throwing trash away), being introduced to learning centers, and practicing manners and taking turns. They love music and books as well as running and climbing outside. We are grateful for these teachers who provide a safe and stimulating environment for this age!



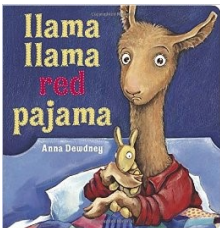
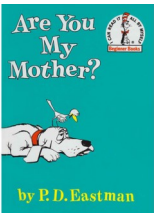
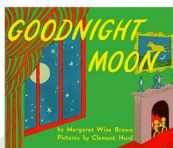
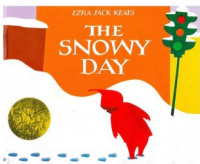
Dreary Parent Life January? Book It!

Library is a great place to spend time with your child. The library closest to our school is the Vestavia Hills Library in the Forest. It is a great destination for a cold winter day!

At school, our favorite authors include: Eric Carle, Laura Numeroff, Margaret Wise Brown, Bill Martin, Jr., Dr. Seuss, Eric Litwin, Don Freeman, Anna Dewdney. And you can always ask your child's teacher for more suggestions!

Many libraries have other resources and activities to enjoy. You may participate in a family night event. Or play games on the computer. Or put on a puppet show. Or take home a DVD.

What's **new** at the library? Hopefully—YOU!



From Our Classrooms...

Infant I

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday. We had a fun December in Infant I. The babies were so cute trying to open their new books. Lots of pictures were taken. Thank you parents for the Christmas luncheon and your gifts to us. We love taking care of your babies.

Our unit for January is “My World in Winter”. We will present winter to the babies through sensory activities. During the month, we will show things the babies can see, touch, and smell in winter. It will be lots of fun.

We are looking forward to a great year ahead of us. Thank you for sharing your babies with us.

~ Ms. Latesha , Ms. Tara

Infant II

December was a wonderful month! It is so much fun to experience Christmas time with our class. They enjoy the music and decorations. We love to share the birth of Jesus with them.

Our unit for January will be “My World in Winter.” We will be talking about how God made the ice and snow. The class will be feeling warm blankets and ice in bags. We have books to read about winter and pictures of snow to look at.

Don't forget the 19th in Penguin Day. We will wear black and white and waddle like penguins! What a fun month it is going to be!

~Ms. Nosha

Toddler One

Happy New Year! We in Toddler One hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas.

This month we will learn about “My World in Winter” so that our little ones may experience the season of winter first hand. Also since we are talking about winter please check cubbies for winter wear. Make sure that your child has a jacket and at least three pairs of weather appropriate clothes.

Our special days this month will be January 19th—Penguin Day. Wear black and white! The new year is here so let's gear up to embrace the happiness it stores!

~Ms. Barbara

Toddler Two

Toddler Two hopes everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year! We are so excited about our winter theme, “My World in Winter.” In this unit we will learn about snow, arctic animals, penguins, and the colors black and white. In our circle time we will learn how God made the winter, God made the clouds, God sends the snow, and God made the birds.

Please update your child's change of clothes in their cubby. Remember Penguin Day is January 19th! Wear

black and white!

~Ms. Edna and Ms. Lala

Preschool Two

Well it is hard to believe that 2024 is here! December was filled with lots of holiday fun and learning. The children really enjoyed singing Christmas songs and learning that baby Jesus was born in a manger and the reason we celebrate Christmas.

Our unit for January is “My World in Winter.” The children will discover and experience weather, snow, penguins, bears and why some animals hibernate and others do not.

Important reminders—make sure your child's extra clothes are complete and weather appropriate. Also, remember to check your calendar for upcoming events. Thank you so much for all your love and support. Happy January and 2024!

~Ms. Donnetta and Ms. Precious

Preschool Three

Happy New Year! I pray you all had a blessed and joyful holiday. Although I am sure the time was well spent, I am very excited to be back into routine. Our unit for January is full of stimulating lessons and activities that focus on topics such as: the season of winter, polar animals, and what it means to be kind to others. We will go into depth about subjects like the changes that occur in winter, arctic animals, hibernation, and migration...just to name a few. Along with this unit, our main focus for the class is to strengthen their fine motor skills, as well as letter and number recognition.

An important date to remember is January 19—Penguin Day! Please dress our child in black and white in preparation for fun filled activities geared towards learning why penguins are very special.

Once again, thank you for your continue support as I take on the role of being lead teacher for this wonderful classroom! I do not take this title lightly, and fully understand that these children depend on my time and effort in regards to giving them the educational tools and support they truly need. Blessings to you all and let's have an awesome start to the New Year!

~Ms. Kristin and Ms. .Dee

Pre-K Four

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and that you will have a happy and blessed New Year. It still amazes us how fast the time goes by and how much your children have grown.

“God's Winter Gifts and Winter Wonderland” is our unit for January. We will be learning about the events occurring in winter and how they are different from the other seasons. We will learn about winter weather, birds and animals in winter. We will take this time to look around and see the changes that winter has on our environment. Our class will learn about what we can do to help our animals and birds in winter.

Please remember to check daily notes and reminders for upcoming events. Thank you for your continued support and for all you do.

~Ms. Jameshia and Ms. Kiara

