



Pineview News

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Happy New Year!



From the Director ~

As we begin a new year we are also beginning some new policies and procedures. First, the Daily Reports are now "Take Home Daily Reports!" Please take them home each day! We know that parents don't always have time at the end of a busy day to stand at the cubby and read the report, and that sometimes one parent picks up and needs to remember the information to share with the other parent, which can be difficult. Hopefully this will make communication easier at the end of the day. Toddler and Preschool teachers will put the "Take Home Daily Reports" in the cubbies at 3:00 each day. The Infant and Waddler teachers will leave the "Take Home Daily Reports" on the counter in the classrooms (since they are still recording information) for parents to take when they sign their child out.

The "Take Home Daily Reports" have a new look and the format has changed slightly. Our goal is to give you the basic information that you need regarding your child's eating, sleeping and toileting habits and to also give you a little peek into what your child enjoys doing during the day. Sometimes the comments will reveal some progress your child is making in one of the major developmental areas - cognitive, language, physical or social/emotional.

Teachers will continue to write a short summary of what the whole class has done and post it near the door. The potty-training rooms will still keep track of the children's progress on their classroom chart. Please continue to check these notes when and if you have time. We will also continue to use illness, aggression and accident reports as necessary.

The other NEW POLICY is regarding the sign-in/out sheets. Our teachers check attendance by counting the children who are signed in (and not signed out yet). Then they count the children in the room and make sure the number matches. In order to eliminate any confusion, when teachers begin to combine at the end of the day, if some of the children go to the next room before the entire group joins them, they will be signed out of their current room by their teacher and signed in to the new room. Parents can sign them out in the room that they pick them up in. This will help us to be more organized and accurate and hopefully, it will be more convenient for you as well.

For confidentiality reasons, we are also moving the documentation regarding medication from the sign-in sheets to the individual daily reports. If you have any questions or comments about these changes, or anything else, please come and see me! And have a wonderful New Year!

~ Kirsten

Inspirational Quotes~

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

~ 1 Peter 1:3

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

~ 2 Corinthians 5:17

"One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: To rise above the little things."

~ John Burroughs

Enjoy a cup of coffee
and a donut
every other Tuesday!

7:30-9:00 am



Stay and chat
or take it to go!

Compliments of Pineview
Church

Interested in learning more about Pineview church? Go to www.pineviewonline.org

Pre-K

Happy New Year!

We are so excited for what the new year will bring in Room 206. We will begin the year by learning about being a good friend, using kind and gentle words, and cooperation.

During January we will also learn about winter. We will read one of my favorite books, The Mit-



ten by Jan Brett. The children will love to act out the book and climb into my giant mitten!



January is the month when we start to write! Each week we will continue to learn a letter, but now we will be adding learning to form the letter as we go along. What an exciting thing!

Miss Alisa ~ Room 206

As the weather gets cold and snowy, please remember that we will still go outside! Please send your child to school with a hat, mittens and boots, as well as their warm winter jacket.

Love,
Miss Alisa & Miss Ann



Pre-K

Happy New Year! Now that the busyness of Christmas is over we will be settling back into our normal routine. We want to thank you for your gifts and contributions to our party and program! You are wonderful parents!

We will start off the year with a science unit. We will do fun experiments such as making our own bubbles, erupting a volcano, painting with magnets and air, and making a cheese robot! The kids will love this fun unit! Next we will do 2 weeks on Dr.



Seuss, another fun unit. We will of course be reading some of his awesome books, along with doing projects and games to go along with them! In this unit we'll practice rhyming, matching, sorting and just being silly! It will also help with our pre-reading skills! Lastly we will finish the month with a unit on snow (hopefully we will have some soon)! We will learn about the winter weather and what it means for some of the animals. We will also do fun

Miss Abby ~ Room 203

things like build a snowman, play 'pass the ice' and color the snow!

Just a few reminders, please bring your child boots, snow pants, hats, gloves and heavy coats everyday. If they do not have this, they stand with a teacher and watch their friends play, which is no fun! Also make sure they have an ample supply of weather appropriate extra clothes.

Happy Birthday to Olivia A!

Love,
Miss Abby & Miss Linda

Preschool

Happy New Year!

Hopefully everyone has had a wonderful holiday season and is ready to start the new year. This month our first theme will be winter. Maybe



we'll even get some snow to go with it! If we do, we will need snow clothes (snow pants, coats, hats, mittens and boots).



We will try to get the kids out to play in the snow. After two weeks of our winter theme, we'll be learning about Goldilocks and the 3 Bears, then Penguins. We'll be talking about snowmen, ice cream and igloos! We will also be encouraging the children to write their names more (to the best of their abilities!)

Also, please be sure to have long sleeve

Miss Lydia ~ Room 209

shirts in your child's extra clothes bin just in case we need them.

Best of luck in the new year!

Love,
Miss Lydia & Miss Kathy



Kids' Caboose

Greetings ECEC Families!

Happy New Year! We are excited to begin 2012! I hope everyone had a super holiday. The children are very eager to get back into their routine. "When are we going to play in Pete's room?" has been the ongoing question! Winter is upon us, so we will begin our 1st week back learning of all the fun this season can bring. The children will take part in a parachute blizzard,

cut snowflakes and make a life-size paper mache snowman!

Hibernation and winter animals shall follow our winter theme. Hibernation is always a curious concept for children and we have much fun while learning all about it. Children will become bears, big boxes will become caves, and our climber will become our tree! What could be more fun than eating tons of berries and becoming a hibernating

bear?!

As a reminder, we go out often in the winter. Please continue to bring all necessary outdoor wardrobe gear daily. We will send home a special note when we begin sledding and playing in the snow, so keep the snow pants and boots home for now.

May God bless your new year in many ways!

Love,
Miss Joy



Miss Joy

Preschool

Looking back to 2011, God's faithfulness was overwhelming to everyone. It's only right to give Him our praise and thanks. And to our dear parents, we are so grateful for your untiring support. I for sure have seen what dedicated parents you are in the past months. We thank you for the gifts you gave, and thank you also for



sharing your time and resources with our class. Your joy of giving and active participation were truly amazing! This month we will be teaching the following lessons: The Snow, Snowmen, Handwriting and Shapes. We will also review our alphabet once a week and do baby pictures show and tell. What FUN! So this January we loudly greet you a prosperous HAPPY NEW YEAR! This will

Miss EJ ~ Room 210

be a new year and a new beginning! Once again, we express our gratitude to all of you and we're looking forward to a fruitful NEW 2012 ahead!

Love,
Miss EJ & Miss Ashley



Toddlers

Miss Mona ~ Room 103



Greetings from the toddlers! Well can you believe December is through and we are beginning a new year? This means new changes and learning. We look forward to learning more about winter and the animals. We also look forward to continuing to learn about colors and shapes. We will be trying new science experiments which will include cooking and seeing what happens when we color, freeze and melt ice. We hope to get outside when the snow comes and explore and play!

We wish you all a Happy New Year!
Miss Mona & Miss Lorraine

Toddlers

Miss Renee ~ Room 109

Dear Parents, We hope you all had a blessed Christmas and are looking forward to the new year ahead! We are so thankful that many of you were able to attend our Christmas Program and party. It was great to see the children shine like the stars they are! This month we will be concentrating on shapes, matching games, manners, classification skills and the big one...everyone sitting on the potty, with help from Elmo, of course! Please be sure cubbies are stocked with extra clothes, and feel free



to see us with any questions or concerns!

Love & Blessings,
Miss Renee & Miss Rose

Toddlers

Miss Kathy ~ Room 112

Happy New Year! We would like to thank all our parents for their support with our Christmas Program and class party. Our class will continue to focus on potty training! Snow's coming, so bring boots, mittens, snow pants and extra clothing! This month our topics are Staying Healthy, Gingerbread Men and Teddy Bears. Please bring in any family pictures you would like your child to add to their class photo box.



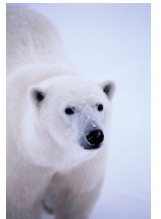
Please stop in to visit anytime and bring us your questions or concerns!

God Bless, Miss Kathy & Miss Kim

Toddlers

Miss Shawnie ~ Room 110

Happy New Year! We would like to first thank all of you for a wonderful Christmas party and your support in our Christmas Program. We have great parents in our class! Our month includes learning about Arctic animals, being healthy and our families. When we do finally get some snow, please be sure that your child has snow pants, boots, gloves, a hat and a scarf in their cubby. Happy Birthday to Katherine and Noah this month!



Love,

Miss Shawnie & Miss Ali

Waddlers

Miss Kathy ~ Room 108

Dear Parents, We are sure that with your beautiful children, you had a joyful Christmas. We have had fun with them as they danced to Christmas carols and made the ornaments for our bulletin board tree.



If January brings us snow without bitter cold we'll try to get the children out to play in it. Please be sure to bring snow pants and boots and keep a weather appropriate change of clothes in your child's cubby.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy new year!

God Bless You!
Miss Kathy & Miss Jonnie

Infants

Miss Ruth ~ Room 106

Happy New Year! May this new year be the best yet. Thank you so much for all your remembrances this Christmas season. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

January will be a busy month of growth we are sure. Our babies are doing more each day. Thank you again for helping us keep our room clean by removing your shoes. Thank you also, those that have older siblings, for taking them to their classroom first, and at the end of the day picking your baby up first. This helps to keep our babies safe!

Please keep us informed of any new foods and amount changes.

God Bless!
Miss Ruth & Miss Rosa



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**Infant Care
Preschool
Kindergarten**
Open 7:30 am - 5:30 pm

Mark your calendars ~

January 2~School closed in observance of New Year's Day

January 16~School closed in observance of MLK Jr. Day

February ~ Summer Camp Registration begins

February 20 ~ School closed in observance of President's Day



**Pineview
Community Church
Welcomes You!**

Sunday Mornings:
10:30 am Worship Service

Nursery care available
for children 0 - 2

Kid's Church
during service
for children ages
3 years—4th Grade

The Cook's Corner

No-Bake Quickies

Ingredients:

- 2 c. sugar 1/2 c. butter
- 3 T. cocoa 1/2 c. milk
- 3 c. oatmeal 1 1/2 t. vanilla

Wax paper

Directions:

Have your wax paper spread and ready for the cookies. An adult can help with the boiling part.

Boil together sugar, butter, cocoa and milk for approximately 2 1/2 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and add vanilla and oatmeal. Stir quickly. Drop by spoonfuls onto wax paper. Put into fridge to harden. Yum!



From the Experts...

Hitting, Biting & Kicking: How to Stop Aggressive Behavior in Young Children

Lower Your Voice—Don't Raise It

As parents, we need to show self-control and use gentle words if we want our kids to do the same. Remember, your child is looking to you for cues on self control and good behavior. Negative behavior is most likely happening because they're still navigating their way through social circles. Try not to overreact or personalize these behaviors.

Try immediately lowering your voice when attending to the victim as well as the aggressor. If he can't calm down, turn to him and say, "I need you to calm down now. I am going to help Josh and when I am done I want you to be done screaming." If this does not work for your child and he cannot calm down, try (safely) ignoring the tantrum. Most young children will not continue to act out if they no longer have an audience.

Practice Ways to Defuse your Child's Anger

For younger kids, help them recognize their anger by stating, "I know you're mad, but we don't hit. No hitting!" For children aged 3-7, talk about anger as an important feeling. You can practice ways to defuse your child's anger during calmer moments. You can say, "Sometimes I get angry too. When that happens, I say, 'I'm angry' and I leave the room. You can encourage your child to count to 10, or do deep breathing, as well as using his words.

Before you enter into a potentially difficult social situation, review the consequences with your child about what will happen if he cannot control his anger. Tell your child, "I feel you can handle your anger, but if you can't, we will have to leave the park and not come back until next week. Do you understand?" Make certain that you follow through with whatever consequences you pose to your child.

~adapted from www.empoweringparents.com by Joan Simeo Munson Ph.D