

## Positive Discipline: Building Self-worth and Responsibility

Hello Toddler Town Too Families!

We all have those moments of extreme frustration when our children refuse to listen, but we can develop strategies for those moments that help build our child's sense of self-worth and responsibility. These strategies can also help make these moments fewer with more of the happy times in between!

**Show that you understand your child's feelings and explain your own.** When we need to do something, we often forget that young children are learning to express themselves and want to understand adult problems. Also, by engaging with their feelings and our own, we help them establish good habits for dealing with conflict that will last a lifetime.

**Provide choices when you can and offer an alternative or a solution when you cannot.** As children are developing their independence, we need to help them make choices for themselves. This means providing them with chances to choose from many positive, healthy options.

**Reward your child for making good choices and set firm consequences for bad choices (and stick to them!).** Children need to learn that there are good and bad outcomes for the choices they make.

**Make time to share quality time with your child.** A few minutes each day go a long way toward making your children feel good about themselves. Feeling secure helps them respect you and your needs.

To read more, check out this website: <http://illinoisearlylearning.org/tipsheets/wordsdiscipline.htm>



*Our kids can find ways to get under our skin. Finding the patience can be a challenge.*

### TAKE NOTE

- Make sure that your child has winter clothes in his/her cubby and she/he comes with appropriate outdoor clothes (jackets, hats, gloves, boots). Children without proper clothes will not be permitted to go outside with their class.



### Upcoming Dates

- CLOSED December 24th and 25th for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
- CLOSED December 31st and January 1st for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day

## Ms. Jackie's Teddy Bears Class 2-year-olds



*Thanksgiving Turkey*

During November the children worked on the alphabet focusing on five letters each week. One of the projects consisted of the children identifying a letter, its color, and then coloring/drawing their letter. Also, the children learned about pilgrims, turkeys, and explained what they were grateful for. As a take home project, the children and their families collabo-

rated on decorating their turkey templates. We had some wonderful turkeys that we displayed throughout our classroom! We also had a field trip to the Children's Museum, and our Thanksgiving holiday. What a great month November was!!!

For December, we will continue to work on the alphabet, five letters a week. We are asking parents to help out at home by working with their children on the alphabet. Flashcards and fun online games are great

tools to educate and keep the children engaged. Also, for this month's take home project the children and their families will be asked to decorate an ornament template that we will hang on our classroom holiday tree. Our December parent participation sign up sheet is posted at the sign in/out table so please sign up and join our classroom this month by reading stories or playing games with the children as they are always excited to see new faces. Now, let's get this December month started!!!

## Ms. Claudia's Butterflies Class 3-year-olds

BRRR...It's getting old outside! This month we will explore a new unit entitled: Winter Wonderland. The Butterflies had such a fun time working on our Farm unit during November. They learned about the various animals that live on a farm and learned key words in Spanish such as "Cow" is "Vaca". Last month we also

focused on the letters A, B, C and D. The children were able to use different techniques to familiarize themselves with these letters by using Play-Doh and sand to recreate the letters. This month we will focus on the letters E, F and G. We will also discuss the sights and sounds of the winter world around us. Also, we will

introduce discussions about weather and why things happen, such as: why does it snow outside? This is a busy month with school closing for Christmas and New Years, please be sure to check your school calendar. Also please remember to dress your child for the cold weather!



*Farm Animals*

## Ms. Megan's Lions Class 3 and 4-year-olds

Hello Parents!

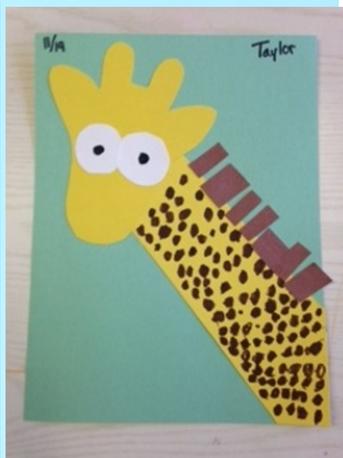
Our class had an awesome November! We had so many great themes and had a lot of fun crafts like our giraffe from the zoo lesson and the traffic light from our lesson on transportation. November also had a fun

field trip to the children's museum! It was a great month and we can't wait for next month.

For the month of December, we will have new themes to study like Hanukkah, season changing to winter, numbers, and a Holiday celebration. Par-

ents, be advised that they weather is changing. Please bring your child in with the correct outdoor wear. I look forward to celebrating new themes with our class!

Ms. Megan



*A Giraffe from our Zoo Lesson*

### Ms. Stephanie's Dragons Class 3 and 4-year-olds

This was my first month and I have to say it's been a great one. The staff and children are awesome. The month of November was pretty short, but we were able to get so much done. We talked about what it means to be thankful for our families and friends. For arts and crafts we did Thanksgiv-

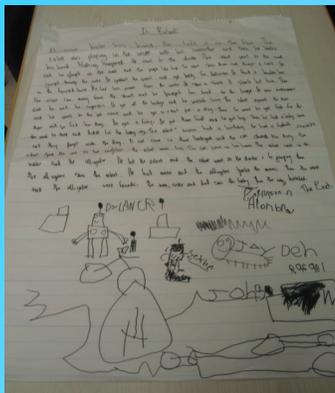
ing frames, pilgrim hats, turkeys, ice-cream cones. We also made it to the Children's Museum, where the children were able to enjoy themselves and explore the museum. For the month of December I am pretty excited; we have so much going on. We plan on talking about the meaning of

Christmas and the great things we do during the holidays. We will be making snowflakes and snowmen along with Christmas cards for our moms and dads. So let the fun begin!!!



Fall Theme Art Project

### Ms. Taga's Bears Class 4 and 5-year-olds



An illustrated story about a robot from our class

Happy Holidays!

The holidays are upon us! To recap what we did last month, we covered Health, Imagination, Jungle Animals and we discussed Being Thankful in time for Thanksgiving. We also reviewed our #'s from 1-10.

For the month of December, we will be discussing Kindness, Lizards, having a Winter celebration and party and making our holiday gifts for parents.

We will also begin our winter projects at this time. We will create using winter collage materials

such as foam popcorn, glitter, white paint and cottonballs. In our media table we will begin snow play, weather permitting, and play with shaving cream to encourage sensory play.

It will be a fun month!

### Ms. Jane's Koalas Class 5-year-olds

Happy Holidays!

December is finally here and soon we will be enjoying days of hot cocoa and sledding. Dress warm everyone!

In the month of November we reviewed the Thanksgiving holiday as well as the changing outside environment with the temperatures getting lower and the changing colors all around us. The children completed some amazing art projects such as leaf stamping and autumn

color free art. During November we also started on the next set of 40 sight words. The year is flying by and the children should be practicing these words daily.

For the month of December we will explore Christmas around the World and Snow. We will explore ice-skating by turning our carpet into a makeshift skating rink, we will explore snow by bringing some inside adding it to our sand and water table, we will create art

with holiday themes in mind, and we will have tons of fun. We will be using gloves and/or mittens within the classroom for different activities. The colors for December will be green, red, and white. Children are encouraged to bring in holiday books to share with their classmates. Home toy day is Friday so please do not bring toys on the other days. This causes a big distraction in our class.

Have a great month everyone!



Our Fall Leaf Stamps

# *A Note from Mr. Robert*

We had a fantastic trip to the Children's Museum at Navy Pier this past month! Thanks to all of our wonderful parent volunteers for their work in making this trip possible! We hope that all the children learned something from their opportunities to play at the museum.



Please don't forget to check your child's box to be sure that they have adequate winter clothing. The weather is getting cold very quickly, so please make sure that your child is prepared. Also, a couple of reminders: I have the Lifetouch photos available for purchase and I also have the results of the Child Find Screenings that were administered by CPS last month.



Looking forward to another great month!

Mr. Robert

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