



February 2017

Toddler Town Daycare Too
 5934 W. Diversey Ave.
 Chicago, IL 60639
 Phone: 773-622-9433 Fax: 773-804-1273
 Website: <http://toddlertownchicago.com/>



KOALAS: 5 YEAR OLDS

Hello Families!

Our class had such a great start to the new year! Last month we learned about inventions, addition skills and new sight words!

For the month of February we will study new topics. We will be learning about famous African Americans, ways to care for others, and new sight words.

Parents: please be sure to sign up for Parent-Teacher Conferences at the beginning of February.



BEARS: 4 YEAR OLDS:

Happy Valentine's Day! The winter is going by very fast! To recap the month of January, we began the new year by discussing kindness, lizards, manners, numbers and ocean animals. We enjoyed making snowmen and snow by using puffy paint, making numbers out of string, as well as, making our own lizards, oceans, and drawing ourselves in the mirror.

For the month of February, we will be reviewing the colors purple and red, celebrating Valentine's Day with a party and special projects, and making our own class quilt. It should be a great month!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Where Your Child ALWAYS Comes First.”

CLOSING DATES:

- To know if we are closed due to the weather, please make sure you are registered under the Emergency Closing Center:
<http://toddlertownchicago.com/register-for-weather-emergency-updates/>
- **NO SCHOOL: CLOSED**
 ➤ Monday, February 20th for President's Day!

REMINDERS:

- Notify the daycare if your child is ill with a contagious illness immediately so that we can do our part at the daycare.
- If your child will no longer be attending TTDC, as mentioned in the enrollment application that you signed, you must give the director a 2 week advance notice to avoid a \$300 fee.
- **Please see your child's teacher to update your contact numbers.**
- **Tuition Payments need to be made on time or your child will not be able to stay in school.**
- Picture money is Due Immediately!
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences!**
- We are a **Sugar/Peanut Free Zone**. Please be cautious of the items you bring in for class parties as there may be a child with an Allergy. See your child's teacher for treat suggestions.

THE EXPLORERS: 4 YEAR OLDS

Hello! The Explorers classroom had a busy month this January. The children learned about community helpers, letters, numbers and more. For our projects, the Explorers made paper chef hats and paper smocks that doctors, veterinarians, and nurses could wear. We also made a mailbag.

We will continue to have very busy days in the month of February. The topics for this month will be: Shapes, Emotions and St. Valentine's Day. Please remember to check cubbies for homework worksheets.



Friendly Reminders:

- Toddler Town Daycare Too will be Closed on February 20th for President's Day!
- Don't forget to update/restock your child's cubby clothes.
- Blankets are sent home on Friday to get washed and returned on Monday (if you need a special day to collect blankets/pillows, please see the teacher for arrangements).

BUMBLEBEES: 4 YEAR OLDS

To recap the month of January, the Bumblebees took it up a notch and **BLASTED OFF** into Outer Space. We jumped right into our name rockets and into space to learn about the 9 planets, stars and the moon. We had so much fun as we saw different sized circles called planets. We also saw stars, rocket ships and astronauts. We even enjoyed some astronaut training because if we want to go into space we must be fit!!! We also learned some fun facts last month about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and PEACE! We also focused on our names and how to recognize not only the letters in our name, but also our friend's names too.

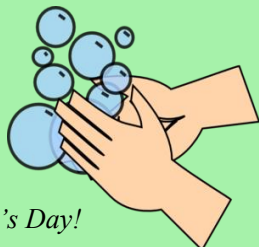
For the month of February, we will continue to focus on recognizing our name and letters, shapes, friendship, VALENTINES and Love, and back into outer space we go since they really enjoyed that theme. This should be a fun month!



BUTTERFLIES: 3 YEAR OLDS

January was a fun start to the new year! We enjoyed learning about germs, how they spread, when and how to wash our hands, and why it is important to keep our hands clean/germ free. In honor of his birthday, we learned about Martin Luther King, Jr. We learned about his cause and discussed how we can be a good friend to others. We also assessed the children on academics to prepare for Parent-Teacher Conferences.

February will be a busy month! We will be holding Parent-Teacher Conferences the 21st – 24th. So don't forget to sign up with the teacher to go over your child's progress. Also, we will be celebrating Valentine's Day with fun arts and crafts, as well as enjoy a fun party. We will also learn about some historic African American heroes in honor of Black History Month!



Don't forget we will be Closed Monday, February 20th for President's Day!

TOUCANS: 2 YEAR OLDS

In January, the Toucans learned more about winter and cold weather. Ms. Merry made some polar bears, penguins, owls, and snowmen with the children. She taught them about their characteristics and where they live. Numbers became our big theme as well. Most Toucans can master their colors and shapes, so we decided to introduce counting and number recognition. The Toucans also had an opportunity to dance and move their bodies while listening to music.

We plan to make February the friendship month. The Toucans will have an opportunity to create valentine crafts and have a Valentine's party. As the Toucans learn more about colors, shapes, and numbers, they will also be introduced to letters. We will also focus more on books and literacy. We welcome our new friends to the Toucan classroom.





Are you Ready for the Winter Weather?

- We understand that the weather can be unpredictable, therefore, we want everyone to be SAFE! Remember to give yourself enough time to arrive at the daycare both at pick up and drop off times. To learn what the roads and weather will be for your day—
 - ❖ CALL: 847-238-1234 (touch tone phone needed)
 - ❖ SIGN UP: for personalized email notification of your child care center’s status at: www.EmergencyClosings.com

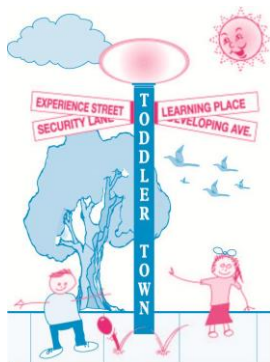
Please choose your center location and follow the instructions so that you can be notified in advance of school closings due to Weather:

<p><u>Evanston Location Information to Sign up:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facility Name: TODDLER TOWN DAYCARE ▪ Facility Location/City: EVANSTON ▪ Main Phone Number: (847) 475-1467 	<p><u>Chicago Location Information to Sign up:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facility Name: TODDLER TOWN DAYCARE TOO ▪ Facility Location/City: CHICAGO ▪ Main Phone Number: 773-622-9433
--	--

- ❖ If Chicago Public Schools are Closed due to SNOW related issues, Toddler Town Will Also Be Closed; this way parents can plan ahead accordingly. We will not close due to temperature, only due to snow closings.
 - ❖ If you did not receive an email, text or update from the Emergency Closing Center please make sure that you do the following:
 - Update your email address with Angelo or Robert
 - Update your cell phone number and cell carrier with Angelo or Robert
 - Register with the Emergency Closing Center, as mentioned above.
- Sick/Vacation:** We understand there will be times when children will be absent from school due to illness or vacation. However, you must let the school know, especially if they will be absent for more than 2 days. Please be sure to call and leave a message with your child’s teacher. Down below are the extensions according to classroom. Our number is still the same (773) 622-9433. Menu directory:
 - For Spanish/Para Español: [dial/marca 1](#)
 - To be connected to the **Toucans** classroom (Miss Merry & Miss Maria): [dial 22](#)
 - To be connected to the **Butterflies** classroom (Ms. Jackie, Ms. Irene, Ms. Carmen): [dial 23](#)
 - To be connected to the **Bumblebee** classroom (Miss Barber): [dial 24](#)
 - To be connected to the **Explorer** classroom (Mr. Temok & Miss Paz): [dial 25](#)
 - To be connected to the **Bears** classroom (Miss Taga): [dial 26](#)
 - To be connected to the **Koalas** classroom (Miss Megan): [dial 27](#)
 - To be connected to the **Office** (Mr. Robert): [dial 21](#)
 - Pick Up List:** Don’t forget, if you need someone to pick up your child that is not already on your pick up list, you can go to our website and complete the “Emergency Authorization Form” located on the right hand side of the page: https://toddlertowndaycare.formstack.com/forms/toddler_town_pick_up_form
 - Parent Portal:** Parents can go to our website and be connected to the parent portal where they can view their child's account. This feature is located on the right-hand side of the page under “Log In To Your Child’s Account.”



TODDLER TOWN DAYCARE TOO HEALTHY FOOD POLICY



Dear Parent/Guardian,

At Toddler Town Daycare, we love celebrating birthdays, holidays, and special occasions. We also want to ensure we are teaching the children life-long healthy eating habits. This is why **beginning January 1st, 2013, we will only be allowing parents/guardians to bring in healthy snacks during these special times.**

We will no longer allow foods such as cupcakes, cakes, doughnuts, or candy to be brought in during birthdays or holidays. Instead, we encourage you to explore healthier options to share with the class and save the sugary foods to eat at home. The teachers will also stop giving out candy as rewards and will instead give out prizes like art supplies, books, chalk, bubbles, and other items to expand your child's mind.

You are welcome to send healthy treats or goody bags to share with classmates. Please let the teachers know in advance that you will be bringing a treat to class and the teachers will arrange to distribute the treats or goody bags to the children after naptime or at dismissal.

All healthy food items must arrive unopened as packaged by the manufacturer or it will not be accepted. Homemade treats are not permitted by the Illinois Health Department. And as always, no nuts are allowed. Remember, if you would like to celebrate with your child's birthday at school please, **Bring In Really Tasty Healthy Delicious Appetizing Yummy Snacks!**

Birthday Treat suggestions

- Fruit popsicles
- Fruit cups
- Yogurt
- Rice Cakes
- Fruit Muffins
- Fresh Fruit
- Hand Snacks

Goodie Bag suggestions

- Stickers
- Markers/Crayons
- Books
- Chalk
- Bubbles
- Coloring Books
- Puzzles

Two great websites that also offer snack ideas and healthy eating are: www.choosemyplate.gov and www.colormehealthy.com.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding!

Robert Nikolov, Director
Toddler Town Daycare Too
5934 W. Diversey
Chicago, IL 60639

*Some information courtesy of CCDC