



Sunshine
Early Learning Center
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NEWSLETTER
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Happy Valentines Day



News You Can Use

IT'S FEBRUARY!!!! Wow! Already two months into the new year! The weather is beautiful outside. Has anyone heard the birds singing? Punxsutawney Phil did NOT see his shadow, but General Lee did... so which will it be?

Jackson County Schools will be out on Mid-Winter Break from February 11-15, 2019. The cost for all week will be \$175. This will be the rate going forward for all school breaks and our summer camp. Barrow County Schools will be out on February 15, 2019 and both districts will be out February 18, 2019. Our daily rate will remain \$45 per student, per day.

On Thursday February 14, 2019 our classes will be having their class parties after their scheduled nap time at 2:30. Parents are asked to bring a treat to share with their child's class, and as always, remember, no peanuts. Also, all students are encouraged to bring in Valentines to share with their classmates.

Starting this month, Sunshine Early Learning Center will be opening the door and encouraging as much parent engagement as possible. The first week of every month, we will be sending home (along with the monthly newsletter), concepts of the month and a monthly curriculum. This not only keeps you informed on what our children are learning, but also allows you to interact with your children at night. Please feel free to talk to Ms. Shannon if you have any questions regarding this.

PARENTS! We have a wonderful parent resource area in the front of the center. Please feel free to use it. We not only have advice and guidance on how to deal with things like teething, biting, and many other bumps and bruises that comes along with raising children, but also different activities to take home and do with your family. Enjoy different versions of Chicka Chicka Boom Boom (with both letters and numbers), lots of story books with finger play, or try some math games. All are available and free to borrow. So check them out!

Effective February 11, 2019, there will be a late fee applied to any unpaid balance for childcare. If you currently pay monthly or bi-weekly, please continue to do so, this will not affect your payment method/schedule. However, any outstanding balance (outside of the normal payment schedule) will be subjected to the late fee. If there are any concerns, please see Ms. Shannon.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

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| Lillie P. | 2/4 |
| Brayden P. | 2/23 |

Upcoming Events

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| Valentine's Classroom Parties | 2/14 |
| Jackson County Mid-Winter Break | 2/11-2/15 |
| Barrow County Out of School | 2/15 |
| Barrow & Jackson County Out of School | 2/18 |

Reminders

Payments are due on Fridays (for the following week).

Please check your child in and out using ProCare.

Children go outside twice a day unless it is raining. Please send your children to school with closed toed shoes and weather appropriate clothing.

A late fee of \$25 will be added to all past due balances on Wednesday.



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Classroom News

Infants:

We have so many new friends in our infant room. Avery, Carson, and Londyn are having a blast with Ms. Gina and Ms. Madison learning colors, shapes, and even sign language! Ask our teachers to demonstrate the different signs our infants are learning.

Ones:

January was so busy and freezing cold (brrrrrrrr). We welcomed our friend Kaden back (he was previously in our infant room). Our class learned about bears (grrrr), snow, and winter wear. We read "Brown Bear, Brown Bear" by Eric Carle and painted a snowstorm with our fingers and paintbrushes. Ms. Briana taught us we wear gloves and coats and boots and hats when we are outside in the cold weather.

Twos:

WELCOME NEW FRIENDS AJ and Hudson! January brought lots of learning about cold and snowy weather. We made hand print mittens. Did you know bear in Spanish is oso? We know that now! We practiced our ABC's and did a scavenger hunt in our classroom for circles. We look forward to learning about taking care of our teeth this month.

Preschool:

Our preschool friends are growing like crazy! In January, they practiced writing their name and recognizing the different letters. Also, most exciting was the snow storm we created with Ms. Madison. We watched it all happen in a jar! Our class also learned that frio is Spanish for cold and hielo is Spanish for ice. Keeping warm is important when the weather outside is cold, and we talked about all the different clothes we may wear outside to keep warm.

Private Pre-K:

January brought so much learning for our Private Pre-K group. Ms. Stacey taught us about Edvard Munch, the painter famous for "The Scream." We painted our own versions and these are on display in the front hallway, right where you walk into Sunshine! We learned about arctic animals as well, and practiced walking like penguins. This month we are excited for our Valentine's Day party and parents are welcome to join us! Details soon to come.

School Age:

After schoolers were hopping with excitement celebrating the 100 days of school! Although our after schoolers are loving school, they can't wait for mid-winter break this month. We also have spent time helping redecorate our room with a jungle theme... Lions and tigers and bears ... OH MY! Look forward in the coming months for details about our exciting summer camp program to start emerging.