

TINY TOTS and LITTLE TYKES inc.

December 2017 Child Care News



"Guess How Many in The Jar" Winner

DEAR PARENTS

Happy Holidays! As we prepare for the holidays, we ask that you let the office know if you will be taking time off, so we can properly staff our classrooms during the last week of December and the first week of January. Thank you for your help!

HOLIDAY REMINDER

We are closed Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st.

Note: Our policy states there is no deduction in tuition for any holidays.

Also, preschool is not in session from December 25th-January 1st.

We wish you all a very Happy Holiday season!

DRESS FOR WEATHER

Remember to dress your child appropriately for the colder weather. Children will go outside to play every day that the temperature is above 0° and there are no warnings. Going outside when properly dressed is very healthy for the children. If you feel your child is too ill to go outside, they are too ill to be at school.

ILLNESS REMINDER

Please do not bring a child to childcare if they have: diarrhea, vomited, an undiagnosed rash, difficulty breathing, goopy eye drainage, not much energy and are refusing to eat, complaining they don't feel well or have had a fever of 100° or higher in the last 24 hours. We will send the child home if they have any of these symptoms. When you bring your child to childcare sick it affects your child, the other children, and the staff. Please understand there are times when we will override a doctor's note and still exclude your child if we have many cases of an illness going around. Let's work together to keep everyone as healthy as possible this winter.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

This month our book orders will be due on Wednesday, December 6th.

Please remember to write a check to Tiny Tots for these separate from your tuition.

***These will make great holiday gifts!**



ENRICHMENTS

*MUSIC:

Pat will do a "Ho, Ho, Ho" theme for music this month. She will teach the children through singing, playing instruments, and using other items such as beanbags.

PRESCHOOL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

We will be having a holiday celebration on Friday, December 15th from 9:00-10:00 a.m. for the Monday/Wednesday class and from 10:30-11:30 a.m. for the Tuesday/Thursday class. **THERE IS NO PRESCHOOL CLASS ON THIS DAY!**

SANTA IS COMING...SHHH!!!

The West St. Paul Police Department will have a Santa come out and visit our classrooms on Monday, December 11th & Tuesday, December 12th.



S.T.E.M. Event

TYKES CORNER

The holidays are here!

While this can be a very busy & stressful time of year, we need to remember to stop and enjoy it! Here are a few fun activities for you and your family.

Coloring sheets to print off:

For kids

<http://www.parents.com/kids/printables/coloring-pages/holiday-coloring-pages/> (10 different designs)

For adults

<https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/free-printable-christmas-coloring-page/> (tree)

https://www.justcolor.net/animals/?image=animals_coloring-deer-head_1 (deer)

A healthy gingerbread house:



Give your traditional gingerbread house an extreme makeover by swapping the candy for more wholesome ingredients. To make the house, trim graham

cracker walls and a roof with a serrated knife, then join them with peanut butter. (To pipe it, spoon several tablespoons of peanut butter into a plastic bag and snip off a corner.) Decorate the house with healthy snacks, such as cereal, nuts, and dried fruit, attached with more peanut butter. Can't use nut products? Substitute cream cheese for a binder.

Also, be sure to check out the Parent Education section on our website for this month's topic: *Safety Tips for Holiday Gift Buying.*