



This Month's News



December

Happy Holidays! We all know the holidays can be fun, but they can also be a difficult and stressful time for many families. One valuable resource is the Parental Stress Center (241-4888) or call Dane County 211 for help services.

Remember that we will be closed on Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1 and as soon as possible please let us know if you're planning any additional time off during the holidays. It helps us to plan our staff vacations/time off around the children's time away from school.

Happy Holidays from the **Baby Chicks**! We are saying goodbye to Kellen this month, who is moving up to the Penguins! Our other baby chicks are all starting to get around in one way or another. Some are crawling, some are scooting, and some are moving backward, but all are getting close to the crawling stage. They also are really starting to "interact" with one another, which is so fun to see.

Hello **Penguin** Parents! It's hard to believe the holiday season is upon us already. Soon we will be spending time with family and friends. We wish our Katelyn a very Big Happy Birthday Wish on December 11th! WOW - She's already 1! We're very excited to have Kellen join our group this month. He will officially be "jumping the fence" from the Baby Chicks room on Nov. 30th. We can't wait for him to join us on our arctic adventures. Madi also moved up to the Parrots room in November – she was sooo ready for some new adventures. We miss her and we like to visit the Parrots to give her hugs. We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The **Parrots** have all enjoyed spending lots of time outside playing in the leaves and taking walks. We want to welcome Madi over to the Parrot room! We enjoyed all the fall colors and are now looking forward to winter. We will also be practicing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" for the concert this month.

The **Peacock** room is continuing to work hard on following our daily routine, transitions, and manners. The kids are doing a wonderful job! We are also working on identifying our names, letters, knowing the month, season, and weather. Our themes for the month of December are Snow/Winter, Gingerbread/Toys, Christmas, and New Years. Also, we want to wish Bella and Katya Happy 3rd Birthdays on Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st! Sadly, they will then be leaving us to join the Owls class. Have a wonderful holiday season!!

The preschoolers (**Owls**) will be as busy as the elves in December! We will be exploring snow and winter with some fun projects and even a science experiment or two! The other themes of the month will include: Gingerbread/Toys, December Holidays, Around the World, Christmas and The New Year. Throughout the holiday season we will be focusing on caring and helping others. We will be making Christmas cards to send to residents at a nursing home or hospital. Happy Birthday to Karsten who will be celebrating his 4th birthday on December 31st!

Please help us encourage the children to have their personal toys remain at home. When we bring our own toys sharing can be more difficult and leaving them at home also avoids the possibility of kids' toys getting lost at school. Also, please remember as the weather gets colder and the roads are getting slicker to bring warm clothing and plan accordingly to meet drop off and pick up times.

We invite you to come to the **Koala-T-Kare Christmas Program** on Thursday, Dec. 17 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. We hope to see all parents there!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!