

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back from winter break! We hope you had time to rest and recharge. This is a reminder that our first day back is January 5th, which will be a workday with no students. Our next day off will be January 19th. Please be sure to remind parents about this upcoming day off.

As we begin the second half of the school year, we want to thank you for your continued dedication and hard work. Your commitment makes a meaningful difference every day, and we are grateful for the care, patience, and energy you bring to our students and families. Let's continue working together to make the remainder of the school year successful, positive, and rewarding for everyone. As always, thank you for all you do for our students and families.

Trainings/Transportation

As in previous months, if you have any training needs for ChildPlus or Learning Genie, or any facility needs or issues, please email April . She would be happy to help.

As for transportation, with winter in (and out of) full swing, please take as much care now as you do when it's warmer, beginning with your pre-trip inspections. Be thorough. Also, make sure your windows—front, rear, and side—as well as your doors are clear of snow, ice, and fog. Weather can change by the hour, so make sure you are prepared.

Thank you for doing your part in keeping our kids safe! If you have any transportation needs or issues, please reach out to Steve, and he will get you fixed up

Performance Appraisals

January is performance appraisal month. A supervisor training will be held via zoom on January 9th for all supervisor's who will complete appraisals. The time is to be determined.

Appraisals will be emailed to the supervisors on January 12th. If you are unable to print these please let Charlotte know and she will be sure to print them and get them to you. Completed appraisals are due to the main office by January 24th.

Family Partnerships and Goal Setting

The work you do with families is invaluable! You build relationships with families that will develop into respectful partnerships over time. These partnerships support family well-being and help families to meet their goals for themselves and their children. Strong, healthy families give their children the best chance at success in school and in life.

The Family Engagement Assessments offers many opportunities for you and your families to have conversations that can strengthen your partnerships. Families often share important stories and information about themselves and their children.

During these assessments you can learn:

- What matters to families and what they hope to accomplish.
- Which services their family members already receive from other agencies.
- What child and family goals they are already working on.

Family stories contribute to the overall picture that helps guide the goal-setting process and inform future planning with families. As we listen to families, we learn what they want to focus on now and in the future. The Family Engagement process is an opportunity to build a positive, ongoing, and goal-oriented partnership with families. Staff can offer support as families decide what is important to them. Remember to follow-up on the steps that were set to accomplish goals and celebrate the big and small victories!!

Checkpoints, Mid-Year conferences and Kindergarten Registration

Welcome back to school!! I hope everyone feels refreshed and ready to go! Your students are going to be so excited to be back at school but please remember they need some reminders on school expectations. The first few weeks may feel like the beginning of the school year! I suggest going back to the beginning of the year study for the first few weeks to get your students back into the swing of school. Repeat expectations and routines to set them up for SUCCESS!!

There is also a lot going on for you outside of the classroom in January as well! GOLD checkpoints are to be finalized by January 20th , and Mid-Year conferences begin this day as well. I choose this day because many schools will begin Kindergarten registration in January and into February. Remember, we are to be helping parents register students if they need the help. This includes getting correct paper work the school needs, assisting online registration, giving parents information on what school to register at and just giving support if needed! If you need any assistance or having any questions on Kindergarten registration, please reach out to me!! I will help as best as a can.

Again, it is busy but take a BREATH and take one day at a time!