

January 2013

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		1 Happy New Year!!!	2	3	4	5
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20	21 Martin Luther King Jr Day No VPK Only!	22 Ms. Tammy's 11 Year Anniversary!	23	24	25	26
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January Curriculum Theme: Winter Wonderland



Colors:
Blue and White

Shapes: Diamond and Hexagon

> Letters. Q, R, S, T

Numbers: Dev 1 & 2-0, 1, 2 Numbers: Dev 3 & VPK-11, 12, 13



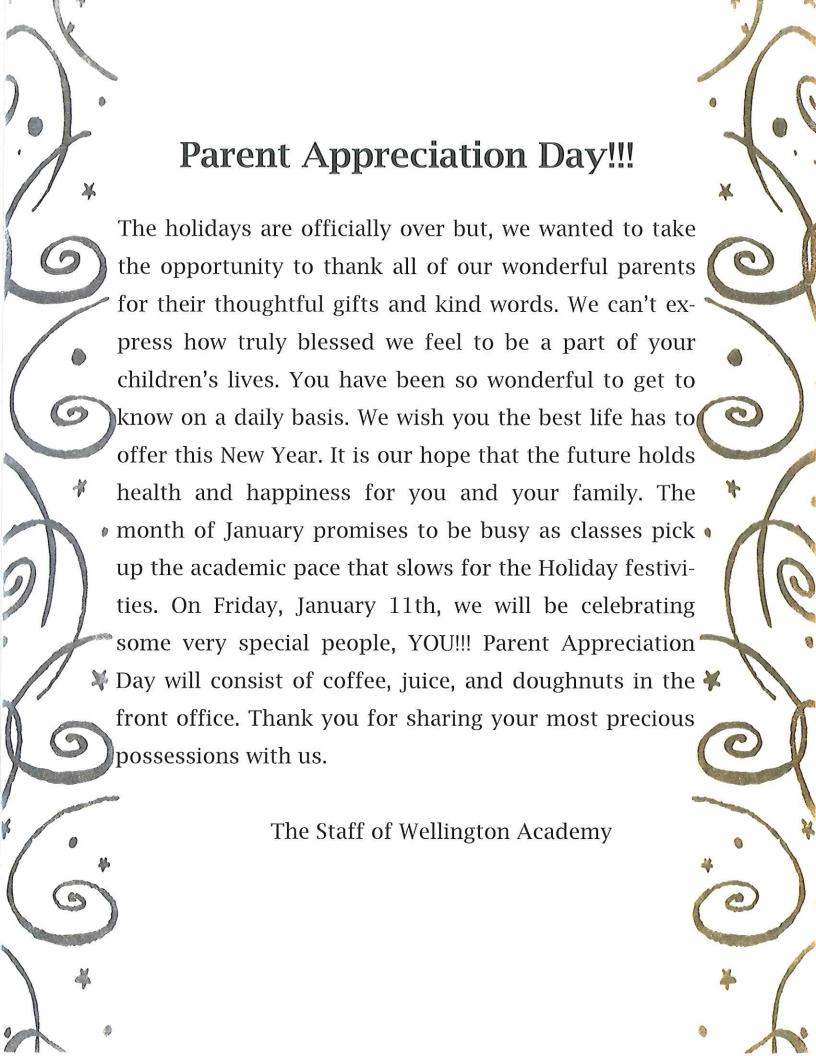
January 2013 Classroom News

<u>Developmental One-</u> Happy New Year from the ones!! We can't believe another year has come and gone by! We hope you all had a great holiday season! We would like to give a special thanks to our parents that made our holiday seasons so special with gifts from you and your little one. We love you and appreciate all that you do! Keep up the great work with labeling your child's belongings! We are looking forward to another great year in the ones with your and your child! Developmental Two-

We can't believe the end of the year is already here! We have had a great year in the twos and have big plans for 2013. Ms. Gail, Ms. Julie, and Ms. Liza would like to thank all the parents for the wonderful Christmas gifts!! We really appreciate it. Again, please remember to LABEL everything you bring into our classroom, especially jackets and blankets!! Please be sure to leave all toys at home!! Don't forget to check your child's folder on a regular basis as we are always sending home art projects and such things. If your child is in the potty training process please be sure to have plenty of extra clothes for your child. Also, we still need 200 ct wipes from several children, please remember that we use these wipes for MORE than just diaper changing. We would like to wish everyone a very Happy and safe new year!

<u>Developmental Three</u>— The year is already over, and we can't believe it!! Time sure does fly!! Thank you for all the generous holiday cards and gifts, we love you all. We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and a great end to 2012. The new year is going to be a great one, time to get back into the swing of things. Please make sure you are checking our Parent Board for class events or announcements. Happy New Year!!

<u>Developmental Four-</u> Wow! It's January already! We hope that everyone had a great holiday! December was a great month, we would like to thank all the parents for our wonderful gifts, we appreciate it! We are looking forward to a great new year along with an awesome month of January full of great fun, and lots of learning! Please remember toys should be kept at home unless it is Show and Tell day, which is every Friday! Also, every Friday we send home books from our library for your to enjoy and read with your child, please remember to return our books on Monday morning along with the library sheets! With the cold weather we have collected quite a few jackets in our classroom. Please remember to take home your jackets also be sure to label each jacket you bring into our classroom. Thank you! Happy New Year!!



New Years Resolutions for Parents

Forget New Year resolutions about losing weight, exercising more, eating healthier, and spending less time at work. Instead, this year make some resolutions that matter, ones that will make a difference in the lives of your children. Make some New Year resolutions that will put you front and center of your children's education.

In a recent study we found 93% of students say their parents are the number one influence in their lives. Yet only 35% of parents surveyed think they play such a vital role in their child's life. These statistics are surprising, to say the least. Though what is more surprising—that our children believe we are the greatest influence in their lives, or that we do not think that we are—is hard to say. What is clear, however, is that the areas in which you choose to influence your children should be given great thought and care.

As a parent, one of the most powerful areas in which you can influence your child is through their education. It is you, more than any other individual, who can help your children reach their fullest potential as learners, both today and tomorrow. If you are wondering what you can do in this New Year to support your children in school, here are a few suggestions.

- Celebrate your children's successes in school, from doing well on tests to not forgetting their lunch.
- Take an interest in your children's homework (or at least pretend to!)
- Make it a point to communicate with your children's teachers. You may be surprised what you learn.
- · Let your children know that school can and should be fun and enjoyable.
- Be there when your children try something new and succeed. Be there when they fail. Be there.....
- Choose to be a positive role model for your children. You are their hero whether you know it or not.
- Remind your children that they are special and that they have something unique to offer their school.
- Take the time to dream with your children about their future because dreams do come true.

We recognize the challenges and triumphs of raising children. This year, embrace parenting with passion and with the understanding that you are the most important person in your child's life. You do play a key role in the success of your children in school. Rise to the occasion and make a difference in this new year!

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Make Mealtime Family Time

Make meals and memories together. It's a lesson they'll use for life.

It takes a little work to bring everyone together for meals. But it's worth it and the whole family eats better.

- Start eating meals together as a family when your kids are young. This way, it becomes a habit.
- ✓ Plan when you will eat together as a family. Write it on your calendar.
- ✓ You may not be able to eat together every day. Try to have family meals as often as you
 can, whether it is breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

Cook together. Eat together.

Teach your kids to create healthy meals. They'll learn skills they'll use for life.

- Cooking together can mean more "mommy and me" time on busy days. Ask your child to help with easy tasks, like adding veggie toppings to a cheese pizza.
- Kids like to try foods they help make. It's a great way to encourage your child to eat fruits and vegetables.
- Kids feel good about doing something "grownup." Give them small jobs to do. Praise their efforts. Their smiles will light up your day.
- ✓ Kids love helping in the kitchen. Help teach them to follow instructions, count, and more.
- ✓ It's normal for 2- to 5-year-olds to be "picky" eaters. Help them increase the types of foods they like by setting a good example.
- ✓ They learn by watching you. Kids get curious when they see you eating fruits or vegetables. Before you know it, they'll want to taste what you are having.
- Encourage your child to try foods. But, don't lecture or force your child to eat.

Talk together.

- Focus on the meal and each other. Turn off the television. Take phone calls later.
- Talk about fun and happy things. Try to make meals a stress-free time. Here are some topic ideas:
 - What made you feel really happy today?
 - What did you have to eat at lunch today?
 - What's your favorite veggie? Why?
 - Tell me one thing you learned today?
 - What made you laugh today?

Make mealtime a family time.

- Start small. Busy families are usually pressed for time. Try to get the family together for meals when you can, whether it is for breakfast, lunch, or dinner.
- Set regular mealtimes so everyone will know when meals will be served.
- Emphasize the importance of being together, not just eating the food.



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