

279 Egg Harbor Road Sewell, New Jersey 08080 JANUARY 2017

Dear Chesterbrook Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2017!! This year is sure to be just as exciting and busy as last year.

First off, thank you to all the families who donated to our "Giving Tree" during the month of December. Because of your donations, several families had a better holiday this year. Also, thank you to all who donated coats to our coat drive this year. We were able to donate 83 coats to the Boys and Girls Club! This was such a success and we can't thank you all enough for helping make this happen!

•All extracurricular activities will start back up the first week of January. Soccer will begin at the end of March. A signup sheet and more details will follow as it gets closer.

•In the event of excessive snow, there are several ways to check if we are open. We will send an email by 5:30 am stating a closure or delayed opening. Channel 6 (ABC) and Channel 10 (NBC) will also list updates. Look for Chesterbrook Academy Sewell. •Documentation of the flu vaccine is due **immediately** if you haven't already turned it in. Thank you!

•Please be sure to supply us with your most recent Universal Health Form and Immunization record.

•Please make sure that your child has an extra pair of weather appropriate clothes in their cubby. Also, make sure that you are sending in warm coats, gloves, hats, etc. for them to wear outside. We try to take utilize our playground during the winter months even if it is only for a 15 minute interval. Once the temperature goes below 40, we do not go outside.

Warm wishes, Stacy & Thien

<u>Infants</u>

Welcome January!! We hope everyone had a great holiday. Congratulations to Kameron and Gavin for moving up to our Toddler A class, we will miss them! Welcome Michael and Julianne to our infant room this month! The infants are looking forward to learning lots of new things in the new year.

Toddler A

Hoping everyone had a Happy Holiday and wishing everyone a wonderful New Year! This month we will be encouraging the use of language communication skills. Our color of the month will be white and our shape will be a triangle. Thank you so much for your participation in our daily, as well as, weekly events. We wish Liam well as he moves up to the Toddler B room and we welcome 2 new friends to Toddler A, Jaxon and Kameron. We are looking forward to a Super New Year!

Toddler B

Happy New Year! 2017 is going to be a great year in the Toddler room. Some of the LTL skills we'll be focusing on are pointing to and naming colors, imitating vertical crayon strokes and jumping with both feet. White will be our color of the month. Happy 2nd birthday to Tanoak!

Beginner A

Happy New Year! This month we will be working on the number concept of four, working on understanding big and little and recognizing our first name in print. We will talk a lot about temperature and explore water and ice. Our room is sure to look like a winter wonderland! Due to cold weather we will be doing a lot of projects inside related to our skills. Our class will also work on showing empathy towards others' feelings and labeling our emotions. We all look forward to the year to come and all of the learning experiences we will have together.

Beginner B

Welcome to January in Beginner B! This month we will learn our new Spanish word "Circulo" (circle) and continue to review our other Spanish words. Since the weather is getting colder we will focus on indoor wellness activities such as an indoor obstacle course and parachute play. This month we will Parker's 3rd birthday! Miss Becca and I are very excited for the New Year!!!

Intermediates

Happy New Year Intermediates! We hope everyone enjoyed their holidays! The intermediates class has had a great year so far and we're excited to start 2017! The children will begin writing their first names, and recognizing the letters. In Math the children will work on basic 3D shapes

and 2D shapes, recalling basic shapes and as always recognition of numbers. The children will start knowing their birthdate and how old they are. We will continue to work daily on social-emotional skills. We will be doing many wellness art projects to keep the kids moving in this cold weather! Enjoy the New Year! ©

Pre-K

Happy 2017! December was a great month, full of a lot of hard work and fun. This month we will be wellearning more sight words and continue practicing our writing skills. This month we will be touching on Science a lot more. We will be doing experiments and the children will make predictions and answer questions. This will be a busy month for sure! We look forward to watching the children continue to grow and excel!

Kindergarten

Happy Holidays and Welcome 2017! I can't believe this school year is already half way done! This month we are focusing on blending initial, medial, and final /n/, /b/, /r/, /k/, /f/ and /d/ sounds, reading text based comprehension such as compare and contrast, plot, cause and effect, and plot, identifying and using verbs, making and taking apart numbers 11-19, learning all about the planet Earth and much more!

Calendar of Events

Flu shot documentation is due IMMEDIATELY Monday, January 2nd CLOSED for the New Year Saturday, January 21st Open House 10-1

Looking Ahead:

2/20 Closed for Professional Development
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Day

Congratulations <u>Teacher of the Month:</u> Sharon Snedeker January 2017

Miss Sharon has been working at Chesterbrook Academy since September 1988. She graduated from High School in 1966 and has taken many Early Childhood classes over the years. Miss Sharon enjoys spending time will all of her grandchildren in her spare time, and she loves to listen to Country music and watch NASCAR on the weekends. Miss Sharon spends her time in our infant room spoiling the babies with love and attention! Our little ones love Miss Sharon just as much as the staff and teachers here. We are so lucky to have an amazing teacher like Miss Sharon. Thank you for all you do here!

Don't forget to visit our website for the lunch menu, special event dates, reminders and so much more...

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