ALL ABOARD **Holiday Newsletter**

**december 2016**

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**HOLIDAY HOURS**

**All Aboard will be closed December 23rd and 26th and on January 2nd in observance of Christmas and New Year. Please look at your calendars now since this is different than previous years since the holidays fall on weekend. We wish everyone a wonderful holiday with your families.**



**ACCREDITATION VISIT**

As most of you know it’s time for our re-accreditation. We have been working on it since February; current accreditation expires February 2017. We have gotten word that our site visit will be between 11/28-12/16. When they come it will be a team of people walking around with clipboards and paperwork. They will be here from 6 am until ? Please feel free to introduce yourself to them and make them feel welcome. We are so honored to be an accredited center and look forward to many more years of quality care for the children!

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**RECRUITING TIME FOR PARENT BOARD MEMBERS**

We are looking for parents to join our parent board. It requires one monthly meeting and help with our annual Fun Run. Please let Teresa know if you are interested or would like more details.

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**CHRISTMAS PARADE**

**Please join us on Saturday, December 10th for the Christmas Parade. We will meet at All Aboard at 930 and board the bus! We have candy canes to pass out and need your help. It will be a lot of fun for the kids and adults alike. Please wear a Christmas hat and/or dress as your best elf! Any questions, just ask Ms. Teresa.**

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**MAC-N-CHEESE DRIVE**

All Aboard is collecting macaroni and cheese to donate to the local food pantry. The delivery date will be December 16. We will collect until then. Any brand and any size will be accepted. The class collecting the most will have a special party to celebrate!

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“Christmas, children, is not a date. It’s a state of mind!”

Mary Ellen Chase

**IMMUNIZATIONS**

Please make sure we have current shot records for all your children. We submit an annual report to the state in January and if our records are not up-to-date your child will not be allowed to attend until they are updated or until we get shot records. It’s much easier to bring them in every time your child is immunized and let us get a copy!

**HANDWASHING**

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It’s that time of year again and the germs are everywhere! The first and best thing we can do to prevent the spread of germs is proper hand washing. We need every child to wash their hands upon entering the building. The toddlers know how to wash their hands in the sink. Every class has their own restroom and there is one in the front hall you may use as well. Please make sure you are doing this. If you get your child in the habit, they will do it on their own and it will be second nature to them. This is one way we can all help eliminate some of the germs and perhaps eliminate some of the illnesses too. We don’t like sending children home sick. We want them all well and here every day.

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MAKE SURE YOU ARE SENDING WARM CLOTHING FOR YOUR CHILDREN. WE WILL GO OUTSIDE EVREYDAY FOR AT LEAST A FEW MINUTES UNLESS IT IS RAINING OUTSIDE. WE FOLLOW A WEATHER CHART PROVIDED BY MDHSS. THE CHILDREN NEED TO HAVE OUTDOOR TIME EVERYDAY.

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* We collect Box Tops For Education
* Breakfast over at 8:15
* Call by 9 if late or not coming
* Make sure we have updated information in your child’s file. This is very important if phone numbers or place of employment has changed
* Clock your children in/out daily

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RECIPE FOR CHRISTMAS ALL YEAR LONG

Take a heap of child-like wonder

That opens up your eyes

To the unexpected gifts in life-

Each day a sweet surprise.

Mix in fond appreciation

For the people whom we know;

Like festive Christmas candles,

Each one has a special glow.

Add some giggles and some laughter,

A dash of Christmas food,

(amazing how a piece of pie improves your attitude!)

Stir it all with human kindness;

Wrap it up in love and peace,

Decorate with optimism, and our joy will never cease.

If we use this healthy recipe,

We know we will remember

To be in Christmas spirit,

Even when it’s December.



* PLEASE KEEP OUR RECORDS UPDATED WHEN CHILDREN GET SHOTS
* PLEASE CALL BY 9 IF YOU’RE LATE AND YOUR CHILD WILL EAT LUNCH
* IF YOUR CHILD IS EATING BREAKFAST PLEASE BE HERE BY 8:15
* TERESA’S HOURS ARE 8-4:30. If you need to see her at an earlier or later time please call and make arrangements for a meeting time.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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