

Creative Preschool Newsletter

January / February 2017

Message from the Director

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We here at Creative hope that the Holidays were wonderful for you and your family and that 2016 entered with peace and joy.



or concerns, indicate your preference for a conference or phone call in this email. Please never hesitate to talk with your child's teacher at any time, however—we are always here to confer and help in any way!

As I write this newsletter most of the children have returned to Creative after the long holiday break and are very happily readjusting! It is rewarding to see the children skip or run with exuberance into school after being away for so long (and we all know 2 weeks is an eternity to young children!) I surely hope that school will always bring such joy!

January and February will be busy months here at Creative. The children will be participating in winter activities, usually indoors, as the cold winter months are upon us! We will be preparing for VIP Day, held on February 19 this year, as well.

Look for Progress Reports to come to you by email the week of January 16. Please remember to sign and return the two forms which will come home in a manila envelope through your child's cubby. Remember to check the box to request a phone or conference meeting with your child's teacher. January 24 has been set aside for conferences, but we are always available to meet with you at a more convenient time!

2016 has been a year of many blessing for our Creative Preschool family. It is our hope that 2017 continues the trend and we all enjoy happy times that create beautiful memories!

REMINDER!!! NO SCHOOL DAYS:

- January 16 - Martin Luther King Day
- January 24 - In Service/Conference Day
- February 20 - President's Day



Progress Reporting

The week of January 16 you should receive a manila envelope in your child's cubby. In it you will find your child's updated *GOAL SHEET* and *CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT OF PROGRESS REPORTS* sheet. At that time your child's Progress Reports will come home via email. **Please remember to send back the manila envelope with both forms, the *GOAL SHEET* and the *CONFIRMATION OF PROGRESS REPORTS RECEIPT* sheet, signed and dated.** Please indicate on the *CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT sheet*, by checking the box, if you would like a phone or in-person conference. Your child's teacher will contact you to set up a mutually agreeable time to talk or meet.

News from Threes

Happy New Year! We will start the month of January off exploring – through discussion, activities, and art – the cold weather months of winter and the changes we see in nature.

Progress reports will come home the week of January 16. Please see the section titled **Progress Reporting** in this Newsletter for further information.

You will receive an email sometime in January concerning our evaluation. If you have any questions

We will begin the month of February by preparing for VIP Day, which will take place on February 19. A participation form will come home in January—we ask that you fill out this form and return it as soon as possible so that we can prepare for those attending. An invitation will be coming home, too, with a suggested arrival time. Please see that your child's special guest receives this. VIP Day is always a fun day for all!

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on February 13 for the M-W classes and February 14 for the T-TH class. Your child may bring Valentines and/or a small treat to school to pass out to their friends. Please do not put names on the envelopes, as no name make for easier "mail delivery".

News from Fours

Happy New Year! We hope 2017 is filled with many blessings for you all! We enjoyed our break, but it is so good to see the smiling faces of each of your children as they return!

With winter fully upon us, during the month of January we will be participating in activities which are snow-themed. Rocks and fossils will be introduced and explored, as well.

The children will be learning to recognize their last names in print and over the next few months they will be learning to recognize and recite their address – both "house number" and "street name". Please begin to repeatedly recite your address with your child now. By now all of the children should be writing their name on their work. Again, practice at home will be helpful. Remember to refer to the letter formation sheet sent home at the beginning of the year so correct habits can be formed.

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During the month of February we will be preparing for Valentine's Day, as well. Valentine parties will be on February 13 and 14. The children will pass out Valentine cards/treats to their classmates on these days. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT CLASSMATES' NAMES ON THE VALENTINES!** Toward the end of February we will begin a unit on health and safety.

VOCABULARY AND CONCEPTS: paleontologist, fossils, dissolve, sequence, freeze, melt, small,

medium, large, texture, address, hibernate, pattern, rhyme

LETTERS: J, D, O, K, V, W, X, E

NUMBERS: review of 0-10, beginning the teens

News from Pre-K

Happy New Year to each of you! I wish you all many blessings in 2017! I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas break. It was good to have some time off; but it is also good to be together having fun again!

During the month of January, we will be participating in activities that deal with winter and snowy themes. Snowmen, mittens and hibernating animals are topics we will discuss and also create in Art. We will learn a little bit about Martin Luther King Jr., and also begin our journey around the world. Towards the end of January, we will start to learn a bit about different places in other countries and then make Art related to the places we study. By the end of the year, we will have visited all seven continents.

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We will begin the month of February by preparing for VIP Day. This will take place on Sunday, February 19. Please look for information concerning VIP Day to come home soon. Please return the tear sheet at the bottom of this information to me as soon as possible. Look for an invitation to come home, as well, which should then be delivered to your child's special guest. Our Valentine Party will be on Monday, February 13. The children will pass out Valentines/treats to their classmates. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT CLASSMATES' NAMES ON THE VALENTINES!** There are 14 children in our class.

During February the children will work on recognizing and reciting their addresses - both house number and street name. Please practice this with your child at home. We will also discuss Ground Hog Day, the Chinese New Year, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln; and we will begin a unit on health, safety and dental health.

VOCABULARY AND CONCEPTS: dissolve, hibernate, evaporate, address, continents, north, south, east and west directions

LETTERS: J, D, O, K, V, W, X, E

NUMBERS: We will begin the teen numbers.

News from Friday Friends

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a safe New Year! Upon our return to school we will explore the changes we see in nature during the season of Winter. The theme of our Art projects will be Winter-related, as well. I will also be observing and working with each child as much as possible during the next few weeks in order to evaluate their progress. We will celebrate Valentine's Day on February 10. Your child may bring a valentine and/or small treat for their classmates. Please only put your child's name on their Valentine card, NOT the names of the classmates. It makes "mail delivery" much easier! VIP day is February 19. Please look for a participation form to come home by the end of

January and return the form as soon as possible afterward!

News from Motor Skills and Music

Now that winter is officially is here, we will be having some wintertime fun in Motor Skills. Be sure to ask your child how they make it snow, ice skate, and have a snowball fight -- all indoors! Snow is cold but we'll keep our bodies warm with running, jumping, and relay races and some fun "island" music and dances like the calypso and the limbo. How low can you go? Later in February we will start to think about Spring - freezing and melting, which of course all lead to puddles! Please make sure your child is wearing gym shoes to school in order to safely participate in all this fun!



In Music we have had a great time learning about the percussion family of the orchestra. In January we will be exploring a little bit of classical music, as well as music from different countries around the world, and we will listen for different percussion instruments in each piece. We will then be introduced to the other instrument 'families' of the orchestra - brass, strings and woodwinds.

News from Art

I will not be meeting with your children again until the beginning of February for Special Art, but when we meet we will definitely be doing something special!



The artist we will be learning about, Charley Harper, was not only a contemporary graphic artist, but he studied at Cincinnati Art Academy and lived the remainder of his years in Cincinnati. For his love of nature and use of realistic minimalism, Charley's work is widely recognized and loved by many. We will be creating Winter Art, Harper style! Look for these masterpieces to appear in the Art Gallery in February.

VIP Day

VIP Day, February 19, is a day set aside for the children to bring a Very Important Person --usually someone who may not get to participate in their daily school routine!--to school. This might be Dad, Mom or someone else special. Your child and their guest will share some time at school in the classrooms, make a themed craft, enjoy a snack together, and get their picture taken. Please mark this day on your calendar. Parent Volunteers are needed to assist with crafts, serve snacks and with picture taking. If you are able to help, please contact Amanda Prickett at aerprickett@gmail.com or Kerri Sobolewski at kerrisobo@gmail.com

VIP Day Arrival Times

1:00	FridayFriends	F	Mrs. Docter
	MW	PM	Mrs. McGowan
	MWF	PM	Mrs. Johnson
1:30	MW	PM	Mrs. Brothers
	MWF	AM	Mrs. Goertemoeller
2:00	MWF	AM	Mrs. McGowan
	MW	AM	Mrs. Brothers
2:30	TTH	AM	Mrs. Rosebrook
	TTH/TThF	PM	Schablein
3:00	TTH	PM	Mrs. Rosebrook
	TTHF	PM	Mrs. Fleming
3:30	TTH	AM	Mrs. Fleming
	TTH	AM	Mrs. Banta

Welcome Future Creative Preschoolers!

Congratulations to the Nieman family who welcomed baby Owen into their arms and hearts!

Owen was born on November 17.

Congratulations to Mommy Shell, Daddy Matt, and to a very happy big sister, Morgan, in Mrs. Banta's class!



Thank You!

A very big thank you to all of the jolly souls. Clyde Kober, Ed Paff, and David Sleater, who played Santa for us. The children were delighted, as always, at Santa's ability to appear and disappear and spread his Christmas magic!

Thank you, as well, to Kristy Lohmiller for procuring from her company several new tables and a bulletin board for us. We are definitely happily using the new furniture, Kristy, and we appreciate you thinking of Creative!

Board Meeting

The January Board meeting is Tuesday, January 17th @ 7:00. All are welcome to attend.

Registration for 2017-2018



PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD! NEW FAMILY REGISTRATION BEGINS ON JANUARY 3!!!

Please tell your friends and family and post on your personal facebook page that Creative is now registering NEW STUDENTS for the 2017-2018 school year!

Creative Preschool registration for **FIRST TIME ENROLLING** families begins January 3. Families may register their child(ren) by making 2 class time choices and by turning in their completed registration forms and the \$100 registration fee. *Forms will be numbered in the order that they are received.* AFTER current and returning families have registered and been assigned to a class (see information below), new students will be assigned to their first or second choice class, if available, in numbered order. Confirmation of class placement for new students will begin no later than February 13. Registration fees will be refunded only if families do not receive their first or second choice for class day/time and choose to withdraw.

Priority Registration for **CURRENT AND RETURNING** families for the 2017-2018 school year will take place in January, too. Beginning January 9 Priority Registration packets will be sent home ONLY to current 3 year olds. Others can get one from the office that week. Please remember that PreK is intended for children who are older and/or ready for more academic challenge and structure than our Four Year Old classes provide and no child will be accepted into PreK without recommendation and signature of the current year teacher. Children who are not yet 4 years of age by September 30 of 2017 and wish to be accepted into the 4s program will be accepted only upon teacher or director recommendation, as well.

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE PRIORITY REGISTRATION STATUS, COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS AND THE \$100 REGISTRATION FEE, MADE PAYABLE TO CREATIVE PRESCHOOL, MUST BE TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN 4 PM ON JANUARY 27! Confirmation of class placement will come home through your child's cubby the week of January 30. If you DO NOT receive your class placement by February 3, please contact Mrs. DePaoli.

All registration information and forms are available at our website: www.creativepreschoolcincinnati.com.

Carnival

Mark your calendar for the Creative Preschool Spring Carnival on Saturday, May 20, 2017, and be sure to "like" our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/creativepreschoolspringcarnival!

We are sure Santa was good to your children, so if you are cleaning out the old to make room for the new, please consider donating your gently used (or new!) toys and stuffed animals. Any donations can be dropped off in Mrs. DePaoli's office. We are beginning to seek donations of food items (hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, chips, drinks, etc.) for the day of the Carnival, as well as donations for our gift baskets. Last year many local business and families generously contributed to the success of our Carnival by contributing gift certificates, gift items, etc. for our raffle baskets! If you or someone you know might be able to contribute, please contact Amy Huwel (amyhuwel@yahoo.com) or Lori Tranter (lpetrungaro@hotmail.com).