

## Message from Mrs. Tepe



Welcome back and Happy New Year! We here at Creative hope that the holidays were wonderful for you and your family and that 2023 enters with peace and joy.

As you read this newsletter, the children have returned to Creative after the long holiday break and are very happily adjusting. It is heartwarming to see the children skip or run with exuberance into school after being away for so long. I hope they always find learning to be a joyful experience

and Creative Preschool their “Happy Place”.

The children will be participating in winter activities, usually indoors, as the cold months are upon us. Although we like to take advantage of warmer days when we get them. Please make sure they always have warm coats with them! We do try to make it outside whenever possible!

Registration for the 2023-2024 is in full swing. Thank you for spreading the word to your friends and family! Priority Registration for current and returning families closes on January 20<sup>th</sup> for all families. Please make sure to turn your paperwork in promptly!

## Progress Reports

The week of February 6th you will receive an email with the link to your child’s progress report. Also, in your child’s cubby you will find your child’s Progress Report Parent Review Sheet. **Please remember to send back the review sheet with your child’s name and your signature promptly to your teacher.** Please indicate, by checking the box on the sign off sheet, if you would like a conference. Your child’s teacher will contact you to set up a mutually agreeable time to talk or meet. If you have any questions before Feb 6<sup>th</sup> regarding placement for your child next year and registration, please reach out to your teacher and or Mrs. Tepe.

## A message from the Board President

### **Interested in Joining the Board?**

We have several Board positions we need to fill for the 2023-2024 school year. If you would like more information regarding these positions or have any questions, please contact Erin Lind at [creativepreschoolparentboard@yahoo.com](mailto:creativepreschoolparentboard@yahoo.com)

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES



### JANUARY

1/4	Classes Resume Registration for NEW families being accepted
1/4	Current and Returning family Registration Begins
1/15	Tuition Due
1/16	MLK/No School
1/17	In Service/Conferences No School
1/20	Priority Registration Ends @ 3PM for current/returning families

## News from Friday Friends



To start the new year, we will begin to practice recognizing and spelling our names, as well as counting the letters in our names. We will work on writing our names as well. It is helpful to have the children work at home on spelling and recognizing their names. With winter upon us we want to make sure we take care of the birds so we

will make a bird feeder using rice cakes, Crisco and birdseed. We will use our small muscles to spread the Crisco and use our eye-hand coordination to spoon on the birdseed. We are starting to learn about numbers 1-4. The art project will have the children “read” the number on each of the four paper mittens, numbered 1-4. They will then be asked to count and glue the correct number of corresponding winter fun foam objects. This activity will demonstrate your child’s ability to start to recognize the number symbols, counting skills, as well as his or her understanding of the value of each number. In preparation, for Valentine’s, we will marble paint a Valentine bag. We will use red, purple and white paint and of course marbles. While using our marble painting box we will release lots of energy as we discover how much we must shake to mix the colors! Once the bag is dry and decorated, we will use this bag to carry all the Valentine goodies that we hope to get at our party.

### FRIDAY FRIEND’S MONTHLY FOCUS

Numbers..... 1-4

Letters.....Spelling our names.

Vocabulary..... Birds, Mitten, Winter

## News from Three’s



**Welcome Back!** We will be talking about the Winter season and how cold it is outside. Of course, we will also talk about how it can possibly snow and what we should wear when we go outside to play in the snow. Since the ground will be frozen, we want to help the birds find food. We will make bird feeders that the children can hang on a tree branch or

somewhere by their houses. The art projects this month will be based on the Winter season and snow. We will make a snowman using our fine motor skills to tear the paper to make circles. We will do a project with mittens that have the numbers 1-4 on the mittens and count the appropriate number of winter fun foam shapes to go on each mitten. This will help with number recognition and counting.

We are also going to make a penguin and a nighttime snow scene. While doing these art projects we are going to be using different items to make the snow on our papers. At the end of the month, we will start getting ready for Valentine’s Day. We are going to use red, purple, and white paint and marbles to make our Valentine bags. The sensory table this month has “snow” in it. Hidden in the snow are mittens. The children will have the opportunity to not only feel the snow and how soft it feels but find the mittens that match. After they find the matches then they get to hide them again in the snow to let the other children find the mittens and match them. The Science Table has animals to sort in 2 different ways. Where Do I see these animals? Children can put them into the container and decide if they live on the farm, at the zoo or in the ocean. The children can also sort animals by whether the animals fly, swim, or walk.

**Please make a note of the Important Dates listed on Page 1.**

### THREE’S MONTHLY FOCUS

Numbers..... 1-4

Letters.....Recognizing their name in print

Vocabulary..... Birds, Mitten, Winter

## News from Four's



Happy New Year! We hope 2023 is filled with many blessings for 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 celebrating the new year, making snow themed crafts as well as exploring sensory activities which are snow themed. Wild and tame animals will be introduced and explored, as well. Towards the end of the month, we will have a pajama party in which the children can wear their favorite jammies to school.

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. The expectations in the fours are growing greater as we prepare to head to Kindergarten in the fall. All children should be writing their name on their work. Again, practice at home is always helpful. Remember, capital letter first and the rest lowercase!

Progress reports will come home the week of February 6th. Please see the section titled *Progress Reports* on Page 1 for additional information.

### FOUR'S MONTHLY FOCUS

Letters...	Y, O, Q, P, I
Numbers...	Review 1-10, Beginning the teens
Vocabulary...	dissolve, sequence, freeze, melt, small, medium, large, texture, address, hibernate, pattern, rhyme



## News from Prek



Happy New Year to each of you! We wish you all many blessings in 2023! We 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! We will start the new year off with a 2023 celebration!

During the month of January, we will be participating in activities with winter and will study arctic animals and animals who hibernate. We will continue practicing our writing skills with a writing prompt about a melted snowman based off the book, “Sneezy the Snowman” by Maureen Wright. We will also keep working on our alphabet books when we discuss new letters each week. Look for information to come home about a Pizza Pajama Party later this month when we talk about the letter ‘P’!

Progress reports will come home the week of February 4th.

### PREK MONTHLY FOCUS

Letters...	Y, O, Q, P, I
Numbers...	Beginning the teens
Vocabulary...	dissolve, hibernate, evaporate, address, continents, north, south, east, west and tame animals

## News from Motor Skills and Music

Hello everyone and Happy New Year! In the month of January, we will be working with balance, hand-eye coordination, dance and other assorted craziness! In Music with Ms. Hudak the children will be introduced to an assortment of instruments and learn how they work to make their unique sound.

Mr. Goldie will be here rocking out with us again and Gotta dance will be here for dance workshops. I hope everyone had a great holiday!





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### VIP Day

March 25<sup>th</sup> is VIP 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 can help, please contact Erin Lind at [linderin@yahoo.com](mailto:linderin@yahoo.com)

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### Spring Carnival

Mark your calendar for the Creative Preschool Spring Carnival on Saturday, May 13, 2023, and be sure to "like" our Facebook page at [facebook.com/creativepreschoolspringcarnival](https://facebook.com/creativepreschoolspringcarnival)

We are sure Santa was good to your children, so if you are cleaning out 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. Tepe 's office.

## **Inclement Weather**

In the case of inclement weather, Creative will **follow Oak Hills School.**

### **Oak Hills Delay-**

- Creative's morning classes will be CANCELED.
- Afternoon classes will begin on schedule.

### **Oak Hills Closed-**

- Creative will be closed

Delays and Closings are also posted to the Creative Preschool Facebook page.



## Snack Time:



While treats are super fun, it is our goal to provide a sound foundation in education and best practices for a healthy lifestyle. We ask, therefore, that you provide safe and healthy snack choices for our preschool-age children. Please consider high fiber and low sugar alternatives while planning for snack. When providing snack please keep these requirements in mind:

- Be sure to consider food allergies, when in doubt check with your child's teacher.
- Snacks MUST, because of licensing requirements, be bakery, restaurant, or store bought and brought to school in unopened packages.
- No snack which has been prepared at home can be consumed at school!
- Snacks should be healthy and safe choices for the preschool child. Please refer to the snack list below for some suggestions.
- Please do not send in cookies, donuts, cupcakes, or other high-sugar foods.
- Drinks may include any 100% fruit juice boxes.
- Cups and napkins will be provided by the school; eating utensils, plates, and bowls are not.

### Healthy Snack Suggestions:

- raisins or dried fruit pouches
- cheese sticks
- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- whole grain cracker packs
- Goldfish/Cheeze-it cracker bags
- graham cracker packs
- pretzel mini bags
- applesauce pouches
- frozen or canned fruit in natural juice
- granola bars or NutriGrain Bars
- yogurt
- peanut butter cracker packs
- multigrain/low sugar cereal mini boxes
- PopChip or Pirates Bootie mini bags
- popcorn bags
- vegetable or sweet potato chips or straws mini bags.

## Registration 2023-2024

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD! NEW FAMILY REGISTRATION BEGINS ON JANUARY 4.

Please tell your friends and family and post on your personal Facebook page that Creative is now registering NEW STUDENTS for the 2023-2024 school year!



Creative Preschool registration for FIRST TIME ENROLLING families begins January 4:

- 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 17.
- 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 2023-2024 school year will also take place in January:

- Priority Registration packets will be sent home ONLY to current 3-year old's and current 4's who are continuing to Pre-K.
- 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 2023 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 3 PM ON JANUARY 20! Confirmation of class placement will come home through your child's cubby beginning on February 3rd. If you do not receive yours that week, please check with Mrs. Tepe.

Please be sure to check out our website for the latest news & calendar updates and "Like" us on Facebook.



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