



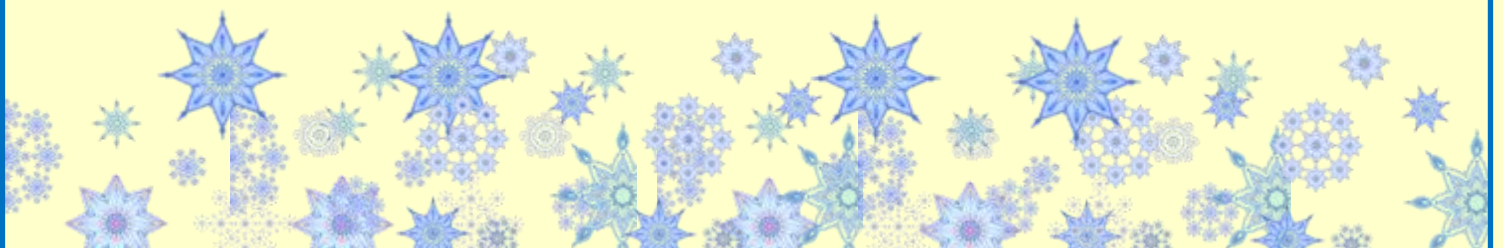
Over The Rainbow Quarterly Newsletter

The cold weather is upon us and we are so excited for the holiday season! We want to thank everyone who donated food to Mercer Street Friends for Thanksgiving and for the donations that were collected for our Book Fairy Campaign. We raised \$230 which was matched by Ms. Lisa. In total, \$460 were raised and we are excited to announce that all children in the center will be able to receive a free book for Christmas along with another special little gift from Santa. Our book campaign will remain open until the end of the school year. Any additional funds raised will help us continue to grow each child's love for reading, provide teacher resources to our staff, and purchase new classroom materials.

On the topic of giving, we will be collecting donations in December for Homefront to help children and families impacted by poverty feel the magic and joy of the holidays. Donations may include new toys for children ages birth through age 18, new or gently used fall/winter clothing, unopened hygiene and wellness products, and nonperishable food items. A list of special holiday wishes is available in the lobby.

Please pay close attention to some very big upcoming dates on the next page. There will be additional memo's sent home for you to sign up and rsvp for each event. As always, don't hesitate to ask the office for more information should you have any questions.

Please leave us a Google Review! We love being able to provide our staff with positive feedback letting them know that they are making a difference in each child's life and how we as a center have impacted your family. Your kind words will help us continue to improve our services and build on our core values and culture of Over The Rainbow!



Important Dates to Remember



Happy Anniversary



Ms. Susan Emery
Kitchen Manager
9 years at OTR

Ms. Susan was an infant/toddler lead teacher before becoming our Kitchen Manager. She has over 20 years of experience in the ECE field. Susan is our resident botanist and enjoys collecting rocks/crystals.



Ms. Monica Morales
Jr. Pre Purple Butterflies
2 years at OTR

Ms. Monica started as a floater assistant in our infant and toddler rooms. She is the Jr. Preschool assistant this year and recently graduated with her Associates in Elementary Education.

Ms. Jessica Gibbs
Toddler B Red Birds
1 year at OTR

Ms. Jess has 15 years of experience and a BA in ECE. Outside of the classroom she enjoys cooking, sports, and spending time with her 3 kids.



Ms. Mary Nieves
PreK Green Frogs
3 years at OTR

Ms. Mary has a BS in Elementary and Special Education with 30 years of experience in the field. She enjoys spending time with her dog Maie and reading books.

Ms. Jessica Ponce
Infant A Orange Lions
1 year at OTR

Ms. Jess is from New York and has 3 kids of her own. She enjoys working with the babies and has a CDA in infant care from NY with 3 years of experience.



12/2 Hezekiah R.

12/5 Jake R.

12/9 Mikey A.

12/10 Marzanna G.

12/12 Brooke B.

12/16 Kaleb R.

12/17 Rhea H.

12/24 Amari K. & Ms. Mary

12/27 Addy A. & Audrey P.

12/30 Jovi B.

1/2 Alton K.

1/5 Hailey H.

1/9 Christin J.

1/10 Ms. Jen & Ms. Monica

1/14 Isla M.

1/17 Kyrie R.

1/27 Journey A. & Jacob C.

2/1 Gabriel A.

2/20 Nora V.

2/22 Luca S.

2/24 Hayley R.

2/24 Jaxon S.

REMINDERS:

- Children must be signed in and out daily using ProCare. Please, leave any necessary drop off notes for your child's teacher before signing them in (use document button on top right).
- FLU SHOTS DUE BEFORE DEC. 31st all children missing proof of flu will be excluded from school starting January 1st until the vaccine is received or exemption letter signed.
- Please, ensure your child has extra clothes, shoes, underwear, and other necessary supplies in their cubby daily that are age and weather appropriate. Swap summer for Winter!
- The children will go outside each day per state guidelines unless the wind chill factor is too cold. The weather is checked each morning and afternoon. There is an alternate gym schedule for the days with inclement weather.
 - *Winter coats required daily; hats, gloves, and scarves are encouraged.*

Fun Family Winter Activities



Learning Snowball Toss: When we have snowy weather, try sticking letters, numerals, and/or shape stickers to a tree. Show your child how to make snowballs and have them try to throw their snowball to the letter, number, or shape that you call out. This will help with recognition development and is a great gross motor activity that uses hand-eye-coordination. This activity can be expanded into a matching game where you put two of the same item on the tree and have them throw a snowball at each one to match them.

Snow Spraying Art: Try filling empty spray bottles with a combination of food coloring and water. Have your child squirt the snow outside and explore the colored snow they created. They can make mess free art that encourages fine motor development and builds hand muscles. This is a great building block for writing and learning how to hold a pencil. Not only is this activity mess free but it allows for imagination and open discussions about science. You can always revisit your child's snow art when the snow melts and see what's left.



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