



## **Little Angel Wings Childcare & Preschool Newsletter**

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### **Preschool**

Recently we have been doing a lot of verbal lessons. They are having fun with, scavenger hunts to get them up and moving, I Spy, singing songs, the alphabet, numbers and so much more. Occasionally we are coloring to test their coordination skills. We will be having a Pajama Party on the 22nd-Please bring your little one(s) in their most comfy PJ's. That last few days I am going to be baking with the kids and working on some fun projects-so NO PRESCHOOL that week!!

### **Parking**

Just a reminder about the parking around daycare. If we are out front playing, please park on the street so the little ones can continue to play while you are picking up your child...you never know how many kiddos are remaining at daycare and it's better to be safe. If it is safe to pull into the driveway assume they may be another parent dropping off or picking up at the same time and ALWAYS pull as far to one side or the other of the driveway. I have added 3ft of rock on the north side to allow more parking space. When the snow starts to fall I will do my best to keep the driveway clear, but if I haven't cleared it when you arrive, PLEASE park on the street until I can get back outdoors and get it removed. I have spent hours chopping up ice from the packed down snow and want to try and save some work for myself this year. I will put salt down early on the days it is snowing and 'try' to stay ahead of it!

### **Holidays/Vacation**

The following is a list of all the days off from now until the first of the year!

December 10th-Personal Day

December 23rd-Holiday (floating Holiday for Christmas Eve)

December 24th-Holiday (floating Holiday for Christmas)

December 27th-Vacation Day

December 28th-Vacation Day

December 29th-Vacation Day

December 30th-Holiday (floating Holiday for New Year's Eve)

December 31st-Holiday (floating Holiday for New Year's Day)

January 3rd-Daycare Resumes-kids return

Please mark your calendars of these dates and if you should need back-up care for any of the days, I suggest you make arrangements early as many daycares will be closed over the holidays.

### **Year-End Receipts/Contract**

I am currently updating my computer and plan to have the new contracts out by Monday, December 13, 2010. Please read over them again, just to refresh yourself with the Policies and Procedures here at daycare. With the cold and flu season here I would like you all to be aware of the Sick Policies. After looking them over I ask the you sign both copies and return BOTH to daycare, so I can sign your copy for your records at home and file the daycare copy.

I will be working on the year-end receipts during my break in December and have them to all the daycare families by mid January-once all the checks for tuition have been turned in for the month of December. If you should need something sooner, please let me know so I can work on that! A reminder to all the families that have tuition reimbursement with their work to remind me so I can make note of that when I am preparing my taxes.

**Wising you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!**

**Thank-you to all of my daycare families for your continued support and cooperation!! I truly appreciate each and every one of you for giving me the best job in the world!!**



## Learning Time - Sign Language Words

I continue to work with the kids on many words and also introduce them to new ones every so often. They are still trying to grasp letter recognition, so I will show them the sign for each letter to help them learn both. If you have a few minutes here or there try to work with them on some of the words that we have been working on. Every little bit helps and repetition is a great way for the kids to understand how to use their sign-language skills. They are usually pretty happy with themselves whenever they can show off their skills too.



**Water** - Touch the mouth with the index finger of the right W hand a few times.

**Please** - Make a circle with the right flat hand over the heart.



**Thank-you** - Touch the lips with the fingertips of one or both flat hands, then move the hands forward until the palms are facing up. It is natural to smile and nod the head while making this sign.



**More** - Touch the fingertips of both hands before the chest with palms facing down. The right hand can be brought up to meet the left from slightly lower position.

**Milk** - Squeeze both slightly open S hands with a downward motion, alternating hands.



**Cat** - Place the index fingers and thumbs of the F hands under the nose with the palms facing, then move them out sideways. This sign maybe be done with the right hand only.

**Dog** - Slap the right flat hand against the right leg and snap the



right middle finger.

**Sister** - The thumb of the right 'A' hand moves down along the right jawbone, almost to the chin. The outstretched fingers are brought together either once or several times.

**Brother** - The thumb and extended fingers of the right hand are brought up to grasp an imaginary cap bring, representing the tipping of caps by men in olden days. The outstretched index fingers are brought together, either once or several times.

## Suggested Reading



# Kid's Korner

How many words can you make from  
Happy Holidays?

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Color the picture.

How many words can you find?

H	A	N	U	K	A	H	T	G
H	O	L	I	W	D	A	Y	S
G	H	F	D	A	S	D	D	T
C	J	L	Y	N	D	F	Y	P
H	S	R	W	Z	T	G	H	K
R	L	S	D	A	R	N	G	J
I	L	K	F	A	M	I	L	Y
S	W	R	T	P	L	P	H	K
T	L	P	S	V	H	P	M	K
M	A	S	D	G	J	O	K	L
A	P	R	T	Y	D	H	H	J
S	T	F	I	G	W	S	E	T

Hanukah  
Christmas  
Kwanzaa

Gifts  
Shopping  
Family

What's Different?

Find the difference  
in the two pictures.  
List them below or  
circle them in the  
pictures.




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