

# Tiny Tots and Tumblers



January 2012

## Special Events in January

**School Resumes**  
**Tue. 1/3**

**No School Monday**  
**1/16**

- Our teachers are looking for donations of:  
wrapping paper rolls
- Stuffed animal day Mid-month

## Happy New Year from our family to yours!

We hope you all enjoyed your holidays. We are so excited to welcome all the children back to school! We will begin the month with a unit on farming and farm animals. We will be making homemade butter during class. Our Author of the month is Doreen Cronin (Author of *c lick c lack moo*), we will also be exploring fairytales. Our math focus of the month is geometry and patterning. Our 2yr old class will begin name recognition further developing their letter recognitions.

Remember there is no School on Monday January 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes resume on Tuesday January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Welcome Back Everyone!!!**



**"This bright new year is given me To live each day with zest . . .To daily grow and try to be my highest and my best!"** -  
**William Arthur Ward**

## Ms. Melissa's 2yr old Class



Welcome back! I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and enjoyed all your time together. I would like to thank everyone for coming to our Christmas party, and bringing food for the pot luck. I had so much fun watching all the kids see Santa.

We are going to start the New Year with farm animals. We will talk about what animals live on the farm and what these animals do. As part of our farm theme the kids can bring in their favorite farm animal stuffed animal on January 12<sup>th</sup>. We will also pretend to cowboys and cowgirls when we make

ponies to ride around the gym, I will take lots of pictures of this and post them on to Shutterfly! After we wrap up our farm animals theme we will read some fairy tales and do an activity that goes along with each story. Something new that will be happening this month is we are going to start name recognition. I will begin by having each child's name next to their picture. Once we start recognizing this I will start taking the picture away. Whenever we do our name recognition we will also work on what letter our name starts with.

Let me know if you have any questions! Welcome Back!!

## Ms. Melissa & Ms. Mikayla's 3yr old

We hope everyone had a great Christmas and enjoyed the break. We would like to thank everyone who brought in supplies/food for the Christmas party; we appreciate all your help. We would also like to thank everyone for coming to the party all the kids worked really hard on our performance.

We will begin the New Year by discussing farming and what happens on a farm. We will discuss what animals live on a farm and what these animals do. We will talk about how cows give us milk, chickens give us eggs, and horses help the farmers. We will also make and taste our own butter as part of the farming unit. After spending a little time discussing the farm, we will spend a few weeks reading fairy tales. With each fairy tale we will read the story as well as complete an activity to go along with that story

Along with these themes we also have several educational concepts that we will cover. We will continue working on color and shape recognition and will start working on sight words. When we do the sight words we will introduce one sight word a week. We will begin with "I", and "a" then move on to the two letter words. We will also start working on last name recognition, as well as learning why our last names are important. During our math we will talk about geometric shapes and how shapes are all around us, as well as continue looking at different patterns. Welcome Back Everyone!!





*A new year is unfolding—  
Like a blossom  
With petals curled tightly  
Concealing  
The beauty within.*



## **Ms. Mikayla's Pre-K class**



I hope that everyone had a great holiday and enjoyed their time off! Thank you to everyone who donated items to the school store and who brought in food for the potluck! We appreciate it! This month we will spend some time talking about farm including farm animals, where food comes from, and what farmers do. We will get a chance to make homemade butter and do a milk tasting!! We will then move on to fairy tales, where we will help to grow Jack's beanstalk and practice math skills with the Princess and the Pea and Goldilocks and the Three Bears! We will continue to work on letter sight and sound recognition, as well as print formation. The kids have all done really well learning how to spell their first and last names. We will now transition into learning our address!! We will continue to work on higher number recognition and begin to count by fives this month. We will also work on patterning and geometrics for math concepts in the month of January. We will spend some time exploring the author Doreen Cronin this month as well. Let me know if you have any questions. Welcome Back!

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