

Harleysville Learning Center Newsletter

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From the Director

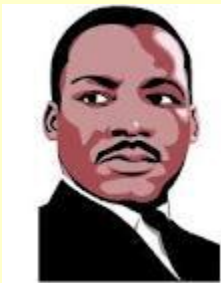
Welcome 2012!!! We hope you had a wonderful holiday.

The winter season is upon us. We understand that our decision to open or close HLC in bad weather has a big effect on families. We will do our best to remain open; however, if we do decide to close HLC due to inclement weather, you can do the following:

Tune to television channels 6 and 10 for up-to-date information on school closings. You can also check our website www.harleysvillelearningcenter.com under "Current Events".

Remember that HLC is closed on Monday, January 16, 2012 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

2011 Tax Statements will be available after January 17th. Please stop in the office to pick up your copy. If you would like to receive monthly statements, please let me know.



Upcoming Events

- * Pizza Day - Every Friday
- * Monday, Jan 16 - MLK Day - HLC Closed

Infants

Happy New Year to All! We are looking forward to a great 2012!

We will be continuing to teach simple sign language for eat, drink, more, milk, book, etc.

Here are five reasons you'll love baby sign language (from Baby University, Kristen Hall, Karine Rosenberg, with Liza Natale, MD):

- 1) It will help your baby talk sooner.
- 2) It will empower your baby to initiate conversation.
- 3) It will reduce your child's frustration.
- 4) It will build a foundation for his early literacy skills.
- 5) It will stimulate your child's intellectual development.

January 9th, we will be welcoming Laila to the Infant Room. At the same time, we say goodbye to Keyton and wish him "good times" as he joins Miss Carol in the Toddler Room.

We have lots of infants turning 1 this month...a big Happy First Birthday to Evelyn on the 11th and Seamus and Killian on the 21st! Best wishes to all!!!

Toddlers

Happy New Year to all of you! We are all looking forward to a terrific 2012! This month we will welcome Keyton from the Infant Room. We are so excited to have him join us on January 9th, and we know he will fit right in.

This month our themes are Welcome 2012, Martin Luther King, Groundhog Day, and Bears. We will continue to review our colors and shapes during Circle Time, as well as sing all of our favorite songs.

If you think your child might like to try a slice of pizza on Friday's, the cost is \$10 every 5 weeks. You can also look on the Toddler brochure in the lobby for different lunch suggestions for your child.

Just a reminder that HLC will be closed on Monday, January 16th, 2012 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

If you have any questions or concerns, as always, please do not hesitate to speak to me or Miss Nikki.

Two's

Happy New Year Everyone! We wish everyone the very best in the new year. The Two's are very excited to see what the new year brings.

We will be learning many fun things this month. Some of the topics we will be covering include Snow, Martin Luther King Jr., Bears and Health.

Now just a few reminders for our parents. Please remember to sign you child in and out every day. Also, please remember to send in a hat and gloves/mittens for your child since we go outside every day, weather permitting.

We hope everybody has a fabulous month. Happy New Year!!!

Pre-K

Happy New Year! I still cannot believe that 2012 is upon us, but here we are! I hope that you all had a pleasant holiday and enjoyed some time off. As we enter January, I will be sending home progress reports for each child. Look for these in your child's folders; more information will follow!

We will also be starting number recognition in January! I will introduce a new number every Monday, and I will keep going until the end of the year. Your children are doing a wonderful job with learning their letters; I'm excited to start numbers as well with them!

Besides learning numbers this month, our themes include: Welcome 2012, Martin Luther King Jr., Healthy Teeth, and Bears. We'll be having pajama day on Friday January 20th in honor of the letter "P"! Enjoy January and stay warm!

Kindergarten

December went by so fast and was a really fun month for us in the Kindergarten room. Your children really enjoyed all the holiday projects they made. We hope everyone had a joyous and relaxing holiday. Thank you all for participating in our holiday celebrations, especially our sing-a-long. Your children were phenomenal and continue to amaze us every day as they grow.

January brings many new endeavors for your children as our morning kindergarteners will continue to develop their phonics, math, reading, and writing skills. They will begin to learn new concepts including spelling and writing their last names. Near the end of January, they will receive progress reports tracking their gross and fine motor skills and academic development thus far.

We celebrate two birthdays in our room during the month of January. Happy Birthday **Kassandra** who turns 7 on **January 8th**, 2012. Happy Birthday **Kayla** who also turns 7 on **January 10th**, 2012.

January school themes include ***Welcome 2012, Martin Luther King Day, Ground Hog's Day, and Bears.*** January also brings colder weather, so please dress your children in weather appropriate attire.

Thank you and may you all have a happy and prosperous new year!