



**FRIENDS**  
EARLY LEARNING CENTER

# January 2019 Newsletter

## The Gift of New Mercies Everyday

Happy New Year! I feel like this past year has flown by, as I am sure many of you feel this way too. Personally, I love when the new year rolls around every 12 months. One of my favorite holidays to celebrate is New Year's Day. I feel like it is a time I am given to pause and reflect on the goodness of the Lord, and look forward to the things the new year might hold. I tend to set goals for myself on this day, and usually by March (or before) I have failed at most of them (can anyone else relate?). A great reminder in this season of newness is that no matter how much I fail, God brings me new mercies each day (*Lamentations 3:22-23*). A lesson I have to repeatedly learn (see I keep failing) is that I do not have to wait for a new year to start things—I don't have to wait for a Monday-or the first of the month-each day is brand new and God loves me tremendously every day. So, as you start this new year, I want to encourage you in knowing that each day is new, and God's mercy and love for you and your family is fresh and new each day! I am looking forward to stepping into this new year -and experiencing God's new mercies with your family.

Tabitha Hiltner  
Director of FELC

## Seasonal Reminders

- Wash your hands and children's hands with soap and water often to help prevent sickness..
- Remember to bring appropriate clothing for outdoor play. We will be outside when weather permits.

## Nursery

We had such a fun time in December. It is a joy watching your sweet little ones grow. We loved helping your kids with their Christmas gifts and they seemed to enjoy making them for you. We have missed Seph for most of this month. She went to England to see her family. We will be excited when she returns. We love when we have new babies in our classroom and we got to welcome Norah. We look forward to seeing what this new year brings for your families.

*Ms. Seph & Ms. Ashley*

## Toddler Nursery

What a busy month! We started December by making Christmas trees and taking lots of walks around the beautiful trees throughout the building. The kids worked hard on their wreaths we made from their hand prints and stamps. We hope you enjoyed your Christmas gifts as much as we enjoyed helping the kids make them. Oh, let's not forget the our Christmas program! It was so much fun and we both think the kids in our class stole the show, but some might say we are a little biased. We had so much fun at our class Christmas party. We played with our new balls and ate lots of treats. We hope you enjoyed your children and each other as you celebrated this special season.

*Ms. Diane & Ms. Martha*

**Toddler One** We read a lot of books by Lois Elhert. Some include Leafman, Red Leaf, and Yellow Leaf. We also read Dream Snow by Eric Carle. We were also busy dancing with red and green streamers this month. We enjoyed performing in the Christmas Program and dancing with the bells. This month we made lots of crafts for our Christmas party and our classroom. We hope you enjoyed our Christmas gifts and cards. We made a special Christmas table cloth and Christmas Tree for our



classroom door. We learned how to use our hands to show the difference between big and small. We can also use our hands to show you that God loves you and God loves me. We also learned to count snow flakes and we learned our first pattern using different colored streamers. We really love to dot paint and we started using glue. Happy New Year!

*Ms. Michele & Ms. Karen*

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**Toddler Two**

The past few weeks have been filled with fun, fun, fun. I hope you all had a great Christmas. I hope it was filled with joy, love and peace!! The past few weeks our lessons consisted of learning about Jesus and His birthday. So for the next few weeks we'll focus on winter and arctic animals. As a reminder please clean out your child's mail box.

*Ms. Emerald & Ms. Katie*

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**Preschool (3's)**

December was busy, but a fun month. We are excited to learn lots of new things this year.

In the first week of January we talked about how we want to act. The kids came up with ways to better listen to their parents. We also talked about following our classroom rules and being kind to all our friends.

Don't forget, we will continue to have Show & Tell each week. The theme for the week will be noted both on the counter and on Class Dojo. Speaking of Class Dojo, we value your input. Is there anything you would like to see more of?-If so, please let us know.

*Ms. Chrissy & Ms. Caitlin*

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**Pre-K (4's & 5's)**

Greetings! We hope you all had a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year! Now that the holiday season is over we are going to be getting back into the swing of things. We will be starting our Author Story again soon. Be on the lookout for more information that will be posted on the classroom counter.

*Ms. Nicole & Ms. Abby*



**Notes From the Office**

- If your family needs an extra or replacement key fob to access the building please contact the Learning Center office. We will supply those for you and simply invoice your account for the fee.
- When your child will be absent or later than usual, please call the Learning Center or notify your classroom teacher through Class Dojo. This enables us to keep state ratios to the best of our ability.
- Your child must be symptom free and fever/pain medication free for at least 24 hours before re-admittance to the learning center if sick.