



Upcoming Events

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CLOSED- Martin Luther King
Monday, January 20th

Norwalk Community Calendar

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Dear Parents,
Happy New Year everyone! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break!!! I want to say thank you so much for all of your generous gifts for the teachers, and a very special thank you for the donations collected in the bins in our hallway. All of the donations were delivered and were much appreciated. Just a few things, I will be starting the second round of PELI assessments on all preschool aged children. I will have tests completed by the end of January. Also as some of you may know Gay underwent 2 back surgeries in December, she is finally home and on the mend. However, we don't expect her back at school until February at the earliest. If you need her for any reason, please email me and I will get her your message!

-Kristi Cavanagh

Important News

Reading at Home: We encourage all parents to read to their children. Open up a book for your child and you will open up a whole new world of adventure, fun and knowledge.

Tuition: All tuition is to be paid in cash, or by check. Tuition is to be paid on the first of the month or Monday. A late fee of \$15.00 will be incurred if tuition is not paid by the 9th of the month.

Labels: As a reminder, please make sure all of your child's belongings are labeled with is or her name. As we enter the chilly months there become many missing hats and gloves.



Infant Room

December was a very short month but we had great time and good celebrations! We also prepared beautiful gifts for our family and we love to listen to holiday music and dance to it. Now, we are ready to start a new year with new ideas with friends. Happy holidays everyone!!!

Just a reminder don't forget to check cubbies for needed supplies and check the lost and found basket for any of your child's items to take home.



Two's

Happy New Year, we hope you all had a wonderful holiday and thank you again for all of your thoughtful gifts! This month we are going to have lessons on snow, winter, the 5 senses and transportation. Congratulations to our 5 new potty trained twos! We are so proud!!!! We now have 10 friends in undies! Keep up the good work! If you need another copy of the potty training guide send Kristi an email and she will forward it along to you!



Three's

Happy New Year from the 3's!

We are starting off our new year with transportation and focusing on boats. We are really excited to explore all different types of boats, while learning about sizes, shapes and their purpose. As you know, we love to transform our classroom to help enhance our learning environment and encourage hands on learning, so if there are any authentic materials you would like to donate to assist in our discoveries it would be very much appreciated. Also if you have any expertise in the boating field, please come in and share your knowledge. We are so excited, so come aboard and help us explore!

From the mouths of babes:

A mother was telling her little girl what her own childhood was like: "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"



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Combo Room

December was a very busy month for everyone! We are still talking and learning about Dinosaurs and also preparing our holiday projects for our families. The children have really enjoyed exploring dinosaurs, they are continuing to ask questions and would like to continue learning about fossils.

We are working on creating a word wall for the children in the classroom, which will include all new and "big words" your children have learned. We will continue to work on letter writing, writing our names and for our friends going off to kindergarten soon we will put an emphasis on writing their full names and sounding out words!

Four's

Happy New Year. We hope you all had a very happy and healthy holiday season. We just finished up our unit on winter and winter animals. Miss Kayla did an experience with ice and what happens when you drip salt and water on the ice. The children were able to make predictions as to what would happen. The children have been building rocket ships with magna tiles, and drawing them on paper, which leads us to our next experience which will be space. If you would like to share anything having to do with space, astronauts, planets etc., please let us know.

Thanks,
Miss Kayla and Miss Laura

On another note, I want to say thank you for all the well wishes!!!! It's been a terrible month for me with 2 surgeries in 12 days. I miss all of you and especially your children so very much and can't wait to get back to working with them. I am so proud of Miss Kayla and Miss Laura for doing such a wonderful job with the children. Again thank you for understanding.

Miss Gay Gay



Teacher Spotlight: Maria Guzman- Infant Room

What is one of your New Years Resolutions?

To learn from what I accomplished in 2019 and be better at it in 2020.

What is your favorite meal of the day and why?

Dinner because my grandma makes the best dinner.

If you could go back or forward to any age, what would it be and why?

Definitely when I was fifteen because I miss my friends in Honduras.



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Arrival Procedures

All children, parents, and staff MUST wash their hands before entering their classroom.

The state of Connecticut requires all parents to sign in and out when you drop off and pick your child up each day. Please make sure you sign your name and time. DO NOT JUST SIGN MOM OR DAD.

A parent must accompany their children to their classroom. Children should be in school by 9:00 a.m. Arrival after that time causes disruption to the classroom and does not allow your child to enjoy the full amount of allotted time devoted to morning meeting/circle time.

Please contact us in advance, if your child is going to be late.

Preschool children are responsible for removing their own outerwear and for putting their belongings in their proper places.

If you will not be available for contact during the day at the number listed in our records, it is your responsibility before you drop off to provide a different one.



Departure Procedures

We try hard to make this process as stress-free and smooth as possible for all involved. It can be very hard for small children to see other parents arrive for pick-up while they are still waiting for their own parent. Therefore, we would appreciate your cooperation by not disturbing ongoing activities within the classroom.

When you arrive to pick up your child, collect his/her belongings from the cubby area and go directly to him/her. Your child's daily activity sheet can be found in your child's mailbox along with any other notices.

If you have any questions concerning your child's day, we will be happy to speak with you, however please be aware that at pick up time the teacher may not be able to give you their undivided attention. If necessary, you may call the center between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm daily to speak with the classroom teacher about your child's care.

Once you have picked up your child, L'il Critters Preschool is no longer responsible for your child's safety. Please do not leave your child unattended.

Just as we place great emphasis on a smooth arrival, it is equally important to keep in mind the need for a consistent departure. If the normal time for departure comes and goes without forewarning, this can be very upsetting for a child.

If you are going to be delayed in picking up your child, please notify the teacher. This will allow your child's teacher the opportunity to ease him/her through the period of the delay and will help alleviate any anxiety.



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Greek Yogurt Chocolate Muffins

Ingredients

1 ½ cups all purposed flour
4 Tablespoons butter
¾ cup Greek yogurt
¼ cup cocoa powder
2 teaspoons baking powder
¼ cup melted chocolate
2 eggs
1 Tablespoon ground cinnamon
½ cup Milk
½ cup sugar

Instructions

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Line a muffin tray with your preferred muffin liners.

In a large bowl, whisk the butter, yogurt, eggs, sugar, and milk.

In another bowl, stir together the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, and chocolate powder.

Combine the wet and dry mixtures and mix until no lumps are left.

Fill each liner with 1/3 cup of muffin batter.

Bake for 18-20 minutes, until set and baked through.

Allow to cool for at least one minute in the pan before cooling on a cooling rack or serving.



Craft To Try At Home

Supplies Needed:

Glue
Mini marshmallows
Black paper
Black sharpie
Orange paint (or marker)

Draw a snowman's body with glue then have the kids stick on the marshmallows. Add a hat, face, buttons, and arms! So fun!



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