



Edgewater News



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NEW YEAR

Welcome to the New Year, 2024! We are looking forward to a great year with you and your children. We want to wish all our families a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year!

Thank you for all the cards and gifts you have given us! It feels so good to be loved and appreciated!

WELCOME TO EDGEWATER!

- *William in the Munchkins class!
- *Teacher Saray with our support team!

BOOK EXCHANGE

The book exchange went well! The children seemed excited to show their books to one another after the exchange!



JANUARY CURRICULUM

This month we will be discussing the "Human Body," "How We Grow," and "Foods that Help Us Grow". We will also discuss what makes us the same and how we are different.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

School Closing Early

School will be **closing at 4:00pm on Thursday, January 11th** for staff development. Please allow ample time prior to 4:00pm for parking and to take care of your and your child's personal needs, gathering of personal items, etc.

MLK Jr. Day

School will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, January 15th** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Scholastic Book Orders

January book orders will be available the first week of January and are due by **Friday, January 19th**. For each book your family purchases, the school receives bonus points to use toward books and other materials for the school! To order on-line go to:

<http://www.scholastic.com/clubord> Online activation code: **GZX8D**

Pixie Parent-Teacher Conferences

Optional Pixie parent-teacher conferences will be available on **Wednesday, January 31st**. If interested, we would like to give you the opportunity to schedule a conference with your child's teacher to discuss your child's development.

If interested, please email the school by Tuesday, January 16th to schedule a conference time and receive the conference conversation form to complete and return a week before your conference date.



LOOKING INTO FEBRUARY

* **Thursday, February 8th and Friday, February 9th** - Parent Appreciation Days

* **February 9th** - Kids' Night Out!

* **Monday, February 12th** - **School Closed** for Cont. Ed. Day

* **Monday, February 19th** - **School Closed** in observance of President's Day



REMINDERS

*Pick up hours should be used for a quick check in with your child's teacher and to gather your child's belongings. Per DSS requirements, parents or guardians who would like to stay for a long period of time or who would like to engage with other children in our program, must see the office for volunteer requirements and must have their immunizations on record.

*Children go outside each day. Please, send your child with weather appropriate clothes. Borrowed jackets and clothes must be washed and returned promptly. It is important that your child's name is written on all jackets, sweaters, and sweatshirts brought to school. If you would like to take your child's belongings home, you may check their cubby box during pick up hours.

PROGRAM HOURS

We are governed by the Department of Social Services (DSS), and we are required to follow strict guidelines regarding ratio. We staff teachers according to our enrollment to meet these ratios.

Core program arrival is between 8:30am and 9:00am and ends at 3:00pm.

Children may not arrive before or stay after their programs' scheduled times without prior arrangement with the office. Extra hours are available upon request and based on availability. Please see office staff for more information and the Family Handbook for fees related to late pick-ups or early drop-offs.

In addition, we ask that you create a routine for your children. This includes getting children up, feeding them a nutritious breakfast, and getting to school by 9:00am. Please remember late arrivals are disruptive and are unfair to all children and the teachers, but most of all, your child will miss a great part of the enrichment program offered to them.

Children might not be accepted after 9:30am unless prior arrangements have been made with the office team.