



Edgewater News



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DATES TO REMEMBER

School Closing Early

School will be closing at **4:00pm on Thursday, December 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.



Book Exchange

We will be having our annual book exchange on **Thursday the 11th at 11:15am**. This is a great opportunity to teach children about the joy of giving and receiving while promoting literacy.

Each child should bring a gender neutral and non-religious wrapped book by Wednesday, December 10th to be given to another child in his/her class (\$5 limit please). **Label only who the book is from**; do not specify who the book should go to.

Children not attending school on the day of the "Book Exchange" are welcome to bring a book for the event and can exchange and receive a new book the next time they are in. Alternatively, children not attending on that day are welcome to come to the event at 11:15am but must be accompanied by an adult with immunizations on file (Department of Social Services Requirement).

Winter Break

School will be **CLOSED** on **Wednesday, December 24th through Thursday, January 1st**. We will return on **Friday, January 2nd**.



Scholastic Book Clubs

Scholastic books can be ordered online all year long to boost your kid's reading fandom and maybe even create moments of quality time you can share together!

<https://orders.scholastic.com/GZX8D>

Kids' Night Out!

Kid's Night Out will be on **Friday, December 19th from 6-10:45pm**. This is an opportunity for you, the parents, to go out while your children are having a blast at school. **This event is open to children 18 months through 6 years**. The cost for children 2 and up is \$50 per child and \$40 for enrolled siblings. The cost for Pixies is \$60. Please note we must have a minimum of 10 children to have the event for preschool age children and a minimum of 2 Pixies to have the event for toddlers. **Space is limited, and availability will be granted on a first come, first serve basis**. Signups have started, and the last day to sign up is **Wednesday, December 17th**.

CURRICULUM

The following areas of focus are common topics that may emerge this month: Weather Changes, Holiday Celebrations/Shared Traditions, Animals in the Winter, and Gifts to Nature.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

*Please sign your child in and out daily.

*Children go outside each day. Please provide your child with weather appropriate extra clothes and a jacket to be kept in their cubbies.

*As with all personal items, we strongly recommend that you label your child's jacket, so it can be easily identified.

*Launder and return your child's sheet and blanket weekly (Department of Social Services Requirement). If your child must borrow a sheet or blanket, there will be a charge of \$5 for laundry.

HOLIDAY PLANNING

Please, let us know if you will be out of the center during any of the upcoming holidays, particularly Monday December 22nd, Tuesday December 23rd and Friday January 2nd. Knowing how many children will be absent allows us to plan accordingly and staff may be able to get some extra vacation time as well.

TRINITY GIFT GIVING

Each year we are granted the opportunity to make a foster child's holiday a little happier, and it's not too late to choose a foster child's name and provide them with a gift. This is an opportunity for your child to experience the Spirit of Giving. If you choose to participate, we strongly encourage you to involve your child in the process by discussing the reasons you are helping, as well as allowing them to choose the gift (depending on age).

If you are interested in sponsoring a child, we still have several nametags with a child's name, age and desired gift printed on them in the hallway board on the front door. Let us know which one you would like, and we will document it for our records.

We would like all contributions to be turned in by **Thursday, December 18th by 6pm**.

Please do not wrap items, simply attach the child's name tag to the gift. – (gift bags and cards are okay)

All gifts and donations received will benefit children placed in foster care. The children are placed in foster homes located in Los Angeles County and neighboring cities in Orange County. This donation is tax deductible – Tax ID #95-2480624

Thank you for your support!

LOOKING INTO JANUARY

- **Thursday, January 1st** – School Closed for Winter Break
- **Tuesday, January 13th** – Closing at 4pm for staff development.
- **Monday, January 19th** – School Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Pixie & Muskrat Conferences

Optional Pixie's and Muskrats parent/teacher conferences will be available **Tuesday, January 27th (Muskrats) and Wednesday, January 28th (Pixies)**. 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. Muskrat conferences are in-person only, and Pixies can be in-person, phone or FaceTime.

If interested, please email the school by Tuesday, January 13th to schedule a conference time.