

February Newsletter from the Director

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We are so happy to see everyone return in good spirits and refreshed for another year. We all had a needed break and are thankful to be back at Young Days. We would also like to give a special thanks to all of you for your thoughtful gifts, sweets and kind words. Our Angel Tree and Toy Drive efforts were a huge success because of your generosity.

Who says the holidays are behind us? Much is yet to come in January. It will be another busy month with plenty of programming scheduled. Class themes and lessons throughout the school will include: Winter, Science Discoveries and Space Exploration. As always lessons will be rich in literacy, math, creative expression, sensory and motor skills.

This month teachers will reinforce the fun and enjoyment of stories and the purpose of libraries. A love of books and reading is such an important gift to give a child. Our efforts foster language development, listening skills, hand-eye coordination and so much more! Don't be surprised if your child requests a library card if they don't already have one. A library card makes a great birthday present for a preschool age child.

On January 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> "Harry the Hound" from Celebration Station will visit the classrooms for some dancing, singing and coloring.

January 25 will be our first Lunch Bunch "Pizza Party" with a Veggie Tale movie in Fellowship Hall.

We are confirming scheduling for a Family Night on January 31 with "Bricks 4 Kidz LEGO Fun". The Bricks 4 Kidz preschool program reinforces many essential skills. Watch their eyes light up as they dig into a pile of brightly colored bricks ready to create fun simple sculptures based on the ABC's. Visit the website: [www.bricks4kidz.com](http://www.bricks4kidz.com)

Young Days continues to teach children to make choices. Preschool years are a good time to start encouraging children to make appropriate choices. We don't let them do whatever they want; we often times give them two acceptable choices and let them choose which one they prefer. Children need to practice making good choices. The skill is not automatically learned. We cannot always smooth the road or they would never learn to think for themselves. Learning means trial and error.

Sincerely,

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