



News Letter

January 2019

Our Lady's Child Care Center

We want to start by wishing all of our families a happy and healthy New Year. Hello, 2019!

Reminder to infant, toddler, and preschool parents, please make sure that your child has at least one change of clothes. We are required by law to have a change of clothes for every child that is potty training. When we start going out to play in the snow (if and when it snows), it's a good idea to have two pairs of extra clothes; pants, socks and underwear especially. We have some extra clothes for the children. We have very few extra pairs of underwear, but nobody wants to wear someone else's underwear.

If winter does bring snow, we love going out to play! The children will need hats, mittens (gloves only if they can put them on themselves), jackets, snow pants and boots.

If we have to close or have a delayed opening we will broadcast on ABC40, 22 News, via email, and we will post it on Facebook.

School Age families, public schools are closed Monday, January 21st, and Monday, January 28th. Sign-Up sheets will be available for those who need care. Regardless, if a holiday falls on a day that your child is regularly scheduled to come, you must sign up on the care sign-up sheet. We assume you do not need care if you have not signed your child up even if it falls on a day you are scheduled.

We recently changed our email, for security reasons. Please use OurLadysCCC@gmail.com if you need to contact us. We are no longer using or responding to the Ourladyccc@charter.net account.

Tuition is due before service is rendered. This means that if you have an outstanding balance that you are ineligible for care. Parents with outstanding balances will receive a written warning. The written warning will give parents two weeks to pay their balance or care will be terminated.

We will once again be adjusting our rates. This year's rate increase will take place in March. We are assessing our rates annually, and when appropriate we will be incrementally increasing our rates. The rate increase will help off-set the increase in the minimum wage that is to take effect January 1st.

Volunteers are always welcome in our classrooms. The children enjoy it when a parent visits their room. If you want to read a book, sing some songs, or anything else with the children, let your child's teacher know. We always appreciate the extra help!

Tax Information should be ready for you by the 14th of January. Your patience is appreciated in this matter. Please save these letters, as they are important tax documents and we do not print them multiple times. If you have a change of address please make sure that we have received the most up to date information.

Please note: Payments received after January 1st will count towards next year's payments, even if it is pre-dated.

Blue Room – Beth and Angela

During the month, we will be working on our sitting, rolling over, reaching and grabbing, and walking skills. We will also continue to work on self-feeding skills. We are also welcoming a new friend this month and we look forward to meeting you and your family. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to ask us.

Yellow Room – Jayna and Miranda

This month we will be learning about The New Year and celebrating in our own little way. We will learn about Arctic animals and make some animal art. The next week will be all about Bears; how they are big, how they hibernate, and our favorite kind of bears; our teddy bears! Then we will take a break from our predominantly winter colored month of white and brown to learn about colors. Be prepared for some colorful artwork! We will learn about numbers and work on counting together

Green Room – Ivette and Ally

We will be learning about New Year's, penguins, and milk and cocoa, "The Snowy Day" and winter animals! We will make some 2019 themed art to start the New Year. We will be making footprint penguins. We will also explore different mediums to paint with by adding both cookies and hot chocolate to our paint! We are going to paint the snow and even bring some snow into the classroom to play with. We will finish off the first month of 2019 by making some winter animal art.

Room 1 – Jon

We welcome 2019 and look forward to a new year. I want my students to pick at least one thing they want to do 2019 times this year, it may even be a New Year's resolution.

This can an act of kindness, reading, physical activity or anything else they

choose. Just remember that you have to accomplish it five and half times a day on average. This will be a fun way to experience practice, discipline and that accomplishing something big doesn't need to be feared. I will ask my students to be responsible for recording their own progress and sharing milestones.

We will talk about Martin Luther King Jr. and work together to make our own I have a dream speech.

Room 2 – Britany and Casey

Hello 2018! We hope you had a great Christmas and New Year's! This month we will be learning about penguins. We will learn where they live, what they eat and will do lots of fun art projects as well. Next we will talk about hibernation. We will learn about all the animals that hibernate and where they sleep all winter. We will be having a week about pets as well! We will talk about all the pets that we have, and the similarities and differences between them. Lastly, we will have a fun messy art week. We will be exploring different ways to paint and doing lots of exciting sensory activities.

Parents, please make sure that all your child's snow clothes are labeled and bring them in every day!

Room 3- Cassie and Subnam

Room 3 is very excited to learn about the New Year! We will be making fun art using all different materials to make fireworks. We are also going to be talking about all the different things that a new year brings and what it means for it to now be 2019. We will also be talking about winter and (hopefully) snow! We are excited to start seeing some snow now that it is almost January. We will also be experimenting with different colors, and how to make colors from our three primary colors.

Room 4–Jen and Nikki

We hope that you all had a wonderful New Year's Eve! This month we will be talking about New Year's Day. To usher in the New Year that is beginning our

class will try to recognize good deeds and acts of kindness. We will be doing science experiments with snow, ice, and water. To finish off the month, we will be learning about MLK Jr., and talk about friendship and kindness. We will also be learning about winter/artic animals, and where they live.

From the Director's Corner:

The Massachusetts state law says:

Car Seat Laws. Chapter 3: Child Passenger Restraint Law...Children must ride in federally approved child safety seats until they are at least 8 years old, or over 57 in tall. Children older than 8 years old, or taller than 57 in tall must wear safety belts.

Aside from the fact that it is illegal to leave your child unattended in a running car, you risk:

- Injury and death (especially in hot or cold weather).
- Kidnapping.
- Curious children pushing pedals or turning keys

If we see a child unattended in a running vehicle, or a child entering or leaving the parking lot not in a proper safety seat, we are required by law to call the local authorities and the Department of Children and Families. Remind grandparents, aunts, uncles, or anyone else that may drop off / pick up your child at the center. Seat belt laws have change over last 30 years.

Kids in the Back: The first rule for safe vehicle airbags is that frontal systems are not designed for youngsters. Frontal airbags can be dangerous or even fatal to the following:

- Infants or babies in backward-facing child seats.
- Small children in forward-facing child seats.

- Older children belted only by the waist-belt, but not the shoulder belt.
- Any child who is below the weight limit for the front seat and belt without a booster seat, which is typically about 12 years old.
- Children should not be buckled while wearing heavy coats.

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◀ December						February ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10 am-12pm Flywheel Dance Party	2	3	4	5 Young Wizards STEAM Workshop 10-11 Emily Williston Library
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Second Saturday Science Hitchcock Center for the Environment Amherst 10-11 am
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Notes:	

Like to volunteer?

This month especially we would love your help.

- Do you play an instrument? Would you like to play Christmas carols for us?
- Do you know someone that might want to don a Santa costume and come for a visit?
- Would you like to teach us about Hanukkah?

Anything you do means everything to us