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January Newsletter



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Our GCC Children's December Performance



Director's Corner



Happy New Year to all and the best of 2020 to all our GCC family and friends. Thank you for the wonderful gifts, goodies and cards that staff received. We are so thankful for the wonderful children and families that are a part of our GCC family.

Now that the holidays are over and there is some calmness at home we encourage you to spend time reading and talking to your child/children. Looking at books and reading to your children will help them learn about words, how they sound, how words become sentences and builds your child's knowledge of language. Reading to your children, starting at an early age, will make your child feel special and loved while developing the love of books.

Your child will be continually learning new words to describe people, objects and feelings. Learning about letters and words are the building blocks of reading and writing. Pretending to read is among the first steps to learning to read.

Family time is so precious, so take time to talk to your children, listen to what they have to say and start them on the road to learning through books.

Spanish Class Debuts For Both Room 4 Classes

The Pre-K children are trying out a new Spanish program on Friday mornings. The classes are presented by **Language Door**. Two, 30 minute classes are held back to back for Mrs. Benson and Mrs. Kathy's classes.

All parents are welcome to observe these new classes. Mrs. Kathy's class is from 10:15-10:45 and Mrs. Benson's class is from 10:45-11:15.

All teachers from **Language Door** are native speakers and are passionate about teaching their language as well as sharing their culture with the children. For more info.: www.LanguageDoor.com.

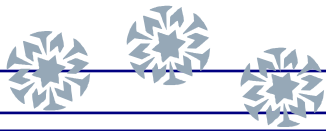
Calendar

- 1/2 Tuition Due New Rates apply*
- 1/2 School Resumes
- 1/20 School Closed Martin Luther King Holiday
- 1/23 & 24 Pajama Day

***Note: New Rates for Tuition Begin January 2. Please see Director if you have any questions.**

Please review new GCC closures for the 2020 School Year.

[Please send jackets with children due to cooler weather.](#)



WEBBY Dance Company December Recital



Children enrolled in WEBBY Dance Company held a dance recital Dec. 12th.

WEBBY Dance Company introduces children to beginning jazz and hip-hop in a studio-style class. Music is age appropriate with fun props and lots of excitement.

Webby Dance is an extra curricular class offered weekly at GCC. Classes are held on Thursdays 12:30-1:15. Enrollment is open, please see the Director if you have any questions or would like to enroll your child.

Handbook Policies and Procedures for 2019-2020

Parent Handbook page 13. “Children who are sick.”

Health

The state of California requires that only healthy children are in attendance. Please keep your child home if he/she:

- Has had a fever within the last 24 hours
- Has vomited in the last 24 hours
- Is taking an antibiotic and has not been on the antibiotic for more than 24 hours
- Has diarrhea
- Has eye discharge or crust (a child with conjunctivitis must stay out of school for 24 hours after the prescription of medication and until all redness and discharge are gone)
- Has a constant cough or runny nose
- Has a rash unless the doctor approves in writing the child returning to school
- Is fussy, cranky, whiney or not acting like himself/herself
- Has head lice, ringworm or impetigo
- Has symptoms of a communicable disease (sore throat, sniffles, red eyes, head or abdominal ache and/or fever)

Children who are ill cannot remain in the classroom and must be picked up immediately at the office. Please call the office if your child is unable to attend due to health reasons. If your child is feeling extremely fatigued you should keep them home to give them rest as they may have the onset of an illness and may be contagious. Furthermore, your child needs to stay home for a period of twenty four hours after the fever, diarrhea and/or vomiting is gone without the aid of fever-reducing medicine or any other symptom controlling medicine and/or antibiotics.

If your child is sent home from preschool for any health related concern he/she must stay home for the 24 hour period.

If your child becomes ill at the Center and you are called we ask that you come within an hour to pick up your child. If your child appears ill at the time of drop off you will be asked to take your child home and wait 24 hours to return to the Center.

Every effort is made to keep you informed of any exposure to contagious illnesses. *Exposure Notices* are posted in the affected classrooms for the incubation period of the illness. The *Exposure Notices* let you know the symptoms of the illness, it's general course, steps the teachers will take and the steps you can take at home. In addition, any additional guidelines required to return to class are listed.