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# A Busy Child Daycare & Preschool

Where your child is busy learning and having fun!

## Online Family Resource Area

NEW PHOTOS  
HAVE BEEN  
ADDED TO THE  
WEBSITE ON:  
**12/2/2007**

**Be sure to visit  
the Family  
Resource area of  
the website for  
photos and  
additional family  
resources. Don't  
forget to share  
with your friends  
& family!**

LOGIN:

Username:  
xxxxxx

Password:  
xxxxxx



## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

### Upcoming Closures

The center will be closed the following days in observance of Christmas & New Years:

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>,  
Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>,  
Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>  
[Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>]**

We will reopen on *Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>* after Christmas. I hope everyone has a very merry Christmas. ☺

### Policy Handbooks & Parent Contracts

New Policy Handbooks will be going home on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please review the handbooks and return the Receipt of Policy Handbook page to me by **Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**. If you received a new contract with your handbook, please return this to me instead of the Receipt of Policy Handbook. The 2008 Closing Schedule should be in your child's mailbox by the 17<sup>th</sup>. Please use the Closing Schedule to assist you in planning ahead for center closures next year.

### December Preschool Lessons

This month we will focus on the following lessons:

#### **All About Amazing Animals**

Letters: S, K, Z

Number: 8

Opposites: Tame/Wild

Theme: Pets

Holiday: Christmas

Character Education: Kindness

Colors: Review

Shape: Review

Theme: Outback Animals

Theme: African Animals

Theme: Polar Animals

The children are making *remarkable* learning progress with shapes, colors, numbers, letters, and their names (to name just a few!). They are also doing exceptionally well with the Spanish translations. In the next week or two I will begin sending home "homework" or small projects for the children to complete with you at home. This will include name writing practice (or recognition) and any finger plays, songs, or poems we are learning as well. Homework packets will be sent home on Fridays and are due back on Monday.

### Extra Clothing

If you have not yet checked the clothing in your child's cubby, please take a moment to make sure that the extra clothing is weather appropriate and the correct size for your child. Thank you!

## Recipes

### Edible Snowflakes

#### You will need:

- Flour Tortillas
- Oil

Using the same technique as cutting out paper snowflakes, make snowflake shapes out of flour tortillas. (You may need to warm the tortilla in the microwave first to make it more flexible). Put a touch of oil in a pan and fry tortilla until it is crisp.

Top it with one or more of the following ideas:

- Powdered sugar
- Spread butter on one side of the tortilla
- Sprinkle lightly with cinnamon and sugar.
- Use bologna, turkey, ham, cheese, etc. for a snowflake sandwich.

### Snowman Biscuits

#### You will need:

Refrigerated biscuits - 3 biscuits per snowman  
Raisins  
Pretzel sticks  
Cookie sheet  
vanilla frosting (optional, see note\*)

#### Optional:

Powdered sugar  
Milk  
Colored sugar  
Clean Paint brush or basting brush

#### What You Do

To assemble each snowman, lay 3 biscuits vertically on a cookies sheet. Add raisins for eyes, nose, mouth and buttons. Use the pretzel sticks for arms.

Bake as directed on the biscuit can. \*Please ask an adult to supervise using the hot oven\*.



## Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party will be held in the afternoon on **Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** ALL children are invited to our Christmas Party regardless of their schedule, I look forward to celebrating with everyone. Please let me know if your child will **not** be able to attend our party so that I may be able to wish him or her a Merry Christmas. ☺

We will enjoy Christmas cookies, music, games, and crafts. *Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus* will be here as our special guests. They are scheduled from **4:00 – 4:30**. Parents and family are welcomed to attend our party!

## Scholastic Book Club Orders

**THANK YOU** for your November orders! Your orders are very much appreciated, and I thank you for supporting reading in our program. I have included the December Scholastic Book Club catalogs along with the newsletter. You may view and purchase from the catalogs online as well. Remember, your purchases help us earn **FREE** books for our classroom! You may also access the Scholastic Book Clubs Online Ordering from the Family Resource Area of the website.

[www.scholastic.com/parentordering](http://www.scholastic.com/parentordering)

Class User Name: xxxxxx

Password: xxxxxx

**All orders are due by *Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>*.**  
**Thank you for your support!**

## December Field Trip

This month we will visit Jump-Street on **Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. Jump-Street is an indoor fun center equipped with trampolines, bounce houses, and mini ball fields. We will leave here at **9:15 a.m.** and will return at **11:45 a.m.** The cost for the field trip is **\$8.00** – a waiver must be filled out for each child (attached with the newsletter). Both the field trip fee and the waiver are due by **Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please visit their website [www.jump-street.com](http://www.jump-street.com) for more information.

**Jump-Street** (84<sup>th</sup> & I-25)  
8225 North Valley Hwy.  
Thornton, CO 80221

## Enrichment Classes

Just a reminder that music class will be held every other Monday at 10:30 a.m. with Mr. Chris. Gym class will be Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Montbello Recreation center. Both classes are subject to weather conditions and may be canceled due to snow.

## Pajama Party - (Parent's Night Out)

I am offering a Parent's Night Out to all families on **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. I would like to invite you to bring your child in their favorite pajamas at **6:00 p.m.** for a "Pajama Party". We will enjoy an evening of dinner, games, Christmas movies, and fun! Children are welcomed to spend the night, and will be picked up by **9:00 a.m. Sunday** morning (must pre-arrange with me). Those who do not stay the night will need to be picked up by **11:00 p.m.** Please notify me by **Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** if your child will be attending the Pajama Party.

**\* There is no charge for the Pajama Party/Parent's Night Out \***

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## DECEMBER ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4 Gym Class Depart @ 10:15 a.m.	5 Library Day Depart @ 10:15 a.m.	6 Gym Class Depart @ 10:15 a.m.	7	8
9 Field Trip Fee & Waiver Due 12/10 →	10 Policy Contracts Due Music Class 10:30	11 Gym Class Depart @ 10:15 a.m.	12 Book Club Orders Due	13 Gym Class Depart @ 10:15 a.m.	14 Field Trip – Jump Street Depart @ 9:15 a.m.	15 Pajama Party @ 6:00 p.m.
16	17	18 Gym Class Depart @ 10:15 a.m.	19 Library Day Depart @ 10:15 a.m.	20 Gym Class Depart @ 10:15 a.m.	21 Christmas Party @ 4:00 p.m.	22
23	24 CLOSED – Christmas Eve	25 CLOSED – Christmas Day	26 CLOSED - Christmas	27 Gym Class Depart @ 10:15 a.m.	28	29
30	31 Music Class 10:30					

Merry Christmas!!