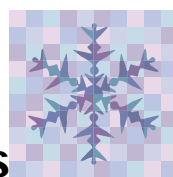


Little Praisers News



January 2009

From the Director's Chair

I don't know about you, but I am beyond ready for some warm weather! The upside to this cold winter weather has been the snow. It is so beautiful, and so fun to play with. When we bring snow inside to our sensory tables, we learn a lot while we play. We learn that snow packs sometimes, but sometimes it doesn't. We learn that snow melts and turns into water. We learn that snow is cold, and mittens help our hands feel warmer while we play. Each child learns something different, depending on what he or she is ready to learn. It is so fun to see them enjoy the process! Hopefully you have had some fun this winter playing in the snow, too. Snow angels, snow men, snow balls, snow forts, and snow ice cream – enjoy it all before it's gone!

That snow is here for only a short time brings to mind a lesson I have learned in the last month. My best friend, an only child, lost her mother very suddenly in December. Tammy's mom was a Christian, and there is no doubt that she is with her Lord. While we rejoice in her heavenly homecoming, we miss her. I have been reminded that God blesses us greatly, but all gifts come from Him, and only He can decide what we need. With our families, our homes, and all we have, we must trust Him to know what is best for us. That includes our children. When I consider the love I have for my children, it is nothing compared to the love God has for us, and that will never go away! What a comfort, and what a joy!

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 22, 6PM: Parenting classes begin at Praise *SIGN UP ASAP! Forms available in the office!*

Feb. 12: Valentine Parties – see your child's teacher for more information

\$50 Tuition Credit

Did you know you can earn a \$50 tuition credit by referring someone to Little Praisers? If you refer a family and they enroll at Little Praisers, you will receive a \$50 credit on your account when that family begins attending. Thanks for referring your friends and family!

Outdoor Play – IMPORTANT!

No matter the season, our children need to go outside. They need fresh air and exercise, as well as sunshine. Whenever possible, we will take the children out, even in the snow. Don't forget – please keep weather appropriate clothes in your child's cubby, including hats and gloves, and shoes that can be worn in the snow. Snow pants would be great, too. Thanks! If you have extras at home that your children have outgrown, we would be happy to take them off your hands to keep them as spares! 😊

Fundraiser

In the past, Little Praisers has used frozen cookie dough as a fundraiser. We sold it in November each year. This year, however, we were in the midst of our cookbook project at that time. We had planned to do cookie dough next month, but the plan has now changed, and I hope you will be pleased!

A new opportunity crossed my desk, and the Child Care Board, teachers, and everyone I asked have overwhelmingly agreed it seems great! We will be selling a coupon book this year. This book has great coupons, and almost everyone (50+ people) who has looked at it agreed they would easily get their money's worth out of it. This fundraiser will take place soon – watch for more info soon! (BTW, it is not an Entertainment Book. This is different...)

I hope you will appreciate this change and find it useful. Remember, the funds raised will DIRECTLY benefit your kids! Last year we were able to buy our new die-cutter and some new curriculum materials and toys, as well. We hope to do big things with our funds this year, too!

Cookbooks

There are a few cookbooks left for sale. They are \$10 each. Have you seen the great pictures of the children on the divider pages? The recipes are awesome. Check out the copy at the front desk sometime!

2010-2011 Enrollment

Enrollment for the next year will likely begin in late February. Keep your eyes open for more information in your child's cubby or via e-mail.

Book Orders

Several classrooms at Little Praisers participate in Scholastic Book orders. Did you know that when you order books our teachers get free books for their classrooms? Thanks to everyone who has ordered. We appreciate our new books!