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CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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January 2012 Parent Connect

Happy Birthday

Joshua M.	17th
Ms. Marivee	15th
Dannielle	16th
Ms. Robin	14th
Daniel	3rd
Juan	7th
Nathan	16th
Haven	5th
Aleah	17th
Natalie	24th
Alayna	24th
Kaylee	31st
Savannah	17th
Peyton	24th
Hunter	29th
Haileigh	17th
Shaun W.	27th
Xzavier	29th
Ms. Bethany	23rd



THE HISTORY OF THE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION!

The celebration of the new year is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago. In the years around 2000 BC, the Babylonian New Year began with the first New Moon (actually the first visible crescent) after the Vernal Equinox (first day of spring).



The beginning of spring is a logical time to start a new year. After all, it is the season of rebirth, of planting new crops, and of blossoming. January 1, on the other hand, has no astronomical nor agricultural significance. It is purely arbitrary.

The Babylonian new year celebration lasted for



Calendar:

January 3:
Return to School

January 16:
No School
(Rowan-Salisbury)

January 23:
No School
(Rowan-Salisbury)

Interesting January Facts

Most of the world uses the Georgian calendar, which has January as the first month of the year. It is named for Janus, a Roman god. Roman legend has it that the ruler Numa Pompilius added January and February to the end of the 10-month Roman calendar in about 700 B.C. Pompilius gave the month 30 days. Romans later made January the first month. In 46 B.C., the Roman statesman Julius Caesar added a day to January, making it 31 days long. The Anglo-Saxons called the first month Wolf month because wolves came into the villages in winter in search of food.

In the northern half of the world, January is the coldest month. Nature is quiet and the birds travel less. The woodchucks and bears sleep day and night, in hibernation. The plants are resting, waiting for the warmer temperatures of the Spring. In the southern half of the world, January is the warmest month. Animals are very active, and plants are growing.



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From the desk of the Leadership Team

As we approach the winter and the extreme cold, please make sure that your children have coats, hats, gloves, and scarves with their name on each item.. Also, with colds and sickness going around, please continue to wash your child's hands before entering in to the classroom. We also recommend that you have them practice this at home to cut down on germs and prevent you from missing work or school.

Happy New Year!

Bethany Rodwell

Visit us online @ www.cornerstonecdc.com for our calendar of events, weather closings, photo gallery & more!

Infants

January is one of the coldest months here in North Carolina. We have decided to make our classroom into a Winter Wonderland. Keep an eye out for all the new "wintery" additions. Also, if parents could please donate Lysol wipes to our classroom, it would greatly help keep down the spreading of unwanted germs.

Ms. Marivee and Ms. Nicole

Pre-Toddler

This month is **SENSORY** Month for our class. We will explore all 5 of our senses while tasting fruits and vegetables, and enjoying sand art and play. We will be asking parents to donate fruits and vegetable for our children to experience.

Ms. Robin and Ms. Jennifer

2/3 Year Olds

Winter Wonderland is our focus for January. We will be making 3-D snowflakes, ice cube paintings, and cotton ball igloos. We would love to invite all of our parents in to help us make our igloos. We look forward to this exciting month!

Ms. Monique and Ms. Jennifer

3/4 Year Olds

We will be doing many hands on craft activities and science projects. Our special project is a "Dream Quilt." Please feel free to donate any scrap fabric, buttons, newspaper, toilet paper tubes, magazines, old toys, or stuffed animals.

Ms. Natalie and Ms. Stacey

Pre- Kindergarten Class

Our themes for this month are the new year, opposites, friendship, and good manners. We will be doing a special project where we sprout our own pet. I encourage the parents to come in and volunteer in our classroom. Please also donate any small shoe boxes that you may have.

Ms. April

School Age

Our class will be taking a closer look at Martin Luther King Jr. and the Chinese new Year. We will be making Unity Wreaths as well as Chinese New Year crafts. I am asking that the school age parents please take the time and sit down with your child and discuss the importance of civil rights.

Mr. Tyler

North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten

Our class will be discussing the New Year and its traditions, Getting along and being a good friend, Let it Snow (winter weather), and Going to the Zoo. Please allow your child to bring in pictures that you may have from a visit to a zoo, petting barn, or aquarium. We will allow the children to share their experiences of the exciting places. As always, we would love to have parents come in and enjoy some time with us in the classroom. We hope you and your family have a blessed 2012.

Ms. Heather and Ms. Jami

