



Young World Child Care Center

December Newsletter

Fall Family Night

Fall Family Night was a HUGE success! We had over 40 Families come to meet each other, talk with their children's teachers, and see what their children are learning while they are here. It was nice to see the families in the classrooms.

December Curriculum-

Please take the time to read the weekly theme sheets and class notes this month. Throughout December, children will learn how other cultures and countries celebrate the holiday season. If your family has unique traditions, please share them with your child's teacher. We will try our best to incorporate this into our curriculum. Also, each class will have its own Christmas Party! Please be on the lookout for more information on dates, times, and party supply donations.

Important December Dates and Holiday Closures-

Young World will be closed on Monday, **December 25th**, celebrating Christmas, and **Monday, January 1st**, celebrating New Year.

The week between Christmas and New Year, we try to give as many staff members as we can well-deserved time off as possible. During this week, we may combine groups, and your child may have a different teacher(s). We will keep families informed of changes. Please let us know by Wednesday, December 13th, if your child will not be attending Young World that week or will have a schedule change by completing the attached survey. It is very challenging to give staff time off if we are unsure about our enrollment.

Looking Ahead.... We are closed on **Monday, January 15th, for MLK Jr. Day** and **January 26th for Professional Day**. All Young World Closures are in our Family Handbook, in the main hallway, and on our website.

Winter Weather Reminders-

On snowy or inclement weather days, Young World will typically remain open. However, we sometimes delay openings during severe storms, release children early, or close for the day. Check 22 News and Channel 40, our website, and your **emails** for Young World closings.



Winter Gear-

Please remember we continue to play outside even when the temperature drops. Believe it or not, the ground is frozen. Can you **please send in snow pants, so your child can have an extra layer to keep warm and** cushion them in case they fall? Any winter gear that you would like to stay at Young World instead of going home every day, please send us a note or let us know. We will try to keep those items at the center rather than going back and forth daily. Please label your child's winter gear with their name to avoid mix-ups. Just a reminder, for safety reasons, NO scarves, please. Thank you!

Please remember that sneakers are our safest choice for the children in the building. If your child comes in boots or anything other than sneakers, we will be changing your child's shoes to stay within our shoe policy.

Speaking of shoes, we would like to remind you that we would like to continue to have families stay out of the classrooms during the day. It interferes with routine and schedule, but once we add salt to our shoes, it adds more to clean up during the day. Please drop your child off at the classroom door; a consistent drop-off routine can help the transition between home and school become easy.

Please remember that drop-off and pick-up times are not the best times to talk to your child's teacher or Jessica. Please write down messages or feel free to email or call between 12:45 and 2:15. Our phone number is 413-527-3983.

As always, thank you, and we appreciate your help!

We are Thankful that you allow us to be a part of your child's life!

We wish you all a Joyful Holiday Season!

Happy Hanukkah!

Merry Christmas!

and Happy and Healthy New Year!