



JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2025

A happy and healthy New Year is wished to you and your family! We hope everyone's holidays were merry and bright and that 2025 will bring joy, good health, and happiness to all of us.

January Reminders

On **Monday, January 20th**, Young World will be **CLOSED** for **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**. We will also be **closed** for a Professional day on **Friday, January 31st**. I will be taking time off January 13-January 31st. If you need anything please speak to Kerry or Laurie.

Let's Stay Healthy

Please help us keep your children healthy this winter. We will do our part by keeping things clean and disinfected, encouraging lots of hand washing, giving reminders about covering up coughs and sneezes, and bringing your children out to play in the fresh air as often as possible. We ask that you help us by teaching your children how to wipe/blow their noses, sending all of the necessary winter gear for outdoor play, and keeping your children at home long enough to recuperate from any illness truly. For more information, please reference Young World's Fever and Vomiting Policy on pages 8 and 9 of your Family Handbook.

Medications Forms- If your child has been prescribed medication and will need to take it while they are here, you will need to fill out a medication consent form, and the medicine will need to be with the original prescription label. The label gives the directions on how the medication is administered by the doctor. The medication consent form is on our website for you to download and fill out beforehand. Without a doctor's written approval, we cannot give your child any over-the-counter medication.

Tax Time

Please make a note of Young World's Federal Identification Number **04-2978-936**. You will need this number when you do your taxes. We will be furnishing you an end of the year statement, be on the lookout in your child's cubby.

Snow Day Policy

Young World will remain open on most snow days when the public schools are closed due to snow. Young World will operate with a skeleton staff on such days, making adjustments as the day progresses. **Please call us by 10 AM if your child is not coming.**

If we need to close Young World, it will be announced on WWLP 22 News, WGGB-TV Channel 40, and our website. We will also email all families to communicate our closure as well. Please make sure that we have your correct email address.

Communication

Please check your emails as we will be communicating information about the many goings-on at Young World. If you have any concerns or suggestions about anything, please call or email. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Helpful Items for your child's cubby

A **small bottle of hand lotion**, during this time of year, we have noticed that since we wash our hands so often, some children's hands can get dry and chapped. If you would like to send in a small bottle of hand lotion labeled with their name, we can help them to apply it daily.

Reusable Shopping Bags- A reusable shopping bag is another handy item in your child's cubby. These are great for when we send things home to be washed or when they have many items to take home at the end of the week.

Sneakers-Leave an extra pair of sneakers here for the occasions when your child wears their boots to school.

Seasonal clothing-Keep a look out on notes sent home from your child's teachers; they will check to see if your child needs any new seasonal clothing.

Playdough Recipes to make at home.

Kool-Aid Playdough

Two packages of unsweetened Kool-Aid

2 ½ cups of Flour

3 TBSP oil

½ cup Salt

2 cups Boiling water (to make the color more vibrant, add food coloring to boiling water)

Mix all the dry ingredients in a big bowl while the water boils.

Add hot water and oil.

Mix with a large spoon, but once it is cool enough, Knead with both hands.

Salty Fun dough

1 cup flour

2 tsp cream of tartar

1 cup of water

2 Tbsp oil

½ cup of salt

Mix in a large pan and cook until thickened over low heat, stirring slowly. Let cool and knead