



JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2026

A happy and healthy New Year is wished to you and your family! We hope everyone's holidays were merry and bright and that 2026 will bring joy, good health, and happiness to all of us.

January Reminders

On **Monday, January 19th**, Young World will be **CLOSED** for **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**. We will also be **closed** for a Professional day on **Friday, January 30th**.

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 the necessary winter gear for outdoor play, and keeping your children at home long enough to truly recuperate from any illness. For more information, please reference Young World's Fever and Vomiting Policy on pages 8 and 9 of your Family Handbook.

Medication 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 original prescription label must accompany the medicine. The label provides directions from the doctor for administering the medication. The medication consent form is available on our website for you to download and complete beforehand. Without a doctor's written approval, we cannot give your child any over-the-counter medication.

Tax Time

Please note Young World's Federal Identification Number: **04-2978-936**. You will need this number when you do your taxes. We will be furnishing you with an end-of-year statement; keep an eye out in your child's cubby.

Snow Day Policy

Young World will remain open on most snow days when public schools are closed. 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, we will announce it 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.





Supporting Independence at School

Building independence helps children feel confident and successful at school. Each day, children practice essential skills such as following rules and routines, washing hands, cleaning up, and trying tasks on their own with teacher support, such as opening lunch items, etc.

Families can help by encouraging children to practice simple self-help skills at home, allowing extra time for them to try independently, and praising efforts. When children are supported both at home and at school, they feel more confident and ready to learn.

Thank you for partnering with us to support your child's growing independence!

Important Lunch Safety Reminder: Choking Hazards

On Monday, December 15th, our state licensor visited our facility to inspect our facility, review paperwork, and observe classroom routines. During lunchtime, she noted that some common lunch items can be choking hazards if not prepared safely. These include mozzarella cheese sticks, meat/protein sticks, and food pouches with caps.

We are asking you to help support lunchtime safety. If you are sending cheese sticks or meat sticks, please open and cut them into small, bite-sized pieces before packing your child's lunch. If you send in food pouches, please remove the cap before arrival, or send the contents in an alternative container.

Thank you for your cooperation and partnership in keeping all children safe during mealtimes!

Communication

Please check your emails, as we will be communicating updates on 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. Please communicate anything we need to know about your child, any changes to your child's schedule, the pickup person, a rough night, etc., to someone in the office. If no one is there, leave a note in the tuition box or email us.

Coral Care

Make sure you return the permission slips authorizing Coral Care's free developmental screening by **January 12th**. The screenings will take place on **January 14th** and **January 22nd**. Only children for whom we have received paperwork will be screened.





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 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 here for the occasions when your child wears their boots to school.

Seasonal clothing: Keep an eye out for notes sent home from your child's teachers; they will let you know whether your child needs any new seasonal clothing.

Playdough Recipes to make at home.

Kool-Aid Playdough

2 ½ cups of Flour

½ cup Salt

2 cups boiling water (to make the color more vibrant, add food coloring to the 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, then knead with both hands once it is cool enough.

Two packages of unsweetened Kool-Aid

3 TBSP oil

Salty Fun dough

1 cup flour

1 cup of water

½ cup of salt

2 tsp cream of tartar

2 Tbsp oil

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

