Welcome Back. We hope that you and your family had a great time together.

The Winter Break is a wonderful time to spend with family and friends. However the time spent away from school may be difficult for your child in returning back on these first days. We encourage you to talk to your child about coming back and what to expect when you drop off and pick up. This will help them feel more comfortable on the first day back.

Many of you expressed your appreciation in cards, notes and gifts for the holiday. Although this is not necessary, we want to thank you so much for your generosity, care and support. The greatest gift you have given us is to be able to be your child’s first experience in learning. We have so many wonderful moments with your children. They surprise us daily with their words and wisdom. Thank you for sharing them with us and making us part of your lives.

We want our families to know that we are so dedicated in providing the best possible preschool experience for your child. You thoughts and input mean a lot. If there are any concerns or questions that you may want to ask of us, please do not hesitate. Remember we have an open communication and open door policy. Thank you for your continuous support.

A big Thank You to all of our families that donated socks to our annual “Socks for COTS” program. We had a great turnout and your donations are greatly appreciated.

We also had a very successful Tiny Tot Santa Visit and Cookie Exchange night. Pictures from this event will be posted onto Shutterfly as well as copies are being printed and will be placed in your child’s folder.

Please check the Shutterfly website for all of our upcoming events for the month of January.

We have a lot more Winter Fun and Learning for the month of January. Family Homework Sharing project is to create and Ice Sculpture. For instructions please check the flyer in your Child’s folder. January curriculum in your child’s folder.

We will be having our 1st Annual Tiny Tot Warm Coat and Clothing drive which will benefit “The Ladybug Connection” organization. So as you are cleaning out those closets, if you have any warm winter coats (adult/child) that you no longer need and in good condition, please bring them in to Tiny Tots. This is continuing our lessons on how important it is to help those less fortunate in our Petaluma Community.

As we head into the second half of the school year, we would like to ask that you continue with your support in helping us with items that we need at Tiny Tots. We want to emphasize wellness this year and in doing so we ask that you help us in keeping those mean nasty but invisible germs out of our classroom. We need Clorox or Lysol wipes, hand sanitizers, paper towels, Lysol spray, hand soap, dishwashing soap and large size latex gloves. These items will help keep our classroom, children, teachers healthy.

With our January budget in check, we still need help with items from our wish list (if you need a copy please ask your Tiny Tot teacher), as well as children participating in our Lunch Bunch program. By helping with these two requests we will be able to continue to provide this program to our Petaluma Community.

So when you are out shopping pick up an extra item to be donated to Tiny Tots. And if your child has not participated in our Lunch Bunch program, why don’t you give it a try?

It is a lot of fun for the children to bring their own lunch in a cool lunch box and continue to play with their friends. Not to mention it gives you that extra hour to get more done or to have that extra time to yourself. Just something to think about😊
PETALUMA COMMUNITY CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer is not that far away. We have a very successful camp program run through our Tiny Tot program “CAMP SUNSHINE”- We will be providing you with more information on our summer program.

For renting out a room for your event think of using the Community Center or for participating in any other activities that the Park and Rec Dept offer: PLEASE SEE THE FRONT DESK CITY STAFF IN ANSWERING ANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS, OR CALL THE PETALUMA COMMUNITY CENTER AT 778-4380 OR GO ONLINE AT: www.cityofpetaluma.net/parksnrec

MORE TINY TOTS INFORMATION

We ask that you keep home children who are ill. Fever, vomiting, diarrhea, severe cough or extreme nasal congestion within the past 24 hours SHOULD NOT be in school. DO NOT BRING SICK CHILDREN TO SCHOOL.

EMERGENCY PERSON: You have listed on your child’s forms someone we can contact in the event of emergency or who can pick up your child. Please be sure all information is up to date and accurate.

BIG NEED OF EXTRA CLOTHES: If you are going through your child’s small clothes think of Tiny Tots. Any unisex sweatpants, underwear (boys/girls), long and short sleeve shirts, socks. And if you notice your child coming home in TT spare clothes please wash and return them.

KINDER READY INFO

Yellow Submarines: Miss Roberta
Red Racers: Miss Danielle
Purple People Eaters: Miss Jennifer
Blue Birds: Miss Terry
Green Machines: Miss Nicole

We have been working very hard in our groups in getting the children to hold their crayon with the correct grip, holding the scissors properly, sitting correctly in their chair, listening to the instructions, colors, shapes, numbers, parts of a book and many math concepts. Our Kinder Ready days are filled with a lot of academics and the children are adjusting well. We have found that we do need to incorporate our park time and we have created a schedule that does just that. It is important for the children to exercise and let out that wonderful energy they have. With KR two days that is one reason why we can incorporate this change as well as being able to catch up on any work that may have been held over or if a child was absent on that day. Some parents have expressed concern about not seeing any work coming home. The reason why is because we are creating a portfolio of your child’s progress on the skills that they are learning at KR.

Art projects that are not skilled related we will send home. If you have any concerns about your child’s progress please talk with their assigned group teacher. These portfolios will be given out at the end of the year.

Please continue working at home with your child on crayon grip, holding the scissors correctly and cutting. Also doing a project that has several steps would be helpful in reinforcing this concept to your child.

We will begin our assessments of their skills to see at what level they are at and what areas need help. Check your child’s folder for curriculum and upcoming January sharing, fieldtrip, events etc.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

Jan 1st-15th Tuition is Due for February
Jan 1st-30th - Family Homework and Sharing Project. Creating an Ice Sculpture. Flyer with instructions and explanation in your child’s folder
Jan 1st - 30th - 1st Annual Warm Coat and Clothing Drive- Flyer in your Child’s folder
Jan 16th Tiny Tot Gymnastic Day Pay your $10 Fee on or before
Jan 18th Kinder Ready Gymnastic Day Pay your $10 fee on or before
Jan 21st - School Closed Martin Luther King Day
Jan 25th - KR field trip to the Petaluma Library We will be taking the city but and parents will Pick up at the library at 12pm- More information and permission slips will be put out later.

PARENT REMINDERS

1. Pay Tuition by the 15th of each Month
2. Please wear closed toe shoes and play clothes
3. Keep personal items at home
4. Check folders, walls inside and outside and by sign in sheets for all upcoming events
5. Do Monthly Family Homework Assignment, Check folder for info on these projects
6. Check Wish List on donating items that Tiny Tots is in need of
7. Lunch Bunch M-Th $7/day-Bring a healthy lunch and stay until 1pm
8. Bring FRESH VEGETABLES DAILY
9. Check Shutterfly Site often