



## Message from our Director

Happy New Year everyone! With the new year we will be adding some new things to the center. This is the time of year we do the annual updates. Please complete the updates and turn into the office. You will also need to complete the individual care plan if your child is on one.

To add to our excitement, we are introducing new menus in our center. The new menu will be starting by February 1<sup>st</sup>. If your child is on a supplemental menu, we will be updating those as well. We will be handing those out as soon as we receive them.

### Upcoming Events

**January 16<sup>th</sup>:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and we are open.

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Lunar New Year

**January 26<sup>th</sup>:** Pajama Day!

**January 27<sup>th</sup>:** Teacher in Service Day, we are closed.

**February 14<sup>th</sup>:** Valentine's Day and Parties! Look for signup sheets.

**February 20<sup>th</sup>:** President's Day, we are closed.

### Supporting Your Child's Development.

#### One Step at a Time...

We have expanded our child portfolios in our center. Along with the assessments that we create for parents twice a year, we will be adding more observations and art projects. This is a way that as providers, we can reflect on what your children has learned in the center, and create specific curriculum based on your child's level. Since we provide a multitude of learning styles for the children, we take your child's strengths into consideration while developing our activities in the classrooms. We will be asking you periodically to review the materials in the portfolios, starting this winter.

### Focus on Fun

During the month of January, the children will be learning "All About ME". This includes learning about their bodies, 5 senses, feelings, and families.

The children become empowered when they learn about themselves. They learn about feelings and emotions, which help them become more empathetic towards others.

We also have a fun holiday we will be celebrating in the classrooms this month, which is Lunar New Year!

### Songs & Signs

(Deer) gets ready, what does he do? Does he wear boots and mittens too? That's not something a (deer) would do! He (grows thick fur for the winter)

Additional Verses:

Bear; takes a nap through the winter

Hare; grows white fur in the winter

Tune—Skip to my Lou



### Elementary School Schedules & Closures

**January 16<sup>th</sup>:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**January 24<sup>th</sup>:** ½ Day, LWSD

**January 26<sup>th</sup>:** ½ Day, LWSD

**January 30<sup>th</sup>:** Non-Student Day, NSD

**February 16-17<sup>th</sup>:** Mid-Winter Break, LWSD

**February 20<sup>th</sup>:** President's Day

**February 21-24<sup>th</sup>:** Mid-Winter Break, NSD



### Featured Photo

Snow Day! Bringing the snow inside for more snow day fun.



### Play...Teach...Love

Teaching children and watching them grow is an amazing experience. The children are always showing us fun things they are learning in the classrooms. They love to tell us stories about their day, home, and sometimes their pets. When children learn new things, we get just as excited and proud as the parents. We often work on teaching a new skill, watch struggles and then finally, the skill is mastered! It brings joy to our hearts to be a part of their lives.



### Featured Craft

Pre-K learning about the hare losing its brown camouflage in the fall, and gaining white camouflage in winter.



### Happy Anniversary!

Ms. Rebecca!

This September Ms. Rebecca celebrated her 10-year anniversary with Lil' People's World. Thank you, Rebecca, for all you do!

