



# RED RIVER<sup>®</sup>

## Children's Learning Center

### December Newsletter



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Student Hunger Drive. We were able to donate over 500 pounds of non-perishable food and help a lot of people in need this holiday season. We are very proud of everyone's effort!



### Reminders...

Please try to knock off any snow and wipe your feet when you come into the building. Your efforts will help keep the rooms clean for the children and everyone appreciates that.

# NOTES and reminders

The Festival of Trees is over now, but we hope you had a chance to see our tree decorated with ornaments made by your children. We have a picture of the tree on our Facebook page.

We were able to donate a large box of coats to the Coats for Kids programs. Every little bit helps and we thank you for your donations.

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# In Our Classroom

## Bee Room

- Miss. Katlyn
- Miss. Baillie
- Miss. Georgia

## Piglet Room

- Miss. Brandy
- Miss. Deb
- Miss. Ellie

## Monkey Room

- Miss. Deanna
- Miss. KT

## Guppy Room

- Miss. Leticia
- Miss. Alicia

## Butterfly Room

- Miss. Joelle
- Miss. Kendra

## Dragonfly Room

- Miss. Heidi

## Support Staff

- Miss. Kate
- Miss. Tara
- Miss. Anna
- Miss. Amber
- Miss. Sarah



# Teacher Spotlight

## Miss. Heidi

Hello, my name is Miss Heidi. I was born and raised in West Bend, Wisconsin. I attended Carthage College in Kenosha and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with an English minor. I taught small groups in math and reading interventions for 6 years at Mitchell Elementary in Racine before moving to the Quad Cities. I will soon be celebrating my first year of marriage to my husband Jake. Currently we have no kids and no pets but are in the process of buying a house.



# BEE BUZZ



December is a big month in the Bee room! We will be doing tons of fun arts and crafts related to the winter months like handprint and footprint art and making hand made Christmas gifts for our families! We also will be doing a lot of sensory winter activities that we are really excited about! Make sure you check out the pictures when we put them on the door!

We have 2 big kids getting ready to move up to the one year old room after this month! Riley and Lily are going to do great in the Piglet Room! They are definitely ready to be big kids!

Don't forget with the holiday season coming up to let us know if your child will not be in school so we can plan accordingly!

We also want to remind you all that with colds and flus going around, it is important that you wash your child's hands and your own when arriving in the morning as well your hands when you are picking up. It will really help eliminate the germs floating around for our Bees!

Miss Baillie, Miss Katlyn,  
& Miss Georgia.

# PIGLET CORNER



Welcome to December Piglet Families! We are very excited to get into the holiday season. Between arts and crafts and fun activities our Piglets are going to be busy. We are sad to say goodbye to two of our Piglets, Sofia, and Emma as they move to the Monkey room and are excited to welcome Riley and Lily! As always please make sure your child has appropriate clothes for the weather as we do go outside as long as there are no extreme temperatures. Also each child does need to have a pair of hard sole shoes to go outside. We go outside when the ground is wet and snowy so it is very important that they have appropriate shoes. We hope that you got a chance to check out the Festival of Trees. The Piglet ornaments were the "hearts will be glowing". They worked very hard and we are so proud of how the entire tree turned out. Thank you for all your cooperation and we hope you have a great holiday season!  
Deb, Ellie, and Brandy

## December Lesson Plans

- Families
- Christmas
- New Years

# Hanging with the Monkey's

Brrrrr...Winter is officially here! Our class sure does miss our outdoor play, but we are getting by! This month has many exciting activities planned ahead for us to keep us busy indoors. We will be doing a week unit on the book "The Mitten" by Jan Brett. We will also be doing two weeks of Christmas fun. We will then end the month by doing a New Year's unit. We are excited about this month and all the things it will bring! We hope you all have a warm Holiday season!

## Reminders:

- Warm clothes, in case it is warm enough for outside play. (Mittens, hats, gloves, scarves, etc.)
- Check child's daily sheet and cubby every day to ensure better communication on your child's needs for the next day



# Take A swim with the Guppy's



A wonderful new season is upon us, and the Guppy's are excited to be learning so much. We are continuing to work on their ABC's, numbers, days of the week. This month we will be talking about the upcoming holidays. The children are excited to be talking about Santa and to find out where he lives. We will even be sending letters to Santa. By the end of the holiday season we hope to have your child singing you some special Christmas songs. We are very sad to say goodbye to our good friend Noah!

Just a warm hearted reminder that with the weather being so cold to remember to dress your children so that they will stay warm. Layers are always good.



# Butterfly time



As Thanksgiving ends, we want to thank our families for everything and also for those participating in conferences with the teachers. Our Butterflies are getting ready for Christmas as well as the New Year! Our themes for December include Bears and the letter B, two weeks of Christmas with the letters R and K, and New Years with the letter A. Just a friendly reminder to please bring snow boots, hats, and gloves. We will go outside as long as the temperature allows us to.

We also ask if your child wears boots to school, please bring an extra pair of shoes to change into. We want to wish you all a Merry Christmas! We will be having a small Christmas celebration in our room. Be on the lookout for more information to follow. Thank you again and Merry Christmas!!  
-Miss. Joelle & Miss. Kendra

# Share with the Dragonflies

November was a fun month for us learning all about Thanksgiving, and December will be exciting as well. This month we will be learning the letters Qq, Gg, Ss, Jj, and Dd. We will be practicing identifying and writing those letters and making the sound and saying a word for each. Our first theme is Teddy Bears. The week of the 1<sup>st</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup> please send a teddy bear as a sleeping buddy if possible. Our other themes this month will be Christmas and New Years.

I hope you all had a happy Thanksgiving and I'm so excited to kick off the holiday season with our Dragonflies!  
Thank you!  
Miss Heidi

