



EARLY LEARNING CENTER

St. John Fisher College

Winter

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From the Director's Desk

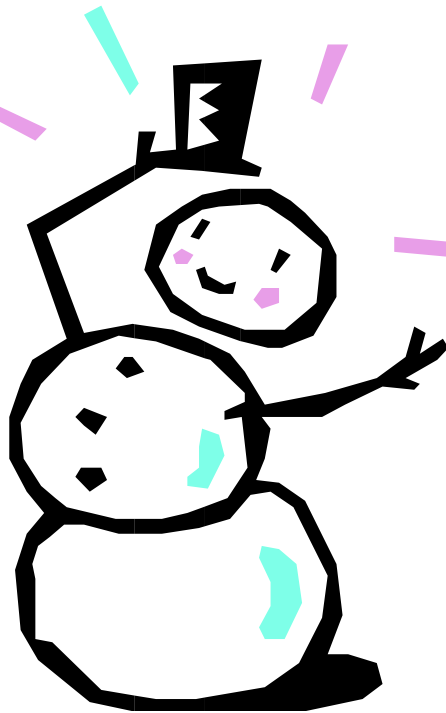
I do believe winter has finally arrived! I don't know if I am actually happy about it. I am more of a warm weather person. With our winter weather, we all do need to be prepared. Please make sure you are sending in all of that winter gear, including snow pants, boots, hat, extra mittens (not gloves, please) and extra socks. We like to step out of our boots and into a snow puddle when we come inside to change. You may even want to send in extra pants and shirts. Snow seems to creep into those snow pants and coat sleeves while we are out playing. Please make sure everything is clearly labeled (even for our school

age children).

School Age Parents, please let Amy know if your child will be attend-

ing during the February break (February 20–24). There is a sign-up on her clip board. This will help us plan for staffing and supplies. There is a tuition change for the break week. Please see Amy or me for the tuition cost.

If the weather dictates that the Early Learning Center and St. John Fisher College should close, it will be announced over the local radio and television stations. During inclement weather, please listen for the closure of St. John Fisher College. If the College is closed, then we are also closed. If the weather dictates a closure in the middle of the day, the staff will be calling you and the center will have about an hour before we are closed.



Special points of interest:

- *Extra snow clothes*
- *Sign up for February Break*
- *Listen for St. John Fisher College closures on the local radio and television stations*
- *March 1st starts Fall Enrollment*
- *Dr. Seuss' Birthday Party*

Upcoming Events

We have some exciting events coming up. March 1st is the start of fall enrollment for all ages and the Summer Enrichment enrollment for our school age program. Also in March, we are planning our annual Dr. Seuss birthday party. Please make sure you join us for this fun night. We

will have a delicious pasta dinner and top the night off with some entertainment. We are hoping to have Mike Kornrich back this year for some singing and dancing. He is always a favorite with the children. We would also like to have a book fair this winter. When we have the dates so-

lified, we will post them. Please don't miss the Dr. Seuss night. It is always talked about by the children for weeks afterwards.



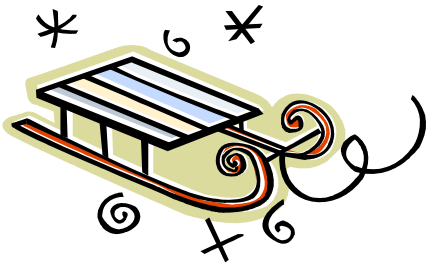
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News from the Little Kids Room

Winter has finally arrived, so now it makes a whole lot more sense for us to be snowflakes and the wind blowing snow when we can actually see it happening!! We would like to be outside making a snowman or snow angels but the weather doesn't seem to cooperate! The wind chill keeps us in.

We are trying hard to learn to put on our snow clothes by ourselves, so we need your help, even though it takes us longer, please let us do it by ourselves...because we can!! Quick reminder of how is on our January calendar. Check it out.



Thanks for all the great snacks! We really appreciate you signing up on our snack list and bringing them in. Not to mention how much we love to share them with our friends!

Our invitation to come and play, read a story, have lunch or do a project is always open. Won't you please consider it? We really like new faces. Hope to see you soon.

Love,
The Little Kids



News from the Middle Kids Room

It is hard to believe that January is coming to a close and we are about to begin February. Our school year has been flying right by!

We began our *Alphabet Chant* and *Letter of the Week* this month. The children have enjoyed shouting the chant each morning at circle time. We often hear them reciting the chant throughout the day. The class has also been very interested in recognizing words that begin with our letter of the week. They become very excited when they find our letter of the week in print. Finding letters in our environment is something you can do with your child when you are home or out and about together.

Although our center discourages bringing in toys to share from home, we LOVE when the children bring books to share from home. Books that relate to our theme of the week or our letter of the week are especially appreciated!

You will receive our class calendar and newsletter for February early next week, which is also available on the St. John Fisher College website. Please be sure to read them carefully, as we have a lot of important dates to remember next month. Not only are we planning a Valentine exchange party, but we are also planning to have a "royal ball" sometime in February. Details for both the Valentine Party and the Ball will be in our class newsletter.

Thank you again for all of your continued support of our program. We have had a wonderful first-half of our school year with your children!



News from the Big Kids Room

Winter has finally come! The children are so excited to get outside and play in the snow. Please remember to bring their snow gear everyday in a cloth bag. We can't have plastic shopping bags in our classroom.

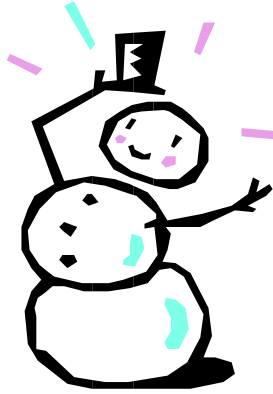
We have had some exciting units this month that the children have really enjoyed. Dinosaurs are always one of our favorites, but we have been learning about colors and penguins as well. We had a special visit from one of the professors on campus to tell us some more about the penguins that he studies. The children loved hearing his stories and seeing all of his pictures.

This month I have been really focusing on letter and sound recognition. Once they have a good handle on those I have introduce some key sight words. Everybody seems to be right on track. We also have access to the website raz-kids.com. The login is bigkids. The children have enjoyed

listening and reading stories on this site. Feel free to have the children go on this site and practice at home. A big thank you to all who contributed to getting the years subscription for our class!

February will bring more fun for our class. We will be having a valentine exchange. For those of you who are new this year, we do not address our valentines. Please just have your child print their own name on each valentine. They can decide which one they want to give to each child at school. Also please look for our party sign up the week of February 6th!

Thanks so much for every thing you do. We have really enjoyed watching your children play and grow !



News from the School Age Room

Welcome to a new year! We are very busy learning about penguins, reading *The Mitten* and other stories by Jan Brett. We will be learning about dinosaurs and whales this month as well!

Now that there is finally some snow on the ground please make sure that your child comes to SJFC with a hat, gloves, coat, snow pants and boots. We will be going outside when the temperature feels above 20 degrees! I will be taking the children sledding on the golf course as soon as there is enough snow on the ground!

Thank you so much to all the families who are signing up to bring in snacks and other things that the center needs. We really appreciate that!

I wanted to also let you know about a new website that Megan Rashid and some of the parents in the Big Kids room have

bought a subscription for this year. The site is www.raz-kids.com This website gives the children the opportunity to start reading or continue reading at their level. It is a great tool for parents and teachers to keep track of their child's reading progress. The login information is - Username: bigkids and the password is bigkids. We will be using the website here when we have our computer time and you can use this at home as well! Thank you so much to Megan Rashid and the other families for buying the subscription!



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**St. John Fisher College Early Learning Center
Mission Statement**

The St. John Fisher College Early Learning Center serves children from 18 months through 8 years of age by engaging them in developmentally appropriate programs, in a safe, nurturing, educational and child-friendly environment. The Early Learning Center meets and exceeds the licensing requirements of the Office of Children and Family Services of New York State.

The St. John Fisher College Early Learning Center provides care for the children of students and employees of the college as well as the community. The Center also functions as an educational resource and learning tool for St. John Fisher College by providing a unique opportunity for students and faculty to observe and learn from the children attending the Center.

We're on the Web!
<http://www.sjfc.edu/campus-services/childcare/>

Please remember we are a nut free facility. Please refrain from sending in any foods with nuts as an ingredient or foods which have been manufactured in a facility that may use nuts.

