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## Monthly Newsletter of Children of the Lord Daycare & Pre-School



## NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

Happy Holidays from COTL. We hope that everyone has a great holiday celebration! We will see you in the next year!

Thank you, Shelby Bott

# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

#### Happy Birthday to...

Chase and Cole who are turning 1, April and Veera who are turning 2, Addilee and Leo who are turning 3,

and

Miss Ward, Mr. Hunter and Mrs. Garcia

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## GENERAL REMINDERS

Here are a few dates to keep in your calendar:

We are closed

Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th

For Christmas Eve and Christmas!

As well as Monday, January 2nd for New Years

## DUCKLINGS

Infants 1

Wow! Where has the time gone? December is here and soon we will be greeted with Christmas and the start of a new year! But before we get carried away with all those festivities, let's look back at what November brought us.

First off, I'd like to say, "Happy birthday," to Asher, Liam G, and Charlotte! It's hard to believe they are all one now! I'd also like to extend a warm welcome to our newest baby, Ezekiel – welcome Zeke!

November was a very interesting month. Unfortunately, there was a lot of sickness going around, but I'm happy to say it looks like we are past the worst of it! Due to so many kids staying home, we were able to combine our infant rooms quite a bit this month. In addition, I was gone for a few days this month and Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Clay spent most of their time in the Duckling Room holding down the fort! Even with all the transitions, I do so enjoy getting to see how the other babies are progressing as well! Speaking of progressing, our little ones are all continuing to develop their large and fine motor skills, and I'm excited to say that one of our babies has learned to walk! Each milestone these kiddos reach is so exciting to see! We've also had a couple of our older kids really progress in eating solid foods.

Always feel free to ask us any questions – whether in person, through an email, or a note, and one other thing you could help us with is to please make sure that you label all of your child's belongings with either their name or their initials. This goes a long way in helping us keep track of what belongs to which child. Thank you again, and I hope December finds your family happy and healthy! CHICKS Infants 2

Dear Chick Families,

This last month has flown by with the infant learning to roll over, crawl, and they started to eat puree. I'm learning the infant's and day care routines and am enjoying my time working here.

I'm looking forward to watching the infants grow and learn new skills. We are excited to have Clayton join our class and have Mrs. Hansen back from maternity leave. As well as decorating the room.

I wish everyone happy holidays and am looking forward to working with all of you. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

-Mrs. Hutchison

-Miss Green & Mrs. Clay

**CRAYON TRIBUNE** 

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#### TURTLES

Toddler 1

Hi parents!

What an exciting month for all our friends in the classroom. We got to celebrate 2 birthdays, Happy birthday to Brennan and Charlotte. We also welcomed a friend from the baby room to the class. We have been doing a lot of dancing to sing along songs, learning about colors and numbers. Some of our friends will be welcoming a new sibling into their families in the next few months. So, we have been working on sharing and being nice to little babies. We are also talking about how fun it will be to be a big brother and big sister.

Our friends are so happy to go and play in the snow. Please remember to bring all their snow stuff each week and take all of it home at the end of the week. We have started planning our crafts and activities for Christmas, so stay tuned for exciting things to be sent home.

As always please do not hesitate to ask any questions.

Miss Bott, Mrs. Bundy and Miss Ward

### SNAILS

Toddler 2

#### Hi Parents!

We are in the last month of 2022! A little look back on November first. Miss Ganyo and I have been working hard on creating a consistent routine in the classroom for the children because I truly believe that kids thrive on consistency. The toddlers have exceeded my expectations and are picking up on the routine so quickly and making for really great days! We are working on new art projects to switch up some wall decorations in the room. Although we have been cooped up inside a little more we are enjoying time in the big playroom with the tunnel, balls, and all of the ride-on toys. As we wrap up the year, we will be working on Christmas crafts in the coming weeks to put around the classroom and sending some home for you as well. Hopefully we will get outside more as long as the weather cooperates, so please remember to keep bringing all of your children's snow gear. If we can't get outside we are going to be getting creative in the classroom with activities to get all of the built up energy out. Right now dance is the favorite activity to get the wiggles out! I want to say one more thank you to everyone for being so welcoming! I have only been at COTL for two months and have really loved getting to know these children and building relationships with them,

parents, and staff. I am looking forward to all of the fun December will bring and welcoming in 2023!

- Mrs. Lueck and Miss Ganyo



## TREE FROGS 2's

Hello!

I hope everyone had a fantastic Thanksgiving! The Tree Frogs have been enjoying going outside as much as possible each day! Please continue to bring hats, mittens, winter coats, snow pants and winter boots on Monday each week and take all the gear home each Friday so we can clean the hallway; we are hoping for lots of snow to play in soon :) The month of November has had a lot of fun themes; 2 weeks of colors with dressing up, a week of Thanksgiving, and a week of woodland animals. During the past month there have been art projects, learning our colors, and fun times playing in the classroom stations.

This next month we will be talking about fun new themes and celebrating Christmas and New Year's. Thank you everyone for entrusting COTL with the care of your children, it is an honor to do so!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year's,

Mrs. Hunter, Miss McLaurin, & Miss Roths

TIGERS

3's

Hello from the Tiger room,

We have had a wonderful month. We really enjoyed colors week. It was fun seeing the children in all the different colors. We also learned about mixing colors to make other colors. We have been focusing on identifying our feelings. We have a feelings chart we do in the morning. It is hanging on our classroom door if you want to see it. We also did our thankful tree which is hanging up in the classroom. It was so enjoyable hearing what each child is thankful for.

This next month we are going to continue identifying our feelings and learning how to express them in a healthy manner. We are excited to do some winter/Christmas theme crafts.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and am so thankful for you.

Mrs. Garcia





## PENGUINS

### 4-5's Hello Penguin Parents!

This year has been such a wonderful and challenging year with all of its ups and downs, although I have not been the penguin teacher the whole year it has been such a pleasure to watch all your kiddos grow and learn the last six months.

They have all learned so much from how letters sound to we are learning about new shapes. They have impressed me so much with how well they have been able to grasp the subjects and some of the questions that they ask about certain subjects that we are learning about throughout the weeks.

For example, we have been very interested in remembering and learning the difference between a pentagon, octagon, and hexagon. They are blowing me away with how they are constantly showing me things that are these shapes and saying things like "is this a pentagon or octagon" to which I get to help them count the sides and work with them on how to figure out what shape it is.

We have also put a large emphasis on being able to do things on our own, such as putting our chairs away, cleaning up our own messes from meals, putting on our snow gear, and many other things. The penguins have taken such personal responsibility on not only in these areas but so many other. They have improved so much in using their words and trying to figure out their emotions and why they are feeling certain ways, they have amazed me when they remove themselves from a situation and say, "I just need a break." We will continue to work on all these things as well as all the wonderful thing that we will get to learn about in the coming months with our letters, numbers, shapes, and colors. We do have our rough days, but we have more good days then rough ones.

We have made some great memories this year and I look forward to all the learning and memories we will have in 2023!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mrs. Culligan