



January 2016 Newsletter

Chatham School House

Director's Corner

As we welcome 2016 with open arms I hope everyone had a fantastic Holiday season with their friends and family!



January has been a busy month! Earlier in the month, we had a New Year's Toast with our school house parents. It was a lovely evening to catch up and socialize with other families. Tomorrow we will be having a museum field trip to the Imagine That museum in Florham Park. We are looking forward to a great time!

In our journey to become accredited by Grow NJ Kids and NECPA, we are making great strides and advancing in the necessary requirements and

paperwork. One of our policies that we have expanded on is our Nutrition Policy. The policy has been posted onto our website and you can [click here](#) to read in further detail.

I would also like to welcome Kaylee and her family to our School House. We are delighted to have Kaylee join our Infants Classroom.

In the new year, we are continuing our weekly enrichment classes of yoga and music. In yoga, Miss Christine designs each yoga class to match the school house theme. Through movement, mindfulness, breathing and games, the children use creative movement to further learn the day's curriculum. Simply by getting students out of their seats, encourages new levels of self-discovery and self-expression. And by letting students experience the curriculum through their bodies, helps them make deeper emotional, interpersonal, and kinesthetic connections to the curriculum.

In music, Big Jeff continues to rock the school house! He is a fantastic musician and keeps the children engaged, clapping, dancing and smiling from ear to ear. And, the teachers too! Developing a child's natural musicality will open the door to a world of possibility, not only for music learning but for all learning.

Please be sure to check the Reminders section, as well as, the social media sites at the bottom of the newsletter to post online reviews. We are always grateful for your time and kind words.

We look forward to a happy and healthy year!

~ Miss Rima

In Our Infant Room

Our infants are growing each and every day and continue to accomplish new goals! Most of the babies are developing their walking skills early and we are thrilled and so proud to have Taylor begin taking steps! Rooney, Brendan and Brody are also getting ready to become walkers, too!

We have a new Baby Einstein Jumper and is filled with lots of music, animals,



and activities. The infants love it! This month the children explored their creativity by painting Penguin footprints and had fun playing with snow. Snow play is a great sensory play that helps develop and refine the use of their senses.

We are always grateful for our teachers and are fortunate to have Spanish speaking teachers to help introduce a second language to the children. Research shows that exposing a child to a second language while young allows him or her to optimize their learning potential, helping to shape the brain at its most flexible stage.

In Our Toddler Room

In the month of January, the toddlers are making tremendous achievements at potty training. We are very proud to recognize that our toddlers are developing such skills, and are so excited to learn more each and every day.

Aside from potty training, the toddlers have shown an admirable interest during our Senses Week! They loved learning about their 5 senses.; the new songs, and the finger plays really help making it easier to understand, and still have fun when learning about their senses.

During daily circle time, Miss Eileen introduces the toddlers to French, Spanish, and Sign Language. At this age, it is very important to acquire a new language, and the children really enjoy it! We also had fun playing with REAL snow inside!

We made penguins out of our footprints, what fun! As well, as decorated mittens with glitter and shapes.



In Our Preschool Classroom

January has been a very fun month for Preschool! We welcomed in the New year 2016! We learned about penguins, the colors black and white, and made hand print penguins! We learned about our 5 senses, and about our eyes, ears, noses, mouths and hands! It was interesting to learn about hot and cold. For the number six, we learned about hexagons! We saw a picture of the planet Saturn. It has a North Pole Hexagon! We learned the letters Q (for queen), R (for rainbow), and S (for snowman). We learned many new songs and poems this month including "The Hexagon Song", "My Eyes", "The Five Senses song", "Row, Row, Row Your Boat", "Please Porridge Hot", "Where Is Thumbkin?", "Open Shut Them", and "S is For Snowman". We are looking forward to our museum trip!



Happy Birthday!

- Liam turned 4 on January 19th
- Thomas turned 3 on January 28th



Reminders

- We will be *CLOSED* on February 15th in observance of President's Day



Milestones

- We would like to congratulate Liam for transitioning into our 4 year old Pre -K classroom. It is our new classroom upstairs that will be taught By Miss Eileen. Liam will be joined by several of his friends that are close to turning 4, as well. Pre-K and Preschool children will be together during circle time and special events, but will separate during age appropriate activities.



WE ARE SO PROUD OF ORGANIZING AND CREATING OUR PRE-K CLASSROOM!!



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