

# DECEMBER



One of a Kind Progressive Early Education

2015

Wow, how the time flies! Can you believe another month is gone and it is almost a new year? I would like to thank all of the OOK families and the OOK staff for making this year so WONDERFUL. There are a number of reminders and events this month so please read carefully and let me know if you have any questions.

OOK will be closed for the Holidays from December 24th until January 3rd. We will return to our regular schedule on Monday, January 4, 2015. There are a number of staff that are interested in babysitting over holiday break, so if you are looking for a sitter while we are closed I can give you their contact information.

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone that came to the Potluck Thanksgiving Feast. We had a great turnout. All of the food was delicious and I really enjoyed the variety of side dishes. I enjoyed seeing so many parents and other family members enjoying Thanksgiving lunch with their children. We are all so blessed to have such wonderful family and friends in our lives.

I would also like to thank all of the parents who participated in the Butter Braids Fundraiser. I know fundraising can be stressful especially at this time of year so I really appreciate those parents who took the time to reach out to their family and friends to raise money for the school, we raised almost \$300!

The staff here at OOK have requested to adopt a family in need for the Christmas Holiday. The Classroom Teachers are going to involve their children in this process to show them the importance in giving especially to those in need. The family we have chosen is a couple with one young daughter, who both work hard but have come upon some hard times due to several reasons. Hopefully with our assistance we can make this an even more wonderful holiday for them.

Reminder OOK follows the Lawrence Public School's Inclement Weather Policy. If the weather conditions call for the Lawrence Public School's to be closed, then OOK will be closed also! Please watch local television stations or listen to the local radio stations for all area closings and if it is announced that USD 497 Lawrence Public Schools are closed due to severe weather OOK will be closed. If you have any questions regarding this please feel free to ask.

The Lead Teacher in each classroom will be posting a Classroom Wish List outside of their classroom door if you would like to purchase or donate something for your child's classroom please feel free to use the list as a guide. Also, if you would be interested in being on the board, donating some time to the center, or helping with OOK events, please let me know!

Please be safe and have a wonderful Holiday season. As always, let me know if you need anything and remember my door is always open!

If you have not switched out your child's summer clothes for winter clothes please do so. It is a Kansas Department of Health Environment (KDHE) that each child have two complete sets of clothes (2 pants, 2 shirts and 2 undergarments) so parents please check your child's cubby for weather appropriate clothing. All children also need to have a winter coat, hat and gloves labeled with their name because the classrooms will be going outside as long as there is not active precipitation or a weather advisory.

**Don't forget OOK will be closed Dec. 24 – Jan. 3, opening again on Jan. 4. The Pre-K Holiday Program is Dec. 16!**

**Thanks,**  
Shanna

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From the Parent Board of Directors:

Greetings, all! The Board of Directors would like to extend a big thank-you to Keri Prichard, Sheriece Sadberry, Matthew Lawrence, Justin Palmer, Pat Collins, Billie Beerbower, and Shanna Steadham for volunteering their time on November 14<sup>th</sup> to help with OOK maintenance and cleaning needs. We also had a large group of fraternity members from KU come help at OOK that day. We appreciate the help of these volunteers so much because we depend on parents and community volunteers to keep the center running.

We still have a list of repairs that need to be completed. Some maintenance needs have to be addressed before February. If you are willing to help, please let Shanna, Ashley (ashley@palmerville.com), or Meghan (meghanspreer@gmail.com) know. We can share the maintenance list with you and discuss the needs in more detail.

## Reminders:

Tuition is due on the first of each month and is considered late after the fifth. Late payments put our center in a precarious position when it comes to paying our staff and our bills. We appreciate your cooperation with this policy.

Winter is upon us. The Board wants to remind families that One of a Kind will follow the Lawrence Public School's (USD 497) decision to be closed due to Severe Winter Weather. Therefore, if USD 497 School District cancels school, One of a Kind will also be closed. One of a Kind will not follow USD 497 Late Start Mornings *due to Frigid Temperatures*. If the School District decides to start Public School 2 hours later, One of a Kind will open at the normal time (7:00 a.m.).

The Parent Board of Directors and Administrative Staff have the right to deviate from this policy if they feel it is necessary. If the Board/Administrators decide that One of a Kind will be open despite the School District being closed the information will be posted on Facebook and a group email will be sent out.

Thank you!

The Parent Board  
Ashley Palmer  
Meghan Spreer  
Matthew Lawrence  
Kristel Stang  
Stacie and Demetrius Daniels  
Sabrena Gonzalez  
Cindy Lutz

# NOTES CLASSROOM

Infant 1

December 2015

## Infant 1

### Week 1

Art: Handprint Mittens  
Activity: Babbling with baby

### Week 2

Art: Footprint Candy Cane  
Activity: Mirror Face

### Week 3

Art: Handprint Snowmen  
Activity: Describing Emotions

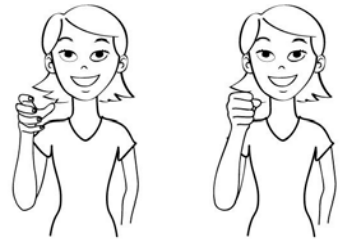
### Week 4

Art: Footprint Reindeer  
Activity: Hold it Tight

### Christmas Wish List:

- Family Photos
- Card Stock
- Lamination Paper
- Label Maker

Sign of the month: Milk



Welcome Luke,  
Jackson and Hazel!

### My Teachers

Ms. Isabella  
(Lead)  
Ms. Alexes  
Miss. Sarah  
Miss. Shelsea

# NOTES *from the* CLASSROOM

Infant 2

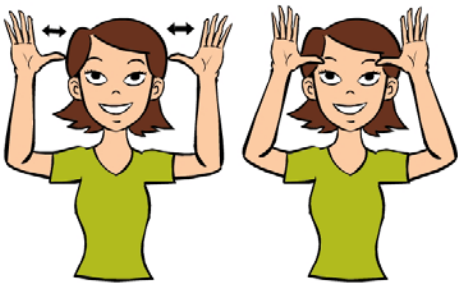
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## Infant 2

**THEME: 25 days of Christmas**

American Sign Language Learning:

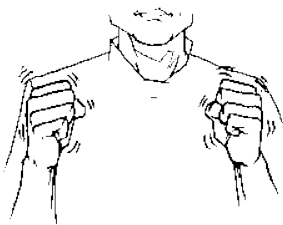
Reindeer



please



Cold



Snow



**Welcome  
Bailey-Mae and  
Goodbye Arlo  
have fun in T1!**

Our Classroom Needs  
Contact Paper, Colored  
Felt, Card Stock,  
Washable Finger Paint,  
Washable Stamp Pads,  
and Chalkboard Markers.  
Thanks!

### My Teachers

Mrs. Heather (Lead)  
Ms. Mindy  
Ms. Chamisa  
Ms. Rochelly

# NOTES CLASSROOM

Toddler 1

December 2015

## Toddler 1

**Themes of the month:** The Holidays

**Colors of the month:** Gold, Silver, Green, White

**Shapes of the month:** Circles, Trees, Bells, Stars

**Area of Focus:** Emotions and Well-Being

We are going to focus on vocabulary used to recognize emotions. Words like: excited, sad, happy, frustrated, and angry will be discussed. We will also talk about “personal space” as a way to void conflict, and breathing to control emotions. Please try to use these vocabulary words when your discussing emotions with your children at home!

Reminder: We will be closed December 24 – Jan. 3 and reopen Monday, Jan. 4!

**Wish List: Lullaby CD's (copies are great!). Boogie Wipes, Decorative Ribbons, and Holiday Cookie Cutters.**

If you haven't already, please make sure to bring winter clothes: hats, gloves or mittens, and a winter coat. Please label everything!

### My Teachers

Ms. Kasey  
(Lead)  
Ms. Cassidy  
Ms. Chamisa  
Ms. Nikki  
Ms. Sydney M.

# NOTES CLASSROOM

Toddler 2

December 2015

## Toddler 2

**In December our theme is winter & Christmas.**

**Colors:** Red, Green, Blue, Silver

**Letters:** C-D-E

**Shapes:** Circle (snowman)

Thank you for the delicious food you brought to our Thanksgiving feast. We really enjoyed it and getting together with the parents. Can't wait for next year!

On to Christmas! This month is going to be so much fun! We will be decorating cookies, making popsicle reindeer, and marshmallow snowman ornaments. We will be making an ABC advent calendar. As for games we will be making our own seasonal games – bowling snowmen and sling pompoms.

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### My Teachers

**Ms. Pat (Lead)**

**Ms. Colbi**

**Ms. Cassi**

**Ms. Alyssa**

**Ms. Nikki**

# NOTES CLASSROOM

Preschool

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## Preschool

**Greetings!** This month we will enjoy fun lessons and activities about the Winter Season and Christmas Holiday. Most of our time will be spent getting in to the holiday spirit and talking about Christmas: families, giving, and special Christmas traditions. We will be preparing special holiday songs for you and we will perform then at our Christmas Program – details to follow.

**Dramatic Play:** Santa's Workshop/Toy Shop with Gift Wrap

**Science:** Zoology and Hibernation. We will discuss what happens to certain animals during the winter season.

### Special Days this month:

Dec. 3: Gingerbread Cookie Day

Dec. 9: Opposite Day, wear your clothes backwards

We will be closed for Winter Break Thursday, Dec. 24 – and reopen Monday, Jan. 4. Happy Holidays!

**Themes:**  
**Christmas**  
**Hibernation**  
**Gingerbread Man**

**Show & Tell –  
FRIDAY ONLY!**  
**Week 1 – Letter G**  
**Week 2 – Letter O**  
**Week 3 – Letter J**

## My Teachers

**Ms. Megan (Lead)**  
**Ms. Sofie**  
**Ms. Christina**  
**Ms. Colleen**  
**Ms. Alyssa**

# NOTES CLASSROOM

Pre-Kindergarten

December 2015

## Pre-K

Special Days this month:

Dec. 3 – Decorate Gingerbread Man

Dec. 9 – Opposite Day, wear your clothes backwards or PJs to school

Dec. 16 – Christmas Party and Program

Dec. 24 – Jan 3 – Closed for Winter Break

Collect and Count is the new element added to our calendar this month. It provides the children with an opportunity to collect a number of objects equal to the date on the calendar. There is also a new Let's Sort activity that we will do on Tuesdays, in which the class gets to handle, describe and sort the objects used in Collect and Count.

We will examine the changes that take place in animals from autumn to winter and talk about hibernation.

We will talk about the social studies standard goods and services. We will talk about why people have jobs and the different jobs they do. We will talk about the difference between works who make goods and those who provide services. We will then talk about people whose jobs keep them especially busy during the holidays.

We will be reading several versions of the gingerbread man and decorating cookies!

**Themes:**  
**Christmas**  
**Hibernation**  
**Gingerbread**  
**Man**

**Show & Tell/  
Animated Literacy**  
**Dec. 7: Letter G**  
**Dec. 14: Letter O**  
**Dec. 21: Letter J**

## My Teachers

**Ms. Christy  
(Lead)**

**Ms. Carrie**  
**Ms. Colleen**  
**Ms. Colbi**  
**Mr. Conner**