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CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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January 2012 Parent Connect

Happy Birthday

Micah P.	1st
Lane D.	4th
Kayley I.	8th
Kyrsten B.	8th
Ava Q.	11th
Skyler J.	13th
Brailyn I.	15th
Lillie L.	16th
Ashton K.	17th
Hannah I.	25th
Riley I.	25th
Bailey S.	27th



THE HISTORY OF THE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION!

The celebration of the new year is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago. In the years around 2000 BC, the Babylonian New Year began with the first New Moon (actually the first visible crescent) after the Vernal Equinox (first day of spring).



The beginning of spring is a logical time to start a new year. After all, it is the season of rebirth, of planting new crops, and of blossoming. January 1, on the other hand, has no astronomical nor agricultural significance. It is purely arbitrary.



The Babylonian new year celebration lasted for eleven days. Each day had its own particular mode of celebration, but it is safe to say that modern New Year's Eve festivities pale in

Interesting January Facts

Most of the world uses the Georgian calendar, which has January as the first month of the year. It is named for Janus, a Roman god. Roman legend has it that the ruler Numa Pompilius added January and February to the end of the 10-month Roman calendar in about 700 B.C. Pompilius gave the month 30 days. Romans later made January the first month. In 46 B.C., the Roman statesman Julius Caesar added a day to January, making it 31 days long. The Anglo-Saxons called the first month Wolf month because wolves came into the villages in winter in search of food.



In the northern half of the world, January is the coldest month. Nature is quiet and the birds travel less. The woodchucks and bears sleep day and night, in hibernation. The plants are resting, waiting for the warmer temperatures of the Spring. In the southern half of the world, January is the warmest month. Animals are very active, and plants are growing.

Calendar:

- January 3:**
Return to School
- January 16:**
No School
(Rowan-Salisbury)
- January 23:**
No School
(Rowan-Salisbury)



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From the desk of the Leadership Team

As we approach the winter and the extreme cold, please make sure that your children have coats, hats, gloves, and scarves with their name on each item.. Also, with colds and sickness going around, please continue to wash your child's hands before entering in to the classroom. We also recommend that you have them practice this at home to cut down on germs and prevent you from missing work or school.

Happy New Year!

Emilie Scharf

Visit us online @ www.cornerstonecdc.com for our calendar of events, weather closings, photo gallery & more!

Infants

This month we will have some winter fun as we work on our gross motor skills and language skills. Please donate any old magazines you have available. Thanks!

Ms. Hollie



Pre-Toddler

This month we will focus on our bodies and personal care skills. We will count our fingers and toes, compare eye color with our classmates, and measure our height. We will also focus on washing our hands, brushing our teeth, and combing our hair. We will have a special water activity so please make sure your child has an extra change of clothes!

Thanks,
Ms. Erika

2/3 's

Happy New Year! This month we will learn about New Years in the US as well as in China. We will also learn how to use chopsticks and make dragons! We have several winter activities planned such as creating colorful snowflakes! In addition, we will talk about our pets and animals, so if you have "pet supplies" you can let us borrow, we would appreciate it!

Thanks,
Ms. Keisha and Ms. Sarah

Pre-K

This month we will work on being the best we can be. We will learn that we are caring and capable and how not to give up! We will begin to learn our letter sounds through Zoo Phonics with our friends Allie Alligator, Bubba Bear, Catina Cat, and Deedee Deer. We will also be doing special activities to reinforce letter sounds as we learn them.

Ms. Mindi

School Age

Happy New Year! We are going to reuse and recreate this month! Please donate any plastic bottles and jars with screw on lids, shoe boxes, and cereal boxes. We will also make a special project with pine cones! Thanks!

Mrs. Samantha and Ms. Danielle

