

IMPORTANT DATES

November 12th—
Infant/Toddler
Information Night

November 19th—
Birthday Lunch

November 20th—
Book Club Meet-
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November 27th-
28th Closed for
Thanksgiving



Heidi's House

child care center

November Newsletter

NAEYC Surveys

We have the results of our NAEYC surveys. This is an important part of maintaining our high level of service. The results are attached in this email.

Parking lot

You will have seen that the parking lot has changed. The area closest to the Toddler playground is now 2 cars deep. This is adds a



few extra spots to counter the piles of snow we are expecting. We will have teachers park in the back and feel free to pull in behind them.

Holiday plans

We would love to know in advance if you are planning not to attend some days around the holidays. This can help us plan staff vacation time. There will be a Thanksgiving week calendar in your child's classroom for you to mark the days with a yes or no.

Fundraising

We try to do charitable work to help our community here, one of our most regular is our parents night out. At our last parents night out in October we raised \$650 and donated \$1000 to a Heidi's House family in need.

Stuff the Bus

You will see a box in or just outside of your child's classroom to collect non perishable food items for Preble Street food pantry through Stuff the Bus food drive with Rewind 100.9FM.



This is a great event to open the discussion about people less fortunate than ourselves and for the children to learn about giving. If you would like to know more about this or to see a list of the most needed items you can visit the [Preble street website](#).

Icy weather

We have had a couple of mornings with ice on the playgrounds already. It is important that the children are wearing hats, mittens, winter coats and suitable footwear for this. We really try to incorporate a lot of outside time for the children even through the winter.

We count on you to bring in plenty of layers and outerwear. We advocate for easy pull on boots, one piece snow suits, hats with Velcro closure. Don't forget to label everything. You can't imagine how many duplicates we will have within each group. The one piece snow suits is easier for the children to get into and prevents drafts when playing hard in the snow.

Immunization records

We need to have up to date immunization records on file for every child here. If your child has had any immunizations and you have not given us a copy of the record please bring it in and we can make a copy of it for your child's file or have your pediatrician fax it to us at (207)883-8976.

Storm Closing

Storm closing is something we take very serious. We make every effort to stay



open to allow our families to get to work. However there are occasions when we have to close for the day or close early. In this event you will find the announcement on [WCSH6 Storm Center](#).

We will also notify you by text message. This is contingent on us having your correct cell phone number and provider so we can route the text cor-

rectly. You will be asked by your child's classroom teacher to verify this information so we can get the it up to date.

We will be doing a test run of our system before the winter weather arrives but we will inform you of that beforehand.

Of course you can always call the center

New Teachers

As you have probably noticed the center is filling up and we have hired some wonderful new teachers for all the wonderful new children.

Sara Downes is joining Megan in the Toddler room. She comes to us with a decade of experience in Early childhood education.

Jessica Sloper has joined our Infant team part-time. She is a Nurse Practitioner and mother of 3 children here at Heidi's House.

Cindy McLaughlin is working in our Infant/Toddler programs part-time. She comes to us with an education degree and decades of experience in early childhood educa-

tion.

We are so happy to have them on board. If you haven't already met them be sure to stop by and introduce yourself.

We are still looking for an Infant teacher, If you know of anybody please have them email Heidi their resume and cover letter.

Donations

We often need items here that you may be getting rid of at home. Our classrooms will sometimes post items on their boards that they need for their room.

Here is a list of some things we are looking for at the moment:

- Working Cameras
- Crib sheets
- Pack 'n' Play
- Hats
- Mittens
- Sweaters
- Underwear

Book Club

Our first meeting for the book club to discuss [What not to say](#) will be on November 20th at 5:30pm here at Heidi's House. This short book is a quick read so it's not too late to start then come join Heidi and Josephine for a fun conversation about it.