



January Birthdays

Lucy Boyers,
Mason Desilles,
Theodore Glenn,
Javen Ironside,
Laila Jarrett, Zachary Kelly,
Allison Laffler, Luke Lapointe,
Nathan Laws, Jeffrey Lynch,
Ryan McGinty, Anthony Rametta,
Ryan Schumacher,
Hannah Small, Jason Vizzari,
Miss Sandee



HAPPY NEW YEAR & WELCOME BACK to all students, parents, and staff who were gone over the holidays. We

hope you are rested and ready to get started on a new year!

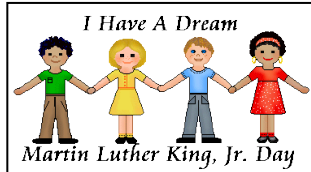
PROGRESS REPORTS and TEACHER CONFERENCES will begin for all children starting in January. Your child's teacher(s) will use her KEEP IN TOUCH and post a SIGN UP SHEET to inform you of dates and times available. This advance notice should help you with planning your meeting time. **ONCE YOU MAKE AN APPOINTMENT**, please mark your calendar to insure that you do not miss it. If you become **UNABLE TO MEET**, please **CALL KIDS' STUFF A.S.A.P.** Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.



We are now **ACCEPTING REGISTRATION** for the **KIDS' STUFF PRIVATE KINDERGARTEN** program for the 2012-2013 school year. An informational meeting will be held late January (date and time TBA) for parents who would like to know more about the program. Childcare for the meeting **WILL BE PROVIDED**. We will accept registration at the meeting or see Cheryl in the front office. If you need more specific information, please see Jackie Genovese.

January 2012

2nd: KIDS' STUFF CLOSED
3rd -9th: CHILDCARE DAYS (Winter Break). No Public School, Preschool, or KS KDG. Lunch & drink needed.
10th: Resume regular schedule



16th: CHILDCARE DAY - Martin Luther King Jr. Day. No Preschool, Kids' Stuff Kindergarten or Public School. Lunch box & drink needed.
27th: Spirit Day - wear red, white & blue

February 2012

3rd: Timeless Tales Theater presents: "The Frog Prince"
14th: Valentine's Day! Classroom Celebrations
20th: CHILDCARE DAY - President's Day. No public school, preschool, or Kids' Stuff Kindergarten. Lunch box & drink needed.
24th: Spirit Day - wear red, white & blue



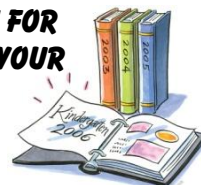
*Did you forget if it was a childcare day and wondered if you needed to pack a lunchbox?
*Did you forget what was on the menu for lunch?
*Do you need to know the letter of the week for share day?

Then check out:
kidsstufftlc.com

Our website has a school calendar, menu, weekly Keep-in-Touch, upcoming events, important news and reminders.



PRE-SALE FOR THE KIDS' STUFF YEAR BOOK WILL BEGIN IN JANUARY. COST \$20!
BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AN ORDER FORM IN YOUR CHILD'S FOLDER!



We are sorry to say farewell to Miss Sheila who taught at Kids' Stuff for 14 years! She is leaving for her final internship with FSU to teach seeing impaired children. Miss Michelle from our afternoon school age program will be taking over the enrichment classes for our younger friends. We are also saying farewell to Miss Sara who taught in Room 1 in the afternoon. Miss Sara is leaving to pursue a job in her chosen medical field. Miss Denise H. is the morning assistant teacher in room 1 and will now continue to work through the afternoon.

The Pre-K Team collected \$2146.42 in Nov. & Dec. for "Cares for Kids" and purchased toys for the Dade City Farm Workers! We truly thank all the families that donated!



RE-REGISTRATION DATES for CURRENT KIDS' STUFF CHILDREN

(ages 18 months - 5th grade) will be

Jan. 30 - Feb. 10, 2012

Children are registered on a first come-first serve basis. **ALL CURRENT KIDS' STUFF CHILDREN MUST RE-REGISTER** in order to **SECURE A SPACE** in our 2012 **SUMMER CAMP** and/or 2012 **FALL PRESCHOOL CLASSES** and **SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAM**

ENROLLMENT FOR FIRST TIME KIDS' STUFF STUDENTS for Summer and/or Fall of 2012 will begin **February 21, 2012**

Please update emergency cards!

Parents, please remember to update your work phone number, work name, and any address changes since the start of school. It is extremely important that we have current information on hand.

COOLER WEATHER

Please remember to supply your child with a jacket on colder days.

ALL CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE THEIR NAME IN THEIR JACKETS.

Please remember "extra" change of clothes kept at school for emergencies should also be updated with long pants and long sleeved shirts.

Payment Reminders

Payment for the current week is due by Wednesday evening. All payments received after that date will be charged a \$10 late fee. Kids' Stuff policy: all accounts more than two weeks behind are subject to withdrawal. *Reminder: Kids' Stuff does accept debit and credit card payments. **Starting Feb. 1: Debit cards will be assessed a \$1 per transaction fee and credit cards are assessed a fee based on the transaction amount (\$1 per \$100).**

THE WINTER CONCERT: The Candy Cane Café

December 16th was a big success!

Great job Miss Chris for making a "star" out of each and every child. Much thanks to:

- ❖ Don & Evan Sizemore for working the sound system
- ❖ Miss Judy's class for helping Miss Chris create the stage decorations
- ❖ Miss Jackie for helping to hang stage decorations and assisting the rehearsal
- ❖ Miss Cheryl, Miss Cindy, & Miss Denise, for helping at the concert
- ❖ All the classroom teachers and assistants for their continued hard work and dedication to the Kids' Stuff program
- ❖ Pine View Elementary School for the use of their facility and equipment.

Please remember to pick up your pre-ordered DVD of the concert in the front office if you have not done so yet!



Chinese New Year 2012:

January 23rd, Year of the Dragon.

For many people, Chinese New Year is the longest and most important celebration of the year. It is a time of celebration, dancing dragons, eating special foods, cleaning and decorating the house and streets with Chinese lanterns, giving gifts, fireworks, and getting ready for the coming year. It's a very colorful and joyous event. The Chinese calendar is based on the lunar year, so the date of the Chinese New Year changes every year.

Here is a fun paper lantern craft for kids to decorate your home for Chinese New Year.

What you'll need:

construction paper , scissors , tape, stapler, ruler, pencil, glue, (glitter & sequins if desired to decorate your lantern)



How to make it:

Use your ruler to measure and cut one inch off the short end of your paper. Set aside to use as the handle. Fold your paper in half lengthwise. Draw a line one inch from the end of the long edge of the paper opposite the folded edge. This will be the line where you *stop* cutting.

1. Measure and mark lines one inch apart starting at the folded edge and moving towards the "stop cutting" line. (see photo)
2. Cut on the marked lines up to the "stop cutting" line.
3. Unfold the paper.
4. Re-crease the paper in the opposite direction. This will hide any pencil marks.
5. Match the long edges together on the lantern and use tape to hold it in place.
6. Staple the handle to the top of the lantern. (see photo)
7. Make as many lanterns as you wish and display them around your home.
8. If you wish, add glue, glitter, sequins or other things to decorate your lanterns.

