



Foresight Learning Center News

December 2023

DEAR PARENTS,

December is already here and the excitement of the holiday season has begun! We are looking forward to the activities and events that make this time of the year so special. We will travel around the world and discover "Small World Celebrations". This will include Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Las Posadas, and Christmas. We will explore the similarities and the differences of these cultural celebrations. This will give us an opportunity to appreciate the diversity of our world, its people, and the universal spirit of giving.

We will also travel around the solar system, to the moon, to the sun, and visit a few stars. Astronomy is always a great adventure to children. It involves many interesting activities and explorations for hands-on learning!

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Annual Holiday Open House Event:

Friday, Dec. 1st 5:00-7:00 ish p.m.

****NOTE:** *This has changed from having 2 sessions due to low numbers and the prediction of poor weather.*

Join us for our holiday open house! Enjoy great food, gift projects, holiday music, and a visit from a special guest (Ho-Ho-Ho)! We ask each family to bring a toy for a girl or boy to donate to Santa (See newsletter for details). We know the Holiday season is very busy, so this is a true "open house" style party. Please feel free to come and go anytime between 5:00 and 7:00. We will post a sign-up sheet for you to RSVP with the number of people attending and the food dish you

would like to share. Please bring any serving items you will need to serve your dish. **Label your item if it contains (or could) any nuts or nut products.**

Also, please take your dish/serving utensils home with you.

We hope everyone can attend this special occasion!!! It is such a great time to meet other families and kick off the holiday season! We look forward to a very special evening!!

Holiday Break:

FLC will be closed Thursday, Dec. 21st - Monday, January 1, 2024. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. We hope you and your family have a very joyful "healthy" holiday filled with family and friends!

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*** Foresight Toy/Book Donation:**

We will be asking everyone to please bring an unwrapped toy/book (\$5.00 to \$15.00) for a girl or boy November 28 through December 13th. We will deliver to the Northern Arizona Law Enforcement Drive and they will deliver them to SANTA!!!

Winter Bugs-YUK!

We are doing our best to keep everyone extra-healthy this season! We are spending extra hours cleaning/ sanitizing **EVERYTHING**; we are taking children's temperatures, and have been monitoring sickness very carefully. We appreciate your attention towards this matter and welcome any suggestions to make this a BUG-FREE environment. We follow the state requirements and CDC guidelines regarding ANY illness, but it is very

important for us to get any medical information regarding doctor visits/illness. Our goal is always in the best interest of your child and the health of our school.

Setting Expectations:

We hear over and over from parents, "They clean up here!? They don't at home." Understandably, the structure of home is very different than the structure at school. However, raising expectations of what young children can do greatly impacts their independence and self-confidence. At school, students are *expected* to take responsibility for classroom maintenance (and many other tasks) and they are very successful at managing this. Having high expectations in all areas helps children (and parents) learn what they are truly capable of. Please help support teachers and staff by establishing reasonable yet challenging expectations in your child's daily routine.

Winter Clothing & Cubby-Crazy:

Please make sure your child brings the appropriate clothing (**labeled with name**) to stay warm while outdoors. Fresh air actually is proven to keep us healthy and does not contribute to illness. Also, please be sure you have all personal items daily - we do our best to gather all belongings, but we need help noticing if anything is missing.

Snow days:

We will be closed due to weather/snow conditions if FUSD is closed. If they are on a delayed schedule, we will be open at our normal time (7:30 am). Listen to local radio and TV or check the FUSD website for school closures due to snow.

We will post snow closures on, Facebook, Instagram, our website calendar and KNAU.

Lunch & Snack Note:

Please be sure your child has enough food, because we have very limited snacks on hand and would prefer not to call you way from your busy day to bring your child more food.

Tuition rates:

Most of you probably know that the minimum wage in FLAGSTAFF will be increasing to \$17.40 January 1, 2024. We will notify you immediately if there will be a tuition increase in the upcoming months after our accountant evaluates the financial impact of another 4% increase to minimum wage workers (and all other teachers). Please know we will do our best to keep tuition where it is for the remainder of the school year, but if an increase is necessary, it will be the absolute minimal amount needed. Thank you for your support and understanding of our (and most small Flagstaff businesses) difficult situation in regards to something we have no control of, nor see any ending date to this voted- in law.

Thank you very much!!

****All the generous donations to the canned food drive!!**

Peace and Love-

*Beth, Kori, Mykaela, Jena, Ellie, Angie,
Morghan, Jess, Sam & Lisa*

