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Happy New Year!

Happy new year and welcome back! We hope you had a happy and healthy holiday season and a relaxing winter break. We are all excited to see everyone back at school starting on Wednesday, January 2nd.

On behalf of the entire staff, I would like to thank all of you for the generous Christmas gifts, cards, food and baked treats. We truly appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Tax Information

Once again tax season is upon us. Year end statements will be sent via email for each student by the end of the month. If you would like a printed copy, please drop a note in the tuition box or you can e-mail Ms. Elena at: Elena@storylandschool.com

Storyland's official company name registered with the state of CA is:

RightStart Learning Company, Inc. Tax I. D. number is: 26-0511419

Our mailing address is:

2486 East Avenue Livermore, CA 94550

January Curriculum

Our themes for the month of January include winter time, winter activities and night time. We will be learning all about winter and the changing seasons including: dressing for winter, safety, ice and snow, as well as the concept of freezing and melting. In addition, we will be discussing night time, the night sky and it's moon and stars.

The color for the month of January is blue, and we will be working on the numbers 5 & 6 as well as continue our weekly letter themes K-O.

You will be receiving a mid-year evaluation for your child on Friday, January 11th

These evaluations are conducted to provide you with an in-depth look at your child's academic and social development.

Should you have any questions please let us know, as teachers will be available for parent/teacher conferences if requested.

Happy Birthday!

Mia Dela Cruz	1/2	Winter Hu	1/14
Ms. Jessica	1/3	Kayden Bonilla	1/14
Avalynn Chavez	1/3	Anastasia Longoria	1/17
Allison Bodnar	1/7	Ingrid Vaughan	1/23
Riley Cravalho	1/8	Jace Giordanengo	1/23
Evelyn Grace	1/10	Lilliana Accardo	1/29
Talia Saied	1/13	Valeria Morales	1/29
Theodore Gonzales	1/13	Devin Zhang	1/29
		Abigail Kletnieks	1/30



Upcoming Dates

- Winter Session begins Wednesday, January 2nd
- Storyland will be closed Monday, January 21st for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Valentine's Day Party - Wednesday, February 13th beginning at 10:00 am
- Storyland will be closed Monday, February 18th for President's Day.

Reminders

- Please keep to a regular drop-off schedule, preferably by 9:00 am. Consistently following a regular schedule assists us in providing your child with a sense of security, comfort and trust. Late arrivals cause interruptions that are disruptive to our program. Thank you for your cooperation.
- First half of tuition is due on the 1st of the month and the second half is due on the 15th.
- Label all of your child's belongings and check the lost and found bin, which is located under the front sign-in desk.
- Please do not let your child touch, open or close the front entry way door.
- If you love Storyland School, please share your experience at [yelp.com](http://www.yelp.com/biz/storyland-preschool-livermore) or you can go directly to <http://www.yelp.com/biz/storyland-preschool-livermore>

Staying Healthy During the Winter Season

American Academy of Pediatrics

Young children have charming characteristics, including curiosity, impulsiveness and a desire to explore. As young children explore their surroundings the likelihood of coming into contact with germs and infection increase.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has stated firmly that proper washing of hands is the most important strategy in the prevention of disease. Clean hands limit the spread of diarrhea, staph infection, eye infection, colds, and gastrointestinal diseases common in early childhood programs.

The more often you wash hands, the more likely it will be that you and the children will stay healthy. To see if the adults and children in your program are washing hands at the most important times, ask yourself the following questions:

Does everyone wash their hands:

- After arriving at the program or coming in from outside
- After using the bathroom or diapering
- Before preparing, handling or serving food items
- Before and after eating
- After coming in contact with any body fluids (saliva, nasal discharge, mucus, blood or vomit)
- Before giving medication

A quick pass under water and cursory wipe with a towel are not good enough to prevent the spread of bacteria and disease.

Carefully following these three guidelines will result in properly washed hands:

1. Use running water, and let the water drain away. Having a common, water-filled basin can actually be an invitation for germs and bacteria to grow. The water does not have to be warm, but warm water feels more pleasant than cold and may increase the amount of time spent washing.
2. Create friction by rubbing your hands together, both front and back, briskly for at least 10 seconds. The friction you create is key to getting rid of germs. Using soap helps to remove visible dirt on your hands and also makes it easy to create friction. If possible use liquid soap since young children may have difficulty handling slippery bars of soap. Because the friction removes germs, it is not necessary for soap to be antibacterial.
3. Dry your hands before turning off the water. Use a single-use or disposable towel to thoroughly dry each hand front and back. Then turn off the faucet with the paper towel to prevent contaminating your hands with germs on the faucet handles.

In order for hand washing to be an effective strategy for preventing the spread of infection, it must be done frequently. This means that hand washing activities need to be embedded in the program curriculum and practiced on a regular basis by children as well as adults.

