



New Year's Resolutions

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS?

Academically the most popular goal parents have for children is to read more. Socially, the most popular goal parents have for their children is to be kind to others.

As parents, we provide the examples that will bring those resolutions to fruition. Let's all resolve to read each and every day with our children and look for ways to show kindness. One of our constant goals, here at Playtime, is to "be the example" that you want others to be. Join us in being the best possible social and academic examples to all our children. For more resources on these topics and more for parents check out: csefel.vanderbilt.edu

SIGN IN & OUT EVERY DAY.... IT'S THE LAW

By now, all parents should be familiar with our sign in and out procedures using the tablets by the office window or in the classroom. It is very important that you sign in as you arrive with your child, and out as you leave with your child every day. This is our legal record of attendance and subject to DCF audit. If we can not assure its regular use, we will have to return to pen and paper antiquity. Please take the time to use the sign in and out daily. If you have any questions about using it properly, please ask for assistance. Thank you.



Important Semester Dates

Jan. 1st closed

Jan.7 -Jan.16 — VPK Testing

Jan. 2-26—Parent Conferences

Feb. 11-15—Spirit Week

January Menu

Mondays: Chicken Nuggets served with Pears and Peas

Tuesdays: Grilled Cheese sandwiches served with Broccoli & Pineapple Tidbits

Wednesdays: Fish Sticks served with Cole Slaw & Peaches

Thursdays: Turkey and Cheese Lunchables served with raisins and carrots

Fridays: Baked Chicken served with Mashed Potatoes and Oranges



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SUSAN—JAN. 1ST

NATASHIA—JAN. 30TH

Useful Website:

Playtime behavior management guidelines and social emotional growth:

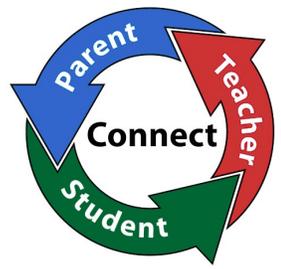
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The above website has a lot of useful information for parents looking for ideas to improve behavior and help children grow socially. We use it as a foundation for our social-emotional curriculum. Download or read articles.

The **Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL)** is focused on promoting the social emotional development and school readiness of young children birth to age 5. CSEFEL is a national resource center funded by the Office of Head Start and Child Care Bureau for disseminating research and evidence-based practices to early childhood programs across the country.



Parent-Teacher Conferences



Teachers will be scheduling their semi-annual parent conferences with parents all this month. Please see your child's teacher to sign up for a conference time to discuss your child's progress.

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!**

The Curriculum Corner

Project Work

Project work is an important part of the Playtime Learning Academy curriculum. This is a method in which children "learn by doing" based on topics that are relevant and interesting to them. Every three weeks, the children are introduced to a new theme and they plan their studies around this theme. Project work encourages children to develop curiosity, inquiry skills, exploration, experimentation, independence, and problem-solving skills in addition to content knowledge. The teacher's role is to provide the topic, develop and plan for projects, facilitate child-directed learning experiences, and promote in-depth engagement in the project topic. * Check out the lesson plan on the class parent board to see the projects happening in your child's classroom.



Attitude

"There is no value in life except what you choose to place upon it and no happiness in any place except what you bring to it yourself."

... Henry David Thoreau



TAX STATEMENT RECEIPTS for 2018 will be available to every family, in the office, the week of January 7, 2019. If you need a statement, please call or stop in the office. Tax statements are divided into two parts: (1) January-August & (2) August –December. Add the two parts together to get your total spending for the year.

