



TINY RAMS TIMES

JANUARY 2019

Happy New Year!

We hope that everyone had a **wonderful** holiday break! Thank-you so much to our fantastic families for your very generous gifts for our classrooms (the kids AND teachers are so excited to use them!) and coming to our Christmas party! We really love being able to spend time with you.

We have had several illnesses going around since the "sick season" has begun. We are doing our best to sanitize the classrooms and toys to avoid spreading germs. We are washing our own hands very often, as are your children. To help keep the spread of germs to a minimum, please ensure your child washes their hands upon arrival for the day and adhere to our health and wellness policy. As a reminder, a child who has a fever of 100 degrees or above, diarrhea/vomiting, unexplained skin rash or irritation, or evidence of contagious diseases must be kept home. A child may return once his/her temperature has been normal for 24 hours, without the aid of medication, and the communicable condition has been treated and has ceased for 24 hours. A Doctor's note may be required. We want to keep everyone healthy as can be this season!

Please continue to send your child with a heavy coat, snow pants, boots, a hat, and **waterproof mittens** to ensure they can safely and *comfortably* play in the snow. As it states in our parent handbook, we may go outside so long as the wind chill is 10 degrees or above. Since the children grow as quickly as the weather changes, please check your child's extra clothing to ensure it is *weather* and **size** appropriate.

THEMES:

"Winter, Migration/Hibernation, Transportation"

SAVE THE DATE:

Jan. 9th Stretch-n-Grow sessions begin

CLOSINGS:

Jan. 1st
April 19th

BIRTHDAYS:

Matilda- January 5th
Cohen- January 18th

REMINDERS:

If school is canceled due to weather conditions, Tiny Rams will also be CLOSED. Tuition credit will not be given on days we are closed due to adverse weather conditions/snow.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT:

"Early Learning Guidelines- Mathematics"
-Shelby

"Safe With You"
-Hadassah & Josie

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Infants

Teachers: Megan, Shelby, Katie & Josie

This month the infants will be *very* busy! We will make handprint **snowflakes** and a **snowman** in a bag. If we have snow on the ground we will put some in a sensory bin and then paint it. We are going to use shapes to make a bird and a stoplight. We are going to put some **hibernating bears** in cozy corner and then make a sleeping bear with paper plates. We are going experiment with the fan and some feathers. Lastly, we will paint with cars and make coffee filter boats. Our oldest friend is working on preparing for the toddler room, while the other infants will work on strengthening their hand muscles to encourage holding utensils and paintbrushes. A few friends are working on walking, pulling themselves up, and crawling. The youngest infants are going to practice sitting up, rolling over, and tummy time to work towards crawling.



Infant **PLAY TIME!**



Snow much fun!

Preschool

Teachers: Emily (Miss E), Rebecca and Josie

We are going to read numerous fiction/non-fiction books about winter. We will read Ezra Jack Keats "The Snowy Day," discuss what we like to do on a snowy day, and graph the results. We are going to learn about what a **biography** is and discuss Martin Luther King Jr.'s contribution to the civil rights movement (eg: what does it mean to be a fair friend, how do you show kindness to others, how can you solve problems in a peaceful way?) We have lots of fun science lessons planned, including: learning about hibernation, learning which animals live underground, and exploring **solids/liquids** with ice and snow.

We are working on recognizing and writing our *first and last names*, as well as letters S, Z, and G and numbers 1-12. We are going to continue to work on the sequence of getting ready to play outside: 1. Put on snow pants. 2. Put on coat. 3. Put on boots. 4. Put on hat. 5. Put on mittens.

Toddlers

Teachers: Lauren, Kalli, Hadassah & Josie

In January we are hoping to see more **snow** to continue learning about weather and what the season is all about! We will watch the change in temperature throughout the day, noticing that it's cooler in the mornings. We will make **snowflakes** out of popsicle sticks after (hopefully) observing the snow falling. While learning about **hibernation**, we will play a new version of musical chairs and a counting game with teddy bears and their caves. *Be on the lookout for a note from the teachers about bringing your favorite stuffed bears for a special show and share day.* This month we will also explore **transportation** with cars by measuring distances and observing the patterns left behind in the tracks of different vehicles. We are going to focus on helping our friends to clean the room and be safe with walking feet in the classroom. We are also working on remembering to keep our feet on the floor and that we can climb on the playground outside. We are going to continue to get better at putting on our gloves and coats as we get ready to go outside.



Preschool **Christmas Party!**

STAFF BIO OF THE MONTH

Katie



"My favorite part of working here is having an impact on the lives of children and their families. My job is so, so rewarding, and I just love seeing the children learn new things!"

Hello, I'm Katie, Tiny Rams Center Director. I have been working here for **15 years!** I have an associate's degree in photography and also have a CDA (Child Development Associates) credential. You can reach me at katie_watkins@ralstonschools.org I have one child, a boy named **Clark** (age 2). I come from a larger family with 3 older brothers (Eric, Jeff, and Dan) and 1 older sister (Kristin). Clark is lucky to have 8 cousins to play with, 7 of which are *boys!* In my free time, I love to spend time with my family, read, watch Netflix, cook, and be outside.

SOME OF MY FAVORITE THINGS:

T.V. Show: "Dexter" or "The Office" Season: Fall

Holiday: Thanksgiving

Drink: Coke Zero Color: Purple

Food: Mexican, Chinese, Italian, Sushi...I LOVE food!

Book: Far too many to list!

Movie: "The Wizzard of Oz"

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