



# Nature's Scholars Enrichment Center

January 2023



## Dates to Remember

- Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> NSEC Closed
- Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> NSEC Closed
- Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Order Due
  
- Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> No school Johnsbury,
- Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> **NO RANGERS PRE-K**
- Jan 16<sup>th</sup> No School for Johnsbury, Richmond, and Harrison
  
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- Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> Deputies visit w/ Little Sprouts

## Parent Handbook Review

### What type of clothing needs to be available for outdoor play?

All children will be going outside everyday snow, rain or shine unless weather is extremely prohibitive. (Due to staff/child ratio requirements, children may not be kept indoors and should remain home if unable to go outside.) Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

Waterproof coat, mittens, hats, snow pants, boots, etc. are needed for cold or wet days. A swimsuit and towel need to be brought to school on warm days for outdoor/water play. **Our guideline for going outdoors in the winter is 0 degrees or above with the wind chill in consideration.** Our guideline for playing outdoors in the summer is 95 degrees or below. Children will remain in the airconditioned center if any ozone or heat indexes are issued for the immediate area. Special considerations of high and low temperatures will be in place for infants, toddlers, and children with special needs.

### Santa!



We had a special visitor check in on us before Christmas. Of course they were on the NICE list!

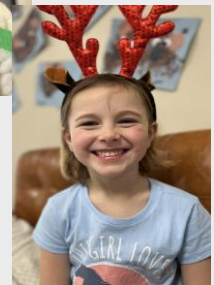


## Happy New Year 2023



From our family to yours, we wish you a safe and prosperous New Year! Thank you for your continued support and trust.

It is a blessing to have the opportunity to be a part of your child's life. (We have Cooper this year, keeping up the tradition of having our own baby New Year!)



## Santa Came Early This Year for NSEC

*If you haven't seen yet, Santa dropped off 2 new bunnies at The center! We need YOUR help to give them names. Please submit your child's entry for their name into the check box near the office. We will pick the top 6 names and then have a school wide vote! 😊 BOTH BUNNIES ARE GIRLS!*



HOPPY CHRISTMAS



## Cleaning out the playroom?

**Did Santa bring to many toys for the playroom? Consider cleaning it out and donating your clean gently used toys for a new life here at NSEC. We gladly take donations to rotate toys in our classrooms.**



## Summer Planning

Start to look for a pre-summer letter that will go out in February. These forms are the summer schedule change forms along with summer requests for summer camp and are due back at the end of February. Please remember that there are limited spots for summer camp and we need to know of any changes or disenrollment ASAP. Not all change requests are guaranteed but are considered to the best of our ability.



### *From The Kitchen*

*When Jack Frost is nipping at your nose and it's way too cold outside, why not spend some time in the kitchen with your little elves and make some homemade playdough? It's simple and fun! You can add coloring, sprinkles or even spices- like pumpkin pie, apple pie, cinnamon & cloves.*

#### You need:

- 2 Cups plain flour
- 2 Tablespoons vegetable oil (baby oil and coconut oil work too)
- ½ Cup salt
- 2 Tablespoons cream of tartar
- 1 to 1.5 Cups boiling water (adding increments until it feels just right)
- Few drops of glycerin
- Food coloring, sprinkles, or spices for smell (Optional)

#### Method

- Mix the flour, salt, cream of tartar and oil in large mixing bowl
- Add food coloring into the boiling water then into the dry ingredients
- Stir continuously until it becomes a sticky, combined dough
- Add the glycerin
- Allow to cool down then take it out of bowl and knead it vigorously until all the stickiness has gone. \*\*\* This is the most important part of the process, so keep at it until it's the perfect consistency! \*\*