



# Nature's Scholars Enrichment Center

January 2024



## Dates to Remember

- Jan 1<sup>st</sup> NSEC Closed
- Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> NSEC Closed
- Jan 1-5<sup>th</sup> **NO RANGERS PRE-K**
- Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> Deputy Tim visits with the School Age classroom
- Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> No school Johnsburg,
- Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> **NO RANGERS PRE-K**
- Jan 15<sup>th</sup> No School for Johnsburg, Richmond, and Harrison
- Jan 15<sup>th</sup> **NO RANGERS PRE-K**
- Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> Harrison Early release
- Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> Richmond Early Dismissal

## Parent Handbook Review

### What holidays are you closed?

The center will be open Monday through Friday every week of the year, with the exception of the following days:

- New Year's Eve - \*2 weekdays will be taken as holidays.
- New Year's Day - \*this may vary slightly each year as the holidays may fall on weekends.
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day - If holiday falls on a weekend, it will be taken on a Friday or Monday.
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Friday after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Eve - \*2 weekdays will be taken as holidays.
- Christmas Day - \*this may vary slightly each year as the holidays may fall on weekends.

### Are there any other days you are closed?

To facilitate continuing education for our teachers, Nature's Scholars may close one day during the year, allowing staff to attend a conference or workshop related to early childhood education. We may take this day off as our tenth holiday; therefore, regular tuition is expected for the week. Be assured that we will give you as much advance notice as possible for your planning purposes.

In case of inclement weather during the winter, be assured that staff at Nature's Scholars make every effort possible to get the center open on time. At the discretion of the director/administrator, the center may have to be closed due to dangerous conditions. If this were to occur before 6:00am the voicemail message will indicate so along with a posting on our Facebook page. If any of the following conditions occur during the school day, a phone call will be made indicating that we will need to close. Those conditions could be, but are not limited to... ice, snowfall, loss of power for an extended amount of time, loss of water or insufficient quality and more.

Full payment is expected for the days/weeks containing these holidays or days off. This policy applies whether your child attends full or part time. This policy is in place because we give our teachers the benefit of paid holidays and shouldn't be penalized due to celebrations or acts of nature.

## Santa!



Check out our Facebook page to see all the adorable Santa pictures! Thank you Ms. Katy for capturing such precious memories!





## Happy New Year 2024!!



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 this year, keeping up the tradition of having our own baby New Year!)

## Weather Appropriate clothing!

Please remember we live in the Midwest, and we are an outdoor center. Please make sure your child is dressed correctly for the weather.

Proper outdoor clothing includes:

Coat

Snowpants

Hat

Waterproof gloves

SNOW boots

(please no rain boots in cold)

We also suggest an extra pair of "inside shoes" (slippers or gym shoes) so that we can keep the slush and mud to a minimum inside the school.



## "Holiday Fun"





### Assessment Updates!

We use age-appropriate assessments for each student ages 2 years – 5 years old. (Little Sprouts, Explorers, Frontiers and Rangers Pre-K classrooms)

Assessments were done in September and will then be done again in May. Assessments are done individually and through observation throughout play and pre-school time. Once the assessments are completed, a copy is sent home for parents/guardians. This gives you an opportunity to compare what you see at home and together we can help your child grow, learn, and expand their love of learning and abilities together. If you have any concerns, you may request a mid-year assessment and always feel free to speak with your child's teachers or Ms. Mary if you have any questions.

### Summer Planning

Start to look for a pre-summer letter that will go out in February. These forms are the requested 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*

### *WINTER BLUES GOT YA DOWN???*

*Plan an indoor picnic with your kids!!*

- *Make some finger foods together!*
- *Spread out a blanket on the floor.*
- *Dress up in summer clothes!*
- *Plan some games:*
  - *Hulla hoop contest*
  - *Relay Races*
  - *Scavenger hunts*
  - *Silly songs*
  - *Pretend campfire*

*HAVE FUN WITH IT!!!*

*\*\*Ms. Julie\*\**

