

January Newsletter

Garden Patch CLC

Growing up as the year ended and a new one approached I would always try to set a New Year's resolution. It was always something I thought I could

January Birthdays	
Quincy G.	January 16
Brooks N.	January 20
Bryce K.	January 22
Grayson L.	January 23
Logan W.	January 23

achieve and would make a big impact on my life. I would pour myself into this resolution for the first few days of the year and then my normal routine would ultimately return and my resolution would fall to the side. I would carry on like this each year vowing that

this year would be *THE* year that I would hold on to a resolution all year; however, ultimately each year would end the same.

As I have gotten older I have realized I am not a resolution-type person. I commend those who can. I think there is value in setting a path and a goal as the new year approaches, but I have changed my mindset to more one of being open to possibilities. I think this comes from working with kids and how they view the world.

Each day is a new opportunity. What happened yesterday might have happened, but kids move on and start each day (sometimes even mid-day after a good nap) with a new start. While I have to adult and do sometimes carry things from one day to the next, I also try to let the things go that I can and begin each day with an outlook on possibilities. I don't need a whole new year to create a new path and new opportunities. Instead, I just need to refocus and realize there are limitless options to create the best path.

Wishing you a wonderful start to 2025 and for unlimited new possibilities to create the path you hope for this year.

Jill L. Weidenbach, director



Our annual balloon drop to ring in the New Year allowed us to have fun as a center and celebrate a great year.



Costco Copycat Chicken Bake

1/2 lb. bacon

1 lb. chicken breast

Salt

1/2 c. freshly grated Parmesan

1/4 c. Caesar dressing

2 green onions, thinly sliced

2 Tbsp. chopped parsley

2 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil, divided

1 tsp. Italian seasoning

Ground black pepper

1 lb. pizza dough

2 c. shredded mozzarella

Egg wash

Preheat oven to 425° and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a large skillet over medium heat, cook bacon until crispy. Drain on a paper towel-lined plate then chop into small pieces. Wipe skillet clean.

To the same skillet, heat olive oil over medium-high heat. Season both sides of chicken breasts with Italian seasoning, salt and pepper. Add chicken to skillet and cook until golden on both sides, 6 to 8 minutes. Remove from skillet and let rest for 5 minutes before chopping into small pieces.

Divide pizza dough into two pieces. On a lightly floured surface, roll and stretch pizza dough to about 1/4" thickness.

Spread half the Caesar dressing onto pizza dough and top with half of each the chicken, bacon, mozzarella, Parmesan, and green onions.

Roll the pizza dough into a large log. Repeat with remaining ingredients.

Transfer logs to the prepared baking sheet. Brush with egg wash and sprinkle with more cheese and Italian seasoning.

Bake until golden and the dough is cooked through, about 25 minutes.

Garnish with parsley, then slice and serve warm.



In the Case of School Closings, Late Starts, or Early Releases

We realize that even if local school districts close, you still need to get to work. We will do our best to keep Garden Patch open, while also maintaining the safety of our staff and children. If we do close, the closing will be announced in the following places:

*Local news stations

*Procure message

*Garden Patch Facebook



Cold Weather Reminders

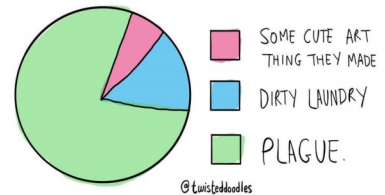
A few reminders as we hit the height of cold and flu season and try to keep both kids and staff and families healthy at the center.

*If your child has a fever of 101 degrees or higher, diarrhea, or is vomiting, he/she may not return to the center until he/she is symptom-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication. In an effort to stop the spread of illness, we ask that you help us with this.

*If your child or someone in your household is exhibiting Covid-like symptoms, we ask that you follow CDC guidelines to keep everyone safe.

*If your child will not be in, please give us a call to let us know. Teachers plan activities based on the number of children present in a class and may choose to do a special project when more members are present. If you have a school-age child, please let us know if your child does not need to be picked up from school. Failure to do so will result in a \$5.00 charge.

THINGS MY KIDS BRING HOME FROM CHILDCARE



*Double check your child's additional clothes. With the colder temperatures we want to make sure your child has adequate clothing in the case of an accident or spill. Please make sure your child has a coat each day. If the playgrounds are clear, the sun is out, and temperatures are favorable, even a few minutes in the fresh air can help calm the winter wiggles.

Important Days in January

Wednesday, January 1 — Closed for New Year's Day

Thursday, January 2 — Pajama Day

Tuesday, January 14 — Wear Blue

Thursday, January 30 — Wear a Dinosaur Shirt



January Toddler & Preschool Themes

Week of December 30 Week of January 6 Week of January 13 Week of January 20 Week of January 27	Happy New Year Artic Animals Winter Wonderland Transportation Dinosaur Dig
<u>Toddler Numbers of the Month</u> 10 & 11	<u>Preschool Numbers of the Month</u> 17, 18, 19, & 20
<u>Color of the Month</u> Blue	<u>Letters of the Month</u> N, O, & P
<u>Shape of the Month</u> Diamond	<u>Preschool Assessment Focus of the Month</u> Patterns
Social Skill of the Month: Problem Solving	

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