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Children's Village News

Thank You

Thank you to all those who showered us with Christmas gifts. The teachers felt very appreciated for the kind gifts. It was an unexpected kindness and we truly enjoyed them all.

Rates

As you may have heard, the minimum wage rate is going up to \$11.00 an hour. This is a 16% increase in wages that we now have to accommodate. Due to this significant rate increase, our Tuition rates will also be going up. Over the years, we have tried to do small rate increases, but due to this significant increase, we will be increasing our rates by 10%. **All families will be increased come February 1st.**

If you have complaints, please contact your local state legislature. We have worked hard over the last few years to offer competitive rates, and we are saddened that we have to increase our rates, expectantly.

Taxes

Your year-end childcare expense report will be available come the end of the first week of January. Our Tax ID number is on the bottom of the report. Again, we would like to say "Thank you" for choosing Children's Village as your daycare provider!

Hospital/Policy Form

As most of you know, every January we have to get updated forms for various reasons. During this next month we will be stopping you to ask you to fill out all the forms we need to keep compliant with licensing. We have had to change some of our policies due to state requirements. We will have a list of the changes for you to read. We are required by state law to get new signatures every year from parents.

Weather Conditions

Brrrrr winter is here. Sometimes the weather can be unpredictable. We always do our best to try and stay open, but we may have limited hours due to the weather conditions. If you have any questions regarding closures or late openings, please call the center, or check our Facebook for information.

Shoe Drive

Children's Village of Orchards is holding their first ever **SHOE DRIVE!** We are gathering gently used or new shoes to donate to the local shelter for families in need. Please drop them off in the bin located at the Front Desk, through the month of January.

January Themes

- January 2-6
Being Healthy in a New Year
- January 9-13
Animals in the Arctic
- January 16-20
Men in History
- January 23-27
Women in History
- January 30-31
Snow & Snowmen

Don't Forget

**We will be closed
January 2nd**
in observance of New Year!

**Have a very safe and fun
New Year!**





Front Desk News

Non-Discrimination Policy

Providers, children and parents all benefit when children can learn and play together. Including all children, with or without disabilities. Our child care center reflects our larger community where all people live, work, and play together. Inclusion contributes to acceptance, improved socialization, and understanding of individual differences. It is the policy of Children's Village of Orchards that no person shall be subjected to discrimination by our facility or any of its employees and volunteers because of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, creed, sexual orientation, marital status, disabled or Vietnam veteran status or the presence of physical, mental or sensory handicap. Religious rights shall be respected at all times providing that the practice of an individual's faith is consistent with State and Federal laws.

New Toys and More

As you may have noticed we are doing lots to update our rooms. This month we will be adding lots of new toys, curriculum tools, furniture and more. Some of our items have been very loved, and ready to be changed out with new ones. That being said we ask that you please help us keep our toys in good condition. We have had multiple kids lately that think it is fun to destroy our books, toys and more. We will be working on being kind and gentle to our items and we ask that you help us with this. Also, if the items get damaged we may ask you to replace them. We are excited about all our new items, we worked hard to get them through the Early Achiever's Grant. Thank you for understanding and helping us keep our center up to date and make it an outstanding place.

Red Bags

If your child is a Fuzzy Duck or Bouncy Bear, they have a red bag in the hallway on their hook. We ask that you please put all items (even coats) inside the red bag. The bags are provided to store all items in them, as this helps cut down on mixed up in coats as well as serves to keep lice out of our center. Thank you for your help!

Share Toys

This is a popular day at C.V. , we have many children who look forward to this day. However, we need to make sure that they are bringing in 1 item only. Please **do not bring in toys with many pieces**, no legos, no puzzles, Barbie Dolls with extra clothes, etc. 1 toy only! Don't bring in a prize toy either. Toys here get play with, and they can get broken, misplaced, or lost. We can not be responsible for toys with MANY pieces. Please help us in this and make sure your child brings in just 1 toy, on Fridays only. Thank you for your help!

