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December in Review

We had an eventful month in December filled with learning and special events!

We celebrated National Cookie Day, Wish list Day, Homemade Gift Day, Gingerbread House Day, Polar Express/Pajama Day and Funky Holiday Sweater Day! Each national holiday celebrated at Discovery Village encourages parent involvement and provides hands-on activities for all of our villagers! December welcomed the winter season which allowed us to bring the children outdoors and explore in the snow! We've even brought snow into the classrooms and made some predictions about it lasting in the freezer! Some classrooms made watercolor paints with snow too. Our Polar Express Day was a hit! The children and teachers were all dressed in pajamas and actually got a ticket for the polar express going down our hallway! We had a wonderful holiday season at Discovery Village, what cheer!



Hands-On Learning and Discovery!



Our goal is to facilitate learning through hands-on discovery and exploration. Children learn best through a variety of learning experiences and multi-modal methods of play and navigation through their classroom spaces. Each day, our children are provided with the opportunity to socialize, explore, experiment, and **PLAY** in an engaging and colorful environment. Take a look at these photos of children engaged in a variety of activities using open-ended materials. We had a below freezing day where the children couldn't go outdoors, so we brought the playground inside! We had a bubble unit in our preschool wing and made a variety of art with bubbles and straws! Why? The children expressed interest about bubbles. We are passionate about creating our classroom focus on children's abiding interests!



Employee of the Month



🍏 *Miss Brenda* 🍏

We would like to take a moment to recognize Ms. Brenda as our January employee of the month. Brenda has been with Discovery Village for over a year and with each passing month continues to grow in her role as a teacher assistant. Brenda opens the toddler classrooms in the morning

where the children are so excited to see her! She loves to help around the center wherever needed and she has built relationships with children of all ages. We appreciate you Brenda so much for always assisting with the daily operations of the school. You truly have a gift with children! We love you, thank you for all that you do for us at Discovery Village.



Reminders

We will be closed on Wednesday January 1st in observance of New Year's Day. Please make sure your child has warm clothing for the upcoming chilly weather ahead.



Staff Birthdays this month:

Ms. Jessica – January 4th!

Ms. Zekeyia – January 18th!

Quote of the Month

"Life is a challenge, meet it!
Life is a dream, realize it!
Life is a game, play it!
Life is love, enjoy it!"

– Sri Sathya Sai Baba