

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe we're at the half way point in the school year!

The children are growing so quickly and are learning so many new things. One of the things I enjoy most about working with preschoolers is witnessing those "light bulb" moments. Most often I see that "aha!" expression during play, when children are interacting with one another. So often as adults we want to see a finished product as proof a child has grasped or mastered a concept. Remember that children learn best through play and other hands-on experiences that may not "show" all the things they've learned. Our urgency to "teach" our children all the things they need to know sometimes gets in the way of them discovering things for themselves. Allowing them the opportunity to play and explore without every moment being a "lesson" is ok!

Thank you for sharing your children with us. It is an honor and a blessing to be a part of their lives.

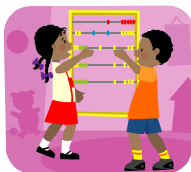
Curriculum (Toddlers and Preschool)

Classrooms theme for January will be "Brain Building Boot Camp". Teachers will have different topics each week reviewing letters, numbers, colors, shapes and during the last week they will have their "boot camp" with fun games.

Look forward for the preschool project, where they will learn their personal information. You will receive information with more details.

Homework

Preschool parents please don't forget to take time to help your child during homework. It will not take you more than ten minutes.



Workbooks

Please make sure to cancel your workbook fee as soon as possible.



Newsletter

Warm Coats

Please be sure to dress your child appropriately for playing outside on chilly days! We would like to still go outside everyday unless it is raining!



Gym

Island Gymnastics have moved their installations to Okatie and unfortunately we are not going to be able to keep providing the service of taking our children there. We are working on looking for a different alternative.

Surveillance System

Due to the changes made to our center, the cameras system have been affected. By the end of this month, everything should run how is supposed to. We are very sorry for the inconvenience, but we are working hard to improve our services.

A Big Welcome!

Little Steps welcomes the following new students:

Mateo, Christian, Maximiliano, Daniel, Ezekiel, Tresahn, Gael, Kylie, Phillip, Skyya and Eduardo.

Welcome to Little Steps Family!

A Note from the Director

Thanks for all the wonderful gifts I received during Christmas...there's no doubt I have the best parents of the area! ;) I want to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year, and thank you for your loving support through 2009.

Below you will find an interesting thought:

Children Learn What They Live

If a child lives with criticism, He learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility, He learns to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule, He learns to be shy.

If a child lives with shame, He learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance, He learns to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement, He learns to be confident.

If a child lives with praise, He learns to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness, He learns to justice.

If a child lives with security, He learns to have faith.

If a child lives with approval, He learns to like himself.

If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, He learns to find love in the world.

Dorothy Law Nolte 1982

Calendar

***January 1st:** New Year's (NO SCHOOL)

***January 18th:** NO SCHOOL in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

***January 25th:** NO SCHOOL (Staff Day)

January Discount Recommend your friend or neighbor and get a one-time discount in your weekly rate.

***Free Registration:** Help us to spread the word around.