# December 2022 Director's Newsletter

# Cornerstone School

## "Building a Foundation for Life"

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#### **Last Minute Donation?**

We welcome your generous donations if you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to Cornerstone's Annual fund.

Your unrestricted gift to Cornerstone School will help ensure the highest quality early educational experience for your child and future students.

It allows us to provide state-of-the-art materials, the latest children's books, and ample supplies for your young learners.

We look forward to showing you what your generosity will make possible!

Donate Here https://tinyurl.com/2p94wxp6

#### Thank you for participating in the ASQ screening.

We hope you enjoyed the experience and learned more about their development. All families that participated will receive a follow-up letter before the Holiday Break.

## Thank you to our CPO and Families

The Winter Social held at the Elk's club on December 8<sup>th</sup> was well attended and raised a little over \$1200 for the Teacher's Wish List. Thank you for your generosity.



# **Upcoming Events**

Dec. 23- Early Dismissal 12:00 pm

Dec. 26 - Jan 3- School Closed

Jan 3 - School Reopens- TUESDAY

Jan 13- All Registrations due for Fall 23

Jan 16- School Closed: MLK, Jr Day

Feb 3- Morning Coffee with Colleen & Michele

Feb 20-21-School Closed: President's Day Recess

## **Community Service**



Mrs. Hayeck's preschool class led our latest service project. Her class collected mittens and hats for GRACE in Summit. Thanks to our generous families, we collected 35 pairs of mittens and 23 hats!

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# **More Important News**

# **Explorinarium Summer Camp**

Join us for a S.T.E.A.M-y summer

Summertime is a special time of discovery and adventure for children. That is why a STEAM-based summer experience is the perfect way to spend a summer day.

Session 1 June 20- July 7 Sand
Session 2 July 10- July 28 Wheels
Session 3 July 31 -August 18 Water

Details are on the website!

#### HAT, MITTEN & BOOT WEATHER

We believe that children need time to play outside as often as possible. Our typical day includes active play outdoors. Children will play outside until the temperature drops below 32F at their scheduled outdoor time, although we may shorten the playtime allotted. Please make sure your child is dressed in weather-appropriate clothing in the winter months, including a hat, mittens, and boots. Especially on a day after a snow storm!

Have you added a <u>Cornerstone Family</u> to your child's pick-up list? This will help us keep children and staff safe during any emergency if we have permission to release your child to a Cornerstone Family that you know and trust.

## **Environmentally Friendly**

Cornerstone does our best to reduce, reuse and recycle. With that in mind we ask that if your child needs a utensil for their lunch you please pack one. We have disposable utensils on hand if needed but would like to use them infrequently.



### **Environmental Print**

One of the ways we can help children learn to read is by making connections to what they already know.

We add to their knowledge by starting with the familiar Our youngest learners are being given all the necessary foundational skills to become fluent readers.

Children see and read words everywhere! Most of our students easily "read" recognized logos like Dunkin Donuts, when added to the environmental print in the room.

Why would we have these logos in the room? Because if children can recognize Dunkin Donuts, teaching them about the letter Dd and its sound has much more meaning. We can add other words, look for objects that start with the letter sound or write the letter.

Ask your child about some words they would like added to the environmental print in their classroom and send it in! Consider the logos from your favorite foods and stores.