

January 9, 2012

Dear Families,

I hope that you all enjoyed some fun family times over the winter break. The children and teachers are always happy to be back together and we look forward to continuing our journeys together in 2012.

January has brought us some **new families** in the Yellow Room **and a new T/Th class** in the Blue Room! We are happy to have them join us and know that you will make them feel welcome.

If you're **looking for something to do with the family**, please take a moment to peruse the new book in our Parent Resource Library - [Playdate with Denver](#) (thanks, Ziegert family!). It is chock-full of "nearly 200 adventures for kids and tots - Brighton to Boulder, Evergreen to Parker, and everything in between"! With it being our only copy, this book is to be used as an on-site resource only and not checked out with our other materials. If you are interested in purchasing a copy for yourself or as a gift you can contact Pam Ziegert (aka Greta's mom) in the T/Th Yellow Room.

Our next **Spirit Night is set for this Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, at Chuck E. Cheese**. We will be distributing stickers this week that double as reminders and token vouchers, so be on the look out!

Carolyn Harvey and I would like to encourage anyone who has been thinking of learning how to knit (Carolyn's a whiz!) or starting/updating/finishing a photo album to come to our **next Scrapbooking and Knit Night on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**. The two of us have a great time together but are willing to have others join in - really!

For those who have a child entering Kindergarten this fall, the **Open Enrollment period for BVSD ends on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**. I hope that you have taken advantage of the visits that have been offered by your neighborhood school and others that you might be considering.

There will be **no school on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**Thanks to those families** who remembered to mention our school when making purchases at Grand Rabbits in 2011. We earned \$135 in Bunny Bucks that will be used towards new classroom materials. The process has begun all over again, so keep us in mind the next time you are at one of their toy stores! We have also earned \$427 between Kohl's gift cards and King Sooper card loading, which will go towards a sensory table accessory kit and a new circle rug for the Blue Room.

As a reminder, the **decision to close school due to weather** is often guided by Boulder Valley Schools, so if you see them listed on the bottom of your TV screen you can generally count on us being closed as well. I will always change the telephone message to reflect a closure (I try to do this by 6:30 a.m.) and we call all three major TV stations (4, 7, and 9). I also try to remember to post it on our web site (via the parent who maintains it for us!).

If we do have school on a snowy day **sending snow gear is essential**. As always, **name/initials in clothing** is the best way to insure that the correct clothing is put on your child. It also helps to have it all together, either in the cubby, a backpack, or a jacket sleeve. Thank you for anything you can do to help us expedite the process of getting ready for outside time!

Kathy