

## Koala Bear January '24 Newsletter



We hope that everybody had a relaxing and enjoyable time this holiday season with their families. As we enter into the new year the Koala Bears will be preparing for kindergarten. We will be doing this by giving the children additional responsibilities such as daily journals and weekly homework. Please look for an information letter that will be sent out some time this month with more information.



### Our Themes will be:

- Weather
- Bears/Hibernation
- Peace
- "Read" the Pictures

### The Sign Language words will be:

- Sleep
- Bear
- Book



Sign language for "sleep"

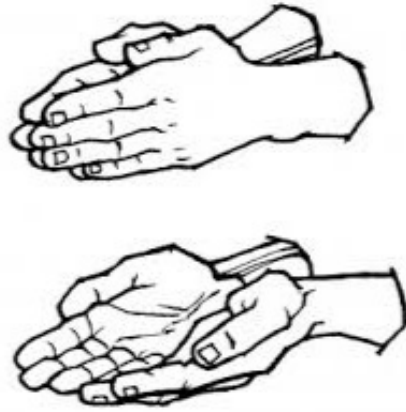


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Sign language for "bear"



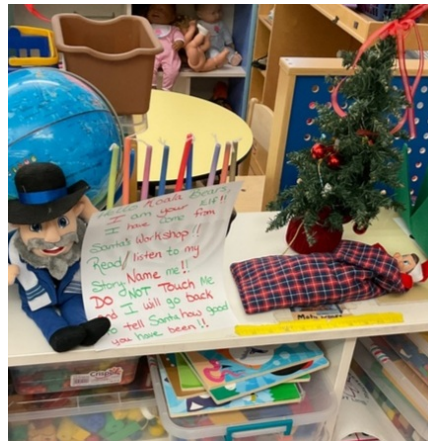
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#### Books we will be reading:

- Bear Snores On
- Martin Luther King
- Peace

#### Ideas for Home:

Help your preschooler look through magazines to find words that begin with the first letter of their name. Have them use a crayon to circle the letter. Say the letter, sound the letter sound, sign the letter with your fingers. Trace the letters with your fingers and repeat the letter each time.



### New This Month

- **1/15** is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Abington schools will be closed. The center will still be open.
- We will be having a second Dunkin Donuts fundraiser on **1/23**. Thank you to all who supported us during the first one. We hope that you will continue to support us throughout the school year. Our fundraisers help raise money for supplies and activities such as gym and music class.
- Our annual food drive will start on **1/31**.

### Reminders

- We will still be going outside if the weather allows for it. Please make sure that your child is appropriately dressed each day and that they have a change of clothing to match the outside weather.
- Please be sure to keep us informed of any medical changes that we need to be aware of. You can update us, or the office, of your child's vaccination status.
  - All medicines/prescriptions must be kept in their original containers and held in Connie's office.
- All items must be labeled.
- Please alert us either by email or phone of any changes to your child's daily pick-up/drop off routine. This is especially important if someone other than your child's parent is picking up and must be ID'd.
  - Anybody who is not a parent must have a signed "Release Form". These can be given to you by your child's teacher.**Everyone picking up must have an ID.**





**Happy Birthday to...**

**Julia - 1/14**



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## Important Dates

**1/1 - Center Closed! Happy New Year!**  
1/10 - Hot Chocolate Day  
1/15 - Martin Luther King Jr Day.  
**1/15 - Abington Schools Closed**  
1/17 - National Popcorn Day  
1/23 - Dunkin' Donuts Fundraiser  
1/31 - Food Drive Starts

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## Center-Wide News

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Happy New Year to everyone!

We do go **outside twice every day for an hour** if the temperature is 25 degrees or above so ***PLEASE dress your child accordingly.*** Since children/infants do not wear a coat when in a car seat please make sure that you bring in a coat for them for when they go outside. ***If you have a spare coat, leave it here in their locker with a hat and mittens so they are always prepared for outside fun.*** If there is (any) snow we will go sledding so boots and snow pants are a must. This includes toddlers to school age children. If we can get the strollers out, the babies go out too!

**Thank you** to those who participated in our Holiday Shop and to all the families who were so kind to all of us over the holidays (the teachers and office personnel). Your generosity is very much appreciated!

**Summer Camp paperwork** will be available the week of January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Children in **K-6<sup>th</sup> grade must register** for camp even if they are part of the school age program. Paperwork is available on our [website in the Parent Nook under forms.](#)

**Important Safety Rules to Teach Your Children** can be found on this website. Some information is common sense but it doesn't hurt to be reminded of what we as parents need to be teaching our children.  
<https://www.safehome.org/resources/child-safety/>

[www.DayCareCentersInc.com](http://www.DayCareCentersInc.com)

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Thank you!

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[www.nbc10.com](http://www.nbc10.com); [www.myfoxphilly.com](http://www.myfoxphilly.com)