



Katie's Kids News & Events

January/February 2009



Dear Families,

Wow January has been off to a fast start! It is hard to believe that February is already here. Hopefully with a new month we will get some new, perhaps warmer, weather. If you are feeling a little bit of cabin fever here are some ideas for families to do at home:

1. **Camp out inside** – Bring your favorite blankets, pillows, and sleeping bags to the living room or basement, set up a tent and have a camp out. You can even make popcorn, hotdogs, and s'mores and watch a movie or listen to your favorite music.
2. **Try a no-repeats weekend** – Make a game of trying something new every weekend, with no repeats. Eat new foods, learn something new as a family or go places you've never been before.
3. **Try a game of sock volleyball** – Clear off the family-room floor and blow up a couple of balloons for "sock volleyball." You can mark off the court and, wearing only your socks or playing in bare feet, play volleyball using your feet instead of your arms.
4. **Host a film festival** – Introduce your children to Charlie Chaplin or other old movie greats. Or take turns choosing a genre (comedy, scary movies, or adventure). You can extend the theme by cooking meals that fit the films. What could be more fun than eating spaghetti and meatballs as you watch *Lady and the Tramp* during your "Doggone Great Dog Movies" weekend?
5. **Let everyone cook** – Make it a cookie night or new dinner night with the whole family. Have the children help mix, pour, and stir!
6. **Put on a play** – Work together to make up a story, create costumes and design a set with things you have at hand. Then sit back on the sofa and get ready to applaud the entrances and exits that will be treasured memories for years to come. Get your video camera ready!
7. **Volunteer** – Volunteer at a soup kitchen once a month. Help your children learn to give back to those less fortunate.
8. **Donate** – Go through your clothes and toys and donate what you have out grown or don't use anymore.
9. **Make snow paintings** – Save squeeze bottles and fill them with water and food coloring. Take them outside and draw pictures in the snow.
10. **Go on a photo scavenger hunt** – If it's not too cold, hand out some disposable cameras, assign a topic and roam the neighborhood. For example, if the subject is lions, you may be surprised at the number of door knockers, statues or team mascots that fit the bill.

These are just some ideas to keep you busy when the winter seems too long! At the front desk, there are free tickets to the ISU women's basketball game on Saturday, February 7th at 1:00. Keep your calendar clear on Tuesday, February 17th 6:00 – 7:30 for the Chili-Cook Off and winter story night here at Katie's Kids. Also, on February 21st make sure to come to the Kids Expo at the Interstate Center and if you need a break afterwards, we have SNL at Katie's Kids from 4-8.

Katie

Classroom TidBits



Room 1

Happy 2009 to you all! We hope you all had a safe Holiday. Room 1 has finished up the song project! We focused on a lot of songs! If you have a minute please come down and check out all of our panels of what songs we worked on, it was a lot of fun! We will be taking a break from things for a couple of weeks as we look into the New Year and see what the students want to focus on. Have a great January!

Miss Megan and Miss Nicole

Room 2

Throughout January, we participated in many art and sensory projects including stamp art, finger painting and pudding painting. We also made lemon Jello and let the children squish it and eat it! Of course, we brought snow inside the room to let them crunch and eat it. They could feel the coldness, and observe it melt before their very eyes! We celebrated many birthdays in January, including Brycen, Maddie, Emily and Savannah!

In the upcoming month, we plan to continue our sensory activities including corn meal painting, playing with grits in the sensory table and using toothbrushes to paint with. Of course, we will continue to work with those of our friends who are in the process of learning to crawl and walk! February is going to be a busy month!!

Miss Danielle, Miss Jessica and Miss Elizabeth

Room 3

You will notice some changes of staff in our room this January. Miss Elizabeth will be filling a position in Room 2. We are excited to have Miss Tanisha taking over for her. We will be saying good-bye to Miss Cathy and her baby, Joseph. Many blessings are wished to Cathy on her new venture of becoming a stay-at-home mom! We would like to welcome Chasney as a new support staff. The babies loved participating in a bouncing balloon activity. They followed the balloon closely with their eyes. They enjoyed batting and tugging it to watch it dance around. Our friend, Jayin, moved up to Room 2. We are thrilled to have Sarah and Bryson join us.

Miss Margi, Miss Tami & Miss Rebecca

Room 4

Over the last few months we have been working on a baby unit. It finally came to an end at our culminating event: a baby shower with our parents and siblings! The children brought baby dolls from home to our shower where we played guess whose baby picture and name the baby item. After that we opened "presents" – baby sign language cards that the children had previously wrapped in tissue and placed in gift bags. The children showed off their knowledge of these baby signs to our families. We concluded our event with a cake the children had made. Thank you to everyone who attended our baby shower! In the next few weeks we will be moving on to several mini units. We will begin with ABC's, and focus on the first letter of each child's name.

Miss Heather, Miss Emily and Miss Kristen

Room 5

Info to follow next month!

Miss Jen and Miss Elena

Room 7

Info to follow next month!

Miss Lauren and Miss Karianne

Room 6

Room 6 is very excited about 2009!! We just ended a project about the farm and the children really enjoyed learning about all the animals who live on the farm.

Right now, Room 6 has been enjoying the cold weather and learning about all the fun things that come with the winter months like, snowflakes, snowballs, snowmen, freezing and thawing of ice. With the next few weeks we are going to be beginning our first "building" project. Our class has made a web about buildings, so we will be starting off by discussing the homes we live in. The children will enjoy sharing pictures and talking about their houses.

On another note, we said "good-bye" to Ms. Samantha. We made a class book and had a party to wish Ms. Samantha good luck with her student teaching. Happy Birthday to Pierce McDade, Henry DeVivo and Emma Aeilts!!

Ms. Tammy's and Ms. Cele

Room 8

On January 12 we had our culminating event to complete our puzzle project. We will then be doing a mini-project on winter until we can pinpoint the children's interest and begin another project. We have really enjoyed working on puzzles and will continue to have many of them in our room. We welcomed Miss Missy back to our class on Jan. 12! She is back after being home with son, Bryson. We are also welcoming new support staff Brooke from Room 4, as well as new support staff Daphnie, and welcoming returning support staff Rachel and Katie B for the spring semester.

Miss Erin and Miss Missy

**Announcing KKLC's
2nd Annual
Chili Cook Off and Story Night!**

Tuesday, February 17, 2009
6:00 to 7:30 pm

Bring your best Chili to KKLC and enter the cook-off! There will be prizes for the winners!

Christine Isaacs from Usborne Books will read about Penguins!
There will be lots of fun activities for the kids.

Center Events

January

Thurs. 1/22 Artful Designs 6-10pm

February

Sat. 2/7 SNL 4-8pm

Tues. 2/10 PAC Meeting 5-6pm

Tues. 2/17 Chili Cook Off and Story Night

Sat. 2/21 SNL 4-8 pm

Birthday Board



CHILDREN

January

1 Natalie E
5 Zach F
5 Shreya S
9 Brycen C
9 Emily P
13 Nate Shaw
14 Pierce M
16 Reagan D
18 Henry D
18 Madison E
20 Samantha B
24 Emma A
25 Savannah S
30 Ethan S

February

7 Ryan B
7 Anthony B
9 Gavin M
9 Emma K
9 Owen S
13 Devon L
13 Lena D
15 Mackenzie K
17 Jenna M
17 Taylor J
20 Logan J
23 Reagan C
25 AJ C
28 Anthony C

STAFF

2 Jackie J
6 Gina K
15 Brooke D
29 Jody W
29 Lindsey D
30 Heather J

12 Courtney A
14 Julaine I
14 Emily B
16 Tami M



Calling all Chefs!!!

Here is your chance to have your recipes included in the Katie's Kids Cookbook...
Cookin' Up Fun with Katie's Kids!

The cookbook supplier has a website where you can type in your own recipes.

The website is: Morriscookbooks.com

The Login: katieskidsllc

The password: r58y7

Just go to the typensave tab on the website!

If you would rather bring in copies of your recipes, just give them to Andrea at the front desk, we have a few volunteers to enter the recipes!!

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