



ECP School Family Weekly Newsletter

Ms. Dorothy's AM and PM Classes

Week of December 16-20, 2019

What's coming up this week:

This Friday morning, December 20, 2019, is the Annual Barnes Holiday Gathering for parents and students. Please return your RSVP as soon as possible. Hope to see everyone! Winter break begins after the holiday gathering. Wishing everyone a Happy and Safe Winter Break! School resumes on Thursday January 2, 2020! Parents of Kindergarten/Young Fives Eligible students, please see information flyers going home.

Theme and Topics: Letter J (as in "jump," "jingle," and "gingerbread", "jingle bells" and the "10 Little Gingerkids"). Also, it's Barnes Special Spirit Week. Monday-Wear some white for "Winter Wonderland," Tuesday-Wear some "Bling" Wednesday-Wear your favorite Holiday Shirt, Thursday-Wear Pajamas, Friday-Wear some Festive Flannel.

AM Class: We will be welcoming two new students to our classroom! This week, Johnny Holliday will be joining our class; and, after the winter break, Matthew Johnson will begin. This will bring the number of students in our AM morning class to ten. (There are nine students in the PM class.)

Staff Update: We welcome a new Psychologist to our Barnes Staff. Ms. Marsida Boshnjaku. Ms. Marsida replaces Ms. Alisha Salli, who has moved on to a full time position at another building in the district. Also, just to refresh, the Barnes ECP Staff members are:

Victoria Horsley AM and PM Paraprofessional, Sheilagh Riley PM Paraprofessional, Maribeth Saylor, Occupational Therapist, Maria Deskins, AM and PM Speech-Language Pathologist, Kelly Vess PM Speech-Language Pathologist, Mr. Peter Seymour, PM Wednesday Volunteer

Additional Staff: Brandy Rokicki School, Social Worker and Marsida Boshnjaku, Psychologist

High School Helpers: In December we have a High School Helper for both our Morning and Afternoon Classes; Claire Cameron in the AM and Delaney Jackson in the PM.

Needed: 3 and 5 oz cups are still needed. A Great Big Thank you to everyone who recently donated items to our classroom. Also, please save and send in "Box Tops for Education." Barnes can really use them. Thank you for your generosity!



Our plans and scheduled activities for the week: Please know that unexpected/unanticipated changes could shift what we have scheduled.

Monday 12/16: WEAR WHITE **Emily Raleigh, a student from a local University will be here on Monday and Tuesday to do observations/work in our classroom. We'll use the Sensory Motor Room. Mondays are Ms. Maribeth Saylor's day to work on letter formation and fine motor skills with both the AM and PM classes. Letter J formation: "Big line down, turn, jump up, little line across." Introduce letter J words for the week.

Staff: Ms. Dee is in for Ms. Vicki in the AM and for Ms. Sheilagh in the PM. Ms. Dorothy is out in the PM for an IEP. Ms. Diann Ohman is the guest teacher.

Tuesday 12/17: WEAR HOLIDAY BLING Gingerbread Baking Day (per allergy concerns no peanuts, *Note: Cookies will not be consumed at school. Weekly Music Class with Ms. Christine.

Wednesday 12/18: WEAR FAVORITE HOLIDAY SHIRT Yoga Classes with Ms. TJ. Continue with weekly themed Activities.

Thursday 12/19: PAJAMA DAY GYM, ART Day with Ms. Vicki: Finish Special Holiday Project. Please be advised as the best bet is to wear old clothes since art projects can involve paints and glue. Continue with weekly themed activities.

Upcoming Dates

Thursday January 2, 2020: School Resumes.

Friday January 17, 2020: No School Barnes PLC/Staff Professional Development

Monday January 20, 2020: No School: Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Highlights from last week: We had lots of fun with the letter /s/ sound! S or the "snake" sound is a fun sound to make and elongate. S is one of the most commonly occurring sounds in our language so it's important to learn about. We y enjoyed the book, "A Snowy Day" in Monthly Library with Ms. Kathleen. We also listened to the pattern of the music in the Nutcracker Suite with Ms. Christine. Also, we acted out the Gingerbread Boy story in Yoga with Ms. TJ. We finished the week learning about Hanukkah and moving the beat of fun Sesame Street Music.

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December 2019/January 2020 Star Schedule. The December/January Star Calendar was distributed last week. Please notify Ms. Dorothy if there is an error on this schedule. If you know in advance that your child will be absent on his/her Star Day, you can ask another parent to switch with you or please notify Ms. Dorothy. Please keep your child's show and tell item in his/her backpack. Your child brings his/her backpack into the classroom on his/her Star day. Please ask for the backpack at the end of class. The Star is invited to do special classroom jobs throughout the school day.

Monday 12/16: TeeShawna/Emily

Tuesday 12/17: Felix/William G.

Wednesday 12/18: Andrew/Tripp

Thursday 12/19: Lilian/Campbell

Friday 12/20: NO REGULAR CLASSES/HOLIDAY GATHERING IN THE AM. Winter Break begins as soon as the Holiday Gathering is over! Enjoy the Holidays!

Thursday Jan. 2: Sawyer/Will J.

Friday Jan. 3: Isaac/Greyson

